

4th April 2023 – Tuesday of Holy Week

Me?

“Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. While they were eating, he said, ‘Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.’ They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, ‘Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?’ Jesus replied, ‘The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.’ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, ‘Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?’ Jesus answered, “You have said so.””

From Matthew 26

As we ponder the betrayal of Judas, and point the finger of blame, how much are we prepared to recognise, and deal with, our own faults?

The journey of Lent isn’t over till it’s over. The process of self-examination and awareness doesn’t end with Easter. We still need self-knowledge, to find what gives us a sense of renewal, to forgive ourselves as much as we try to forgive others. The journey is still a forward one. So we have work to do as we look at the parts of “me” that need sorting.

*The journey to forgiveness is a road that I must take ...
It starts with an awareness of the blunders that I make;
Mistakes, disasters, oversights, my sins are all too clear.
I need to bow before my Lord and seek forgiveness here.*

*Forgiveness calls me to accept what lies upon my heart,
To search my soul for waywardness, and know that I must start
Confessing sins, both large and small, in error or design.
I need to come in penitence and make forgiveness mine.*

*Forgiveness will continue when I know the harm I’ve faced;
The wrongs that have been done to me; the trust that’s been misplaced;
And say to all who’ve caused me harm, ‘Forgiveness I’ll avow’.
I need to face my foes and give sincere forgiveness now.*

*Forgiveness is accomplished by God’s mercy, and the Grace
He shows, with no conditions, when I see Him face to face.
His promise of redemption comes as by the Cross I kneel.
I need to know the Love He shows when His forgiveness heals.*

*This is my promise here and now, as it has been through Lent ...
I will examine all I am, with purpose and intent,
To offer this forgiven life, responding to God’s call;
To know with Christ on Easter morn, forgiveness conquers all.*

A prayer for today

Forgiving others, being forgiven before God, forgiving myself – all wrapped up together.