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5th Sunday of Lent (Year B) 21st March 2021

Sunday Reflection “Now the hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified” - The passage from St John’s Gospel today offers a rich commentary on life. It tells of the grain of wheat being buried in the cold damp earth which has to die in order to bring forth new shoots of wheat. If it did not die, no new life would emerge. It is the amazing paradox – life comes from death. As Jesus sees the inevitable and the pilgrims arrive for the festival, he realizes that he is the sacrificial lamb for the Passover feast: “Now the hour has come”. We all know only too well how loss is part of life. We loose not only by death, but also by leaving home, jobs, relationships etc. The experience of loss in life teaches us to change, adapt and so to grow. So much of living well is “letting go” and “moving on”. Secular culture captures the theological insight in the familiar phrase “No pain. No gain”. Jesus faces the loss of his own life. The other Gospels tell of the Agony in the Garden. St John simply puts it, “Now my soul is troubled....” In deep personal prayer with the Father, Jesus comes to realize that ‘it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name’. He gets strength from God which enables him to face ‘his hour’. This hour will be his ‘finest hour’. There will be gain from his pain and loss. Glory will emerge from the way of the Cross. Jesus faces the humiliation of death in the sure knowledge that he remains in solidarity with the Father, and that loving solidarity sustains him. Jesus surrender, his loss is our gain. His radical ‘letting-go’, self-offering is at the heart of the Christian story. New life emerges out of the death of Jesus, and that is what we celebrate at Easter. The prince of evil is overthrown, and in Jesus’ own words, “And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.” The hour of death is also the hour of life.

New Envelopes - New Financial Year – We are approaching the beginning of a new Financial year. Parishioners who are members of our planned-giving scheme will be issued with a new box of Planned-Giving Envelopes. These should be available for distribution on Sundays, 21st and 28th March 2021, as the First Sunday of the New Financial Year is on the 4th of April, Easter Sunday. Thank you all for your generous, contributions and co-operation. Please collect your new Envelopes on 28th March.

Year of St Joseph 2021 – Pope Francis has declared a year dedicated to St. Joseph, from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021 (“Patris Corde – with a Father’s Love – Pope Francis). This is the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. On 10th December 1898, Cardinal Vaughan added St. Joseph as a Patron of our Diocese, noting “the Church itself is an expansion of the Holy Family”; In honour of St. Joseph we, together with many parishes, will celebrate a Special Novena of Prayer, “A Journey with St. Joseph.”

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday: 6:30PM (Vigil Mass), 9:30AM & 11:00AM

Maundy Thursday: 8:00PM, 6:30PM (Spanish)

Good Friday: 12:00 Stations of the Cross,
3:00PM Passion Liturgy

Sunday: 5:30PM (Spanish Passion Liturgy) &
8:00PM Maria Desolata

Holy Saturday: 9:00PM Easter Vigil

Easter Mass: 9:30AM & 11:00AM & 12:30PM (Spanish)

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.00am
Spanish Mass 12.30pm
Mon to Fri 10am (Daily)

Sacrament of Confession

By Appointment

If you would like Confession, please email, or call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

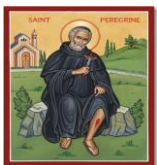
Holy Hour

Will be held on the 1st Friday of every month after the 10am Mass. The hour will include Rosary, Litany of Our Lady, Divine Mercy and Benediction

Saints Days

Tue 23rd – St Turibius of Mogrovejo

Thu 25th – The Annunciation of the Lord



St Peregrine Mass
Will be held on the last Wednesday of the Month, 31st March at 6.30pm.