

Week Five

A Way of Mercy

Listening to the Word of God

The Mercy of Jesus (Matthew 12:15-21)

Many people followed him and he cured them all, though he sternly ordered them not to make public what he had done. This was to fulfil what had been said through Isaiah the prophet:

“Here is my servant whom I have chosen; my loved one in whom I delight.

I will endow him with my spirit and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

He will not contend or cry out, nor will his voice be heard in the streets. The bruised reed he will not crush; the smouldering wick he will not quench until judgment is made victorious.

In his name, the Gentiles will find hope.”



Listening about Catherine

(The Correspondence of Catherine McAuley Statement 301)

‘The Sisters of this religious order are particularly devoted to the education of poor girls – visitation of the sick and the protection of young women of good character. In the visitation of the sick, the Sisters are obliged by their regulations to employ every practicable means to promote cleanliness, and to be exceedingly cautious in the distribution of relief, making every enquiry that may lead to a true knowledge of each case.

The Sisters carry nourishment and clothing to the Sick, and very seldom give money except for fire and light. It would be impossible to give a just description of these scenes of sorrow, where in addition to the anguish of death, all around are in want and misery, and even when a poor family are not deprived of their usual support – the weak and sick are often found pining away unable to partake of it.’