

## 7<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday of Holy Week

### Daily Prayer and Reflections

As we are in Holy Week, we want to keep the faith alive in this week. The scripture reading is from today's gospel and the gospels over Holy Week will allow us to walk with Jesus to the crucifixion.

#### Prayer for the Day:

Heavenly Father,

We pray for Your presence in this time. We pray that You break in to our lives and show us your love and compassion. Thank you for being here constantly during these unprecedented times.

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

*While at supper with his disciples, Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, 'I tell you most solemnly, one of you will betray me.' The disciples looked at one another, wondering which he meant. The disciple Jesus loved was reclining next to Jesus; Simon Peter signed to him and said, 'Ask who it is he means', so leaning back on Jesus' breast he said, 'Who is it, Lord?' 'It is the one' replied Jesus 'to whom I give the piece of bread that I shall dip in the dish.' He dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. At that instant, after Judas had taken the bread, Satan entered him. Jesus then said, 'What you are going to do, do quickly.' None of the others at table understood the reason he said this. Since Judas had charge of the common fund, some of them thought Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the festival', or telling him to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the piece of bread he went out. Night had fallen.*

*When he had gone Jesus said:*

*'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.*

*If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.*

*'My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.*

*You will look for me,  
And, as I told the Jews,  
where I am going, you cannot come.'*

*Simon Peter said, 'Lord, where are you going?' Jesus replied, 'Where I am going you cannot follow me now; you will follow me later.' Peter said to him, 'Why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.' 'Lay down your life for me?' answered Jesus. 'I tell you most solemnly, before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.'*

In Today's Gospel Reading, we hear not only present the decisions of the religious authority against Jesus, but also the betrayal and the negotiations of the disciples which rendered it possible for the authority to arrest Jesus and contributed enormously to the suffering of Jesus.

It also talks about scripture fulfilment about the disownment of Jesus. The announcement of the betrayal. After having washed the feet of the disciples (Jn 13:2-11) and having spoken about the obligation that we have of washing each other's feet (Jn 13:12-16), Jesus is profoundly touched. And it is no wonder. He was fulfilling that gesture of service and total gift of self, while at His side one of the disciples was planning how to betray Him that same night. Jesus expresses His emotion saying: "In all truth I tell you one of you is going to betray Me!" He does not say: "Judas will betray Me", but "one of you".

Prayer:

God of Strength,

we lift to you our deepest prayers on our hearts that you will save us from the time of trial  
and comfort us

Reveal your glory to the nations that your cross may stand as a sign of power that conquers  
human pride and confounds the wisdom of the world.

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>

*Holy Week  
Mass &  
Service Times*

West Midlands Churches:

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

St Chads Cathedral:

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

Church Date	St Chad's Cathedral	Our Lady of Lourdes	St Ambrose Barlow	Our Lady & All Saints	St George and St Teresa	St Thomas More
Monday	12:15pm	9am	9:30am	9am	9:15am	9am
Tuesday	12:15pm	9am	9:30am	9am	9:15am	6:30pm
Wednesday	12:15pm	9am	9:30am	9am	10am	9am
Maundy Thursday	7:30pm	7pm	7pm	8pm	7:30pm	7pm
Good Friday	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm
Holy Saturday	8pm	6pm	8pm	8pm	8pm	8:30pm
Easter Sunday	11am	10am	10am	10:30am	10:30am	9am