

Message from Fr. Nicholas for Sunday 15th November 2020.

My dear brothers and sisters,

By the grace of God, I trust you and your families are safe and well.

It has been an interesting week to say the least with the announcement of a new US President Elect and the possibility of a COVID vaccination. It has been a week of much relief and hope for many across the world.

How we react to the world around us is dependent on so many factors but more importantly how we are influenced. Sometimes we can be quick to pass judgement. It is often said that 'hindsight is a wonderful thing'.

This week, let us ponder on those times where we might have acted too quickly and also reflect on those moments where we have stood back and understood things more clearly. Let us ask ourselves 'How can we be a good influence'?

Perhaps this short story might be a good place to start?

The Wise Woman's Stone

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveller who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveller saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveller left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman.

"I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me something more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."

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As I sign off, I wish you a blessed week ahead May God grant you all the desires of your heart and keep you safe in the mantle of his love and care.

Yours,

Rev Fr Nicholas