



***The Last Supper, Leonardo Da Vinci***

**Homily for Wednesday of Holy Week.**

## John Ch 13 v21-32

This bible passage always brings to my mind, the Leonardo de Vinci painting of the Last Supper, I have it before me as I write. It is housed at the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan; a wall mural, in what was later to become the dining hall. It so clearly shows the unfolding events, (no social distancing here) of that fateful night when God's mission, that of the salvation of humankind, through Jesus' betrayal, suffering, dying and rising to resurrected life, was in full swing.

Here Jesus is described as 'troubled in spirit', why you may ask, when He knew there was a 'happy' ending?

Well, Jesus in many ways was like you and I, He feared the unknown, the 'what is going to happen to me, will I be able to withstand the pain to come'? Dare I say that, fleetingly, His faith may have faltered. This can happen to the best of us.

Jesus gave Himself over to the will of His father, to His betrayer Judas, in complete obedience. Jesus alone understood and understands God's purposes, for He is in the Father and the Father is in the son; God incarnate.

If only you might say, it was so clear cut and dried for me, to have that degree of certainty, that there is to be a 'happy ending' for me, whatever I endure in life?

In the past week, I have had occasion to comfort people by reflecting on the fact it is good that we don't know what life has in store for us in advance. To reflect that to know would have meant not being able to get out of bed some mornings.

God however knows, why each and every one of us, He so uniquely created.

You and I are part of a giant cosmic, supernatural jigsaw puzzle, and in some way, we the 'pieces', all fit together.

At the end of time God will allow us to, with Him, stand back and look at the finished picture of creation, and we shall be able to make sense of our earthly purpose and experience resurrected life to the full.

Till then, live your 'piece' of life in faith. A faith that allowed to grow, will sustain and uphold you. This faith, that is putting your trust in a saving God, the Father of our Lord, your Father and mine, is a blatant act of love on both sides.

This Easter as we find ourselves, isolated from each other, remember, God in the spirit, is closer than close, that Christ Jesus, our brother is as close to you, as the air you breathe.

Easter Blessings

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