

Saturday 12th December 2020

Advent, Saturday of 2nd week

Reading: Lk.1,46-55

V.47 “...*my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.*”

A rejoicing spirit – that is what you have when someone receives good news. Which could be – an overwhelming gift, or a job offer, the top prize, nation – or even worldwide acclaim, a lifesaving medical intervention, a “golden opportunity” of some sort, a rescue attempt underway to reach you, the timely arrival of help. All these and things like it make us rejoice. They are events that make us celebrate and which we often speak of or hear of as ‘good news’.

But our spirit is made for a rejoicing that the presence of all or any of these things will not bring nor the lack take away, for they do not yield knowledge of God nor do they save. Our spirit is made and longs for God and his salvation, and the rejoicing it seeks it can only know in Christ.

One may be in receipt of much that is considered bad news and struggling and say: “It’s all very well for Mary to rejoice! All very well for the church, for the well-situated, the rich, the pious etc., to rejoice at Christmas! But it’s different for me, I cannot rejoice because I haven’t got any good news.” To this what Mary put in song replies: You have good news; and as *my* spirit rejoices in God *my* Saviour, so will *your* spirit rejoice when God becomes *your* Saviour.

Christ is his coming, to be your God and Saviour – your rejoicing. Go and see and hear, and let him be what he comes to be – *your* God and Saviour.