

6th April – Monday of Holy Week

Daily Prayer and Reflections

As we are in Holy Week, we walk with the Lord at this time and allow him to enter into our hearts. These few days before his crucifixion we take with extra time of thought and mindfulness and try to really delve in to prayer that little bit more.

The scripture reading is from today's gospel and the gospels over Holy Week will allow us to walk with Jesus to the crucifixion and help understand the human emotion he felt as a divine being.

Prayer for the Day:

Lord,

I take this time to offer up all that I have in my life. As we are in Holy Week, guide me along the journey you faced that I may truly understand the sacrifice you made for us and have such peace and gratitude in my heart for this.

Amen

On the @BC_Chaplaincy Twitter Page, we upload daily reflections and prayer ideas which we invite you to look at with readings of the day also posted. We post small reflections so we can keep God's word active throughout the day and accessible. During Holy Week, we will post activities that you can get involved with.

Today's Gospel

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom he had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there; Martha waited on them and Lazarus was among those at table. Mary brought in a pound of very costly ointment, pure nard, and with it anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair; the house was full of the scent of the ointment. Then Judas Iscariot – one of his disciples, the man who was to betray him – said, 'Why wasn't this ointment sold for three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor?' He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he was in charge of the common fund and used to help himself to the contributions. So Jesus said, 'Leave her alone; she had to keep this scent for the day of my burial. You have the poor with you always, you will not always have me.'

Meanwhile a large number of Jews heard that he was there and came not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus whom he had raised from the dead. Then the chief priests decided to kill Lazarus as well, since it was on his account that many of the Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus.

John 12:1-11

In Today's Gospel Reading, we hear about a few days before Jesus was crucified. Today's Gospel reading tells the story of Mary anointing the feet of Jesus with oil just days before the Passion. In this passage, we see Jesus with the closest people to him. Among the people closest to Jesus was Lazarus who was given the gift of life and now enjoying Jesus' pure love and company

Within this piece of scripture, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with expensive oil and then dries his feet with her hair. Mary recognizes that Jesus is the person that she wants to give her all to and impress and that now is the time to do it. When Jesus is before her, she devotes herself to just be present in this time with the Lord.

As we journey closer and closer to Calvary with Jesus this week, may we all listen prayerfully to what the Lord may be calling us to do and answer him with positivity.

Prayer:

Lord,

As we journey to Calvary this week, we pray for open hearts and an openness to your word. We thank you for the sacrifice you made for us. Let us walk with you in this journey and ever be present to your love, strength and generosity for all of your creation.

Amen

Diocesan Information

Masses are live streamed up and down the diocese and are daily. If you want to watch mass, follow this link select a church and the mass times are listed so you can plan Mass Live stream in to your day:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/west-midlands>

Praise and Worship Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8umfBRIwW8>