

## **BEING CONNECTED-with GOD!**

An electrician shared this story to a priest friend of mine; *“Gracie called me one Saturday morning and asked me to come over to repair an electric clock that she recently bought. I opened up the back of the clock and checked it over and there did not seem to be any problems and told her the same thing. Gracie replied with these very words; “That’s good to know as I only plug the cord into the electrical socket when I want to know what time it is.”* The electrician just shook his head in amazement and gave Gracie’s husband a very sympathetic smile!

I share this story as I think it highlights a similar principle that so many people live with today concerning the place of faith and religion in their life and that is they only use it according to selective life events. I would like a dollar for the number of times people have told me, of course they have a religious dimension to their lives when they connect with God and the Church at baptisms, weddings and funerals. Yet like the value of an electric clock needing to be attached to an electrical circuit only occasionally it doesn’t actually work like that!

The Prophet Isaiah was inspired to write something about this reality in these profound words; *“You have seen many things but you don’t observe them, your ears are open but you don’t hear.”* (Chapter 42 verse 20). Fr Martin Maunsell