

Reflection

John, Peter, You and I.

Well deserved tributes to the late John Hume describe his vision, his insights, his passion for respect and justice, and his diplomacy. These God given gifts were awakened, nurtured and challenged at home, at school, at Maynooth, in situations of deprivation, in starting credit unions in Derry and Belfast, and in politics. He was formed for leadership by the circumstances of his time, making him a saint in the true sense of that word. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a anam dílis.

Sunday's gospel gives a glimpse of how Peter, the Galilean fisherman was tested and formed for leadership 2,000 years ago. The circumstances of formation were totally different but both methods evoked heroic unselfish



life commitment to building a society of justice, respect and love. One leader built on the stage of international diplomacy, the other on the framework of a fragile, infant faith community. Both had the Spirit of God underpinning their endeavours. Both needed courage in the face of storms. Both needed the support of companions who shared their vision. Both risked all to heal old wounds and to harvest the goodwill of their time.

What about each of us? Am I ready to allow the Spirit of the living God to form me into being a creator of cells of justice, love and worship? The time is now.

Fr. Tom Clancy



Saturday 15th of August

Feast of the Assumption

Vigil Mass on Friday at 7:30 pm

Masses on Saturday at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass (for Sunday) on Saturday at 6:15 pm