

8th April – Wednesday 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. We invite you to take time to pray today and read through the scriptures.

Prayer for the Day:

Almighty Lord,

We pray for Your love and guidance to enter our hearts today. We ask you to walk with us today whatever we may face. You are our place of refuge, our strong tower. Remind us to rely in you and your love.

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

One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?' They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' 'Go to so-and-so in the city' he replied 'and say to him, "The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples."' The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said 'I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.' They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn, 'Not I, Lord, surely?' He answered, 'Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me, will betray me. The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!' Judas, who was to betray him; asked in his turn, 'Not I, Rabbi, surely?' 'They are your own words' answered Jesus.

The tension in the group of friends is now palpable: they no longer avoid going to Jerusalem, but decide to have the most solemn ritual meal of the year in the city. I make an effort to feel the tension in the reading of today, and to stay with Jesus and his friends as they face the uncertainty of the next few hours.

‘While they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”’ What emotions are hidden in those few words, and in the replies of his friends! Judas had already decided to betray him, yet Jesus still treats him as a close friend. He knows the solemn declarations of the others are mere empty words, yet he still tries to

Prayer:

God of Love,

we lift to you our sincere prayers on our hearts that you will save us in times of doubt and sin. We pray that you will guide us to good judgement and to choose You always. We pray for Your word to guide us.

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>



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