

CONVERSATIONS

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1. You will vote on Thursday won't you? The people who give their time to serve us in public life get a poor press generally but we have the opportunity to choose individuals whose integrity and proven service affect the quality of our community. Your vote counts.
2. In 1995 the highly respected Lord Michael Nolan produced for the first report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life seven principles which are the basis of the ethical standards expected of public office holders. They are: Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership. These are in the news critically at present. How do you measure up to them personally? - remember, be honest!
3. How clearly do you compare the daily details of your life with what Jesus is asking of us in his Gospel teaching? Before you close your eyes at night, thank God for what went well in the day just spent, and see where he was with you during the day. Seek his presence for the events of tomorrow.
4. Statistics about poverty and neglect in our communities and nationally are alarming. None of us think we should need foodbanks today but they are increasingly valuable help to many individuals and families. Do you help our foodbanks and local charities? If not, on whose evidence do you base your decisions?
5. In your conversations with the Lord, with Our Lady, the saints – whoever your favorite patterns of prayer relate to, do you tend to be asking all the time? What part of your prayer could be given to thanks and praise, to silence, so that God can have some space to talk to you and give you his love? Does your prayer change much?
6. What's your favourite film, TV programme, book, holiday spot, favourite person? What do you receive from these?
7. What's the greatest gift you can give to a needy child – do you think before you answer. Can you give it today?

Thank you.