

Reflection Tuesday of Holy Week 2023

This week we become part of a significant unfolding drama but it is a real-life story not an enacted one – real people, real suffering. Place yourself in Jesus' sandals and reflect on what he must have been thinking and feeling. He was aware of his impending doom and yet is keen to help prepare his disciples, for what was about to take place. It offers us a striking image of the kind of person Jesus was, someone who always put others first.

We have possibly met people who, although seriously ill or dying, are more concerned about what will happen to those they love when they die. All these good elements, virtues, gifts, qualities, talents found in Jesus are given to us who have been made in God's image. We are better at some than others which is why working together as a family is so important. We can exhibit the richness of Jesus' life as a family, as a parish, as disciples of Jesus by journeying together. The irony of Peter's reply to Jesus, that he would not betray him, is not that he betrayed Jesus but that he did eventually give his life for Jesus. Jesus never gave up on Peter and, however many times we might fail Jesus, he will always be there to pick us. Jesus believes in us, in you and me, just as he believed in Peter. Let us persevere this Holy Week and be inspired by journeying with Jesus and experiencing his great love for us!!