

Advent, Monday of 1st week

Reading: Lk.1,5-7

V.6 "Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord commands and decrees blamelessly."

Advent took place; it is an event embedded in history, involving actual places and people whose names are known to this day. It is not about an abstract and timeless bit of spiritual advice or truth, which unfortunately it has become to the mind of many. But it is about God having entered the realm of history, making our salvation a matter not of thought and attitude but of those events at the centre of which was Jesus.

Are we ready of the event that is Advent, for God's work for us and in our lives? Are we waiting and looking forward and expecting it? Do we look at what God has done in those events and know that our own story is to partake in it, so that through it we may find and know him?

About these events (of God's coming!) and our partaking in them we must not overlook what God had in his sight – that Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous.

We can only miss what God comes to do for us if we overlook the matter of what it means to be righteous in the sight of God. The blessing of Advent comes with the hunger and thirst for righteousness (Mt.5,6).