

Going Deeper-3rd Sunday (Year C)

Scripture

The readings this weekend are:

- +Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
- + Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21
- + 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

One Body, Many Parts

Unity is difficult. Everyone hopes for the perfect unified friendship, marriage, school, workplace and of course, Church. 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 gives us the perfect image of what Church should be but we are human and the Church on earth is therefore imperfect. It makes mistakes. The Church has let people down and has not always followed the example of Jesus but that is not a reason to ignore what is outlined in 1 Corinthians 12.

One of the most important things to remember about the Church is that the *people* are the Church. Therefore, we all have a part to play in the whole. It is all of our responsibility to look out for each other, teach our children, set a good example and give of our time and gifts. If the individuals don't do anything the collective won't grow and be the Church that the Bible describes.

Nehemiah and Luke teach us the importance of being together as community to read out the Scriptures. It brings us together, reminds us of our oneness and instructs us on how to better act as the Body of Christ in the world. James 2:17 says 'faith, by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead'.

It is important to reflect on the actions we are contributing to the Church. As a liturgist, you are taking an active role in helping to instruct and form the youngest members of the community. This is an invaluable contribution to the future of the faith in our world. Every person is called to a different part in wider actions of the Church. We are grateful that this is one of the callings that God has placed in your heart, and we hope that you find strength and encouragement in knowing that each of our actions, big and small, add up to the larger picture of God's vision for the world.