

Wednesday thoughts

'Forgiveness' is a thing that no matter who, where or what we may be each and everyone of us has need for. Whether wittingly or unintentional none of us can put a hand on heart and declare it is something we do not need.

Take for example this week that very silly woman who was caught in adultery that we read of in the NRSV Bible John 8:1-8. Wrong of course, but was it a sin that warranted being stoned to death as an accepted punishment in those days? By no means would she be the only individual guilty of committing that crime – she just happened to get caught.



Jesus comes upon the scene – the guilty party on the ground, surrounded by a crowd of abusive 'holier than thou' Joes, all armed with heavy rocks and prepared to commit murder. He soon discovers the reason and in his own caring manner dispels the undoubted outcome – he simply gives the order "let the one among you who is without any sin throw the first stone". There is silence. Then, one by one, they drop those lethal stones and move away.

When all are gone he helps the unfortunate woman to her feet saying those famous words "go on your way – your sins are forgiven please sin no more".

May God in his mercy help us all in our quest never to be hurlers of rocks.

Blessings everyone.