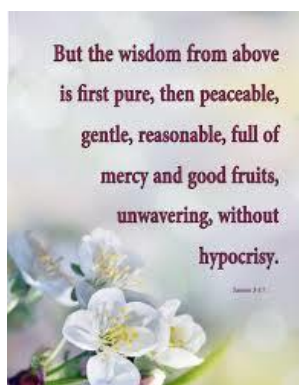


Our first reading today comes from the Book of Wisdom. It is a beautiful reflection which we can all appreciate and use as inspiration for our lives.



*“Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
And found by those who look for her.”*



The dictionary defines wisdom as:

The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgement; the quality of being wise.”

Wisdom is one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is seen as:

God-given knowledge, not learned from books, that provides us with a more intimate and joyful insight into God. It allows us to see with the eyes of God.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, I have often been called upon to use the “wisdom of Solomon” in relation to decision making. I am sure that many of you have had similar experiences. We are rarely called to choose between good and evil, but are called to choose between two good things. It is only by seeing with God’s eyes that we can make the best choice. We need to see with God’s love, God’s wisdom, God’s mercy and God’s tenderness. During these next few weeks of lockdown, which may be difficult for so many, may we search for and develop the wisdom that is spoken about in our first reading.

And, in Canon Alan’s words, may our God bless us and keep us safe. Amen.