

The Power of Compassion

It was a bitterly cold day in a western city. A small boy stood shivering on a steel grate in the sidewalk. His clothes were thin and tattered. A woman, appropriately dressed for the weather, stopped and engaged the boy in conversation. He was indeed a child of the street. The compassionate woman took him to a clothing store and outfitted him from head to toe, including cap, scarf and gloves. The boy was filled with joy and gratitude.

As they said goodbye and prepared to walk in opposite directions, the boy asked the woman, 'Are you God's mother? She replied, 'Oh no! I'm just a child of God.'

Whereupon the boy smiled and remarked, 'I knew you were related.'

Question to ask ourselves – Are we related? Never underestimate the power and lasting effect of a kind gesture.

'So now we can tell who are children of God....' 1 John 3:10

New Doors

Those of you who come into our hall on a regular basis will be delighted to know that we have new doors! Those old doors had become something of a challenge to navigate, to say the least. Huge thanks to Pete Darier for attending to this. I find myself wanting to go to the hall just to enjoy the experience of the new doors. (Lockdown teaches one to find pleasure in the smallest of things).

Website

It has been decided to rebuild our website. The present structure is very old and the website is a very important window into our church. It needs to reflect something of our journey going forward. I will let you know as soon as work on it is completed.

Answer to prayer

The Christmas rush is on and a very stressed Irishman is struggling to find a parking space. 'Lord,' he prays, 'I am almost at the end of my tether. If you open a space for me, I swear I'll give up the Guinness and go to mass every Sunday in the new year.'

Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking space. Without hesitation, the Irishman says, 'Never mind, I found one!'



To Ponder

'Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value.'
Albert Einstein.

YouTube

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