

14th April – Tuesday of Easter

Daily Prayer and Reflections for Today

Jesus has Risen from the dead and this is a time for joy and celebration. Take time for prayerful reflection and celebration during the day.

Jesus died for our sins so take time to express gratitude today and show this love and grace to others.

Prayer for the Day:

Heavenly Father

We pray for joyful hearts and happiness to invoke our lives. We allow for Your grace to enter our day and to celebrate Your rising.

We have immense gratitude for all You do for us and we see Your work in our lives.

We lay down all the troubles on our hearts to You and ask for your help, guidance and forgiveness.

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

Mary stayed outside near the tomb, weeping. Then, still weeping, she stooped to look inside, and saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head, the other at the feet. They said, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' 'They have taken my Lord away' she replied 'and I don't know where they have put him.' As she said this she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not recognise him. Jesus said, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and remove him.' Jesus said, 'Mary!' She knew him then and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbuni!' – which means Master. Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go and find the brothers, and tell them: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' So Mary of Magdala went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that he had said these things to her.

Reflection:

There is a journey here from the darkness of unfaith, to partial faith and finally to perfect faith. Mary's seeing is clouded by disappointment, grief, and unspeakable loss.

But the sound of Jesus' voice and the use of her name gives her new vision. She recognises him and is filled with hope and joy. Jesus is anxious to send word to those disciples who had deserted him. He wants them to know that they are still his brothers and sisters. He wants them to know that his Father is still their Father, and that his God is still their God. He wants them to know that they are forgiven.

Prayer:

Lord,

Easter offers me to leave my tomb of self-absorption and hopelessness. I am called to walk with Easter eyes. Let me bear witness to your risen presence in our shadowed and fractured world. May my humble efforts of advocacy and solidarity enable others to rise from their tombs and live.

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=F8umfBRlwW8>