



Boghall Church Reflections for Holy Week 2018

Please take this and keep it at hand as you journey through Holy Week and reflect on the sacrifice and ultimate Joy this week represents.

Palm Sunday

"We accompany, we follow Jesus, but above all we know that he accompanies us and carries us on His shoulders" Pope Francis, Palm Sunday, 2013

Monday

Jesus visits an old friend - Jesus is back in the house of his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, recently brought back from the dead. Perhaps these are his last moments of companionship before the horrors that are to come. Martha is the active hostess. Mary, the contemplative, brings in a jar of an expensive perfume and pours it all over the feet of Jesus, filling the house with its fragrance. It is a sign of great love and echoes what the "sinful" woman in Luke's gospel also did. Why don't you take some time to contact someone you have heard from in a while.

Tuesday – Isaiah 49:6



Wednesday

Take a break - make some tea or coffee, get your favourite biscuit, turn the TV off, turn your phone off, do nothing for 5 minutes. Imagine Jesus sitting with you, as friend, sit content in each other's company, be in the presence of your friend and say nothing.

Maundy Thursday

"Maundy" is derived from the same ancient root as our word "mandate." Jesus issued a mandate: "Do this in remembrance of me."



Good Friday

What time is it? Keep an eye on the clock. Earlier this morning, at 6am, Jesus faced a mock trial, was treated cruelly, yet took it all peacefully. By 9am, His wrists and ankles were gashed and shattered by iron nails, the cross slammed into the ground; the snide snickering of onlookers began. At noon the sky grew eerily dark; then at 3pm Jesus breathed his last.



HOLY WEEK

Saturday



Hans Holbein's painting of Jesus lying in the tomb. But can we fathom the sorrow, the guilt, doubts, disappointment and fear those who knew and loved Jesus felt between his burial on Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday? God could have raised him immediately. But God waited. And we wait.

Easter Sunday -Matthew 28:6

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

