

**2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Daily Prayer and Reflections**

With this reflection, we invite you to take a moment of calm for prayer. During Lent, we see that Jesus goes to the desert and has this time of pausing after his baptism and growing his own personal connection with God. We are also asked to take time in Lent to live out the 3 pillars of Lent which is to pray, fast and give.

Taking time out to pray and using the scriptures to do this can be beneficial to unite with God and to process thoughts with God's support always at our side.

**Today's Prayer:**

Lord,

I take this time today to pray all my worries and tell you the gratitude I have on my Heart. You are present and walking with me each day. Remind me to be grateful for all I have and have a positive attitude to all that I do.

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.

**Today's Gospel**

**Your father Abraham saw my Day and was glad**

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
whoever keeps my word  
will never see death.'

The Jews said, 'Now we know for certain that you are possessed. Abraham is dead, and the prophets are dead, and yet you say, "Whoever keeps my word will never know the taste of death." Are you greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? The prophets are dead too. Who are you claiming to be?' Jesus answered:

'If I were to seek my own glory  
that would be no glory at all;  
my glory is conferred by the Father,  
by the one of whom you say, "He is our God"  
although you do not know him.

But I know him,  
and if I were to say: I do not know him,  
I should be a liar, as you are liars yourselves.  
But I do know him, and I faithfully keep his word.  
Your father Abraham rejoiced  
to think that he would see my Day;  
he saw it and was glad.'

The Jews then said, 'You are not fifty yet, and you have seen Abraham!' Jesus replied:  
'I tell you most solemnly,  
before Abraham ever was,  
I Am.'

At this they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself and left the Temple.

In today's gospel, it says whoever keeps my word will never see death. This may sound negative but if we live according to God's word we will live within God forever. This reminds us to always look in to the scriptures to allow God's work to constantly be present in the heart of our days. The word 'glory' should always make us alert. It means the revelation in some way of the majesty or the splendour of God. The Father gives glory to Jesus, since it is his divinity that the Son manifests. In doing so the Son glorifies the Father.

The Jews could not grasp at all the unique life of Jesus. His relationship with God the Father was beyond them. We have to try to understand the mystery of God.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you are my strength and my redeemer. You are my healer and my provider. Lord, I give all my worries and cares to you. I lay it all at your feet. Fill me with your joy and take away this sadness. Amen

### **Diocesan Information**

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stream in to your day:

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

Praise and Worship Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8umfBRlwW8>