

Week Six

Trusting in Providence



Listening to the Word of God

Dependence on Providence (Luke 12:24-28)

He said to his disciples, 'This is why I warn you, Do not be concerned for your life, what you are to eat, or for your body, what you are to wear. Life is more important than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they do not sow, they do not reap, they have neither cellar nor barn – yet God feeds them. How much more important you are than the birds! Which of you by worrying can add a moment to his life-span? If the smallest things are beyond your power, why be anxious about the rest? Or take the lilies: they do not spin, they do not weave; but I tell you, Solomon in all his splendour was not arrayed like any one of them. If God clothes in such splendour the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown on the fire tomorrow, how much more will he provide for you, O weak of faith.'



Listening about Catherine

(The Correspondence of Catherine McAuley, Letter 110)

“There has been a most marked Providential Guidance which the want of prudence, vigilance or judgment has not impeded, and it is here that we can most clearly see the

designs of God. I could mark circumstances calculated to defeat it at once – but nothing however injurious in itself has done any injury. This is all I could say. The loss of property has been supplied. The death of the most valuable Sisters passed away as of no consequence. The alarm that was spread by such repeated deaths did not prevent others crowding in. In short, it evidently was to go on – and surmount all obstacles – many of which were great indeed – proceeding from causes within and without. One thing is remarkable – that no breach of charity has ever occurred amongst us. The sun never, I believe went down on our anger. This is our only boast – otherwise we have been deficient enough – and far, very far, from cooperating generously with God in our regard, but we will try to do better.”