

**Reflections for 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept--- 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

“Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me” (Mk. 9:30).

On visiting a neighbouring country to do some pastoral work I remember the reactions of parishioners when I first announced myself at their front door :their slow reluctance changed the minute I said” The Father has sent me”. I was then given a first class welcome !

This taught me the value of who and what I was representing.

Just as Jesus did with his disciples & Apostles—they were to be there in his place and to receive the same welcome He would have had.