

WHAT I HAVE LEARNT ALONG THE WAY!

Recently I have been using UBER cars for short trips and one of the things I most enjoy is the conversations that I am having with the drivers. Many of the drivers come from countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. They are usually part-time drivers trying to supplement their income so as to make ends meet.

Just last week I was in a car and unfortunately the driver had a massive crack across his front windscreen, I made a passing comment and he replied in these words; *“Yes, I am having it fixed this afternoon and it is going to be expensive. You know it’s like being in conflict with someone it needs to be immediately fixed otherwise the whole relationship can be ruined.”* When he said this I said; *“That’s so wise, I won’t mention your name but can I repeat what you have said?”* He seemed to be a bit surprised by my question and then said; *“Well if you want to you can.”*

Over the years I have learnt that the use of using good metaphors in clearly conveying important life principles should never be underestimated.

Jesus of Nazareth had something to say in quickly resolving life conflicts in these words; *“If you are bringing your offering to the altar and you remember that your brother has something against you go and be reconciled with him first and then come back and offer your gift.”* (Matthew Ch.5 verse23-24) *Fr Martin R Maunsell*