

A prophet is not honoured in his own home town.

(John 4:44)



"Mr. Wickers called me 'gifted' in front of the whole class. I'm ruined."

ourselves.

It's so easy to take things for granted, especially the people around us. We know them well, who they are and what they can do. They're nothing special. In fact, we sometimes make a point of stopping them from 'getting above themselves'. So often we say 'who do they think they are?' when members of our family or parish try to do something extraordinary. It can be very hard indeed to recognize the gifts of those close to us without feeling threatened

To read Luke 4:16-30

To reflect on

Why do we often find it hard to recognize the gifts and talents of others? Is it because it is not enough for us to succeed, and that others must also fail in order to make us feel good? Is there room to be more generous in our lives with each other in our relationships, in our families, in our communities?

To do

In the groups that matter to you (such as with your spouse, family or parish groups) take time this month to write down two gifts you see in the others and let them know. Allow yourself to receive gratefully the acknowledgement of your gifts that comes from others. Help each other to nurture those gifts.