



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Yr C

April 9th/10th, 2022

HOSANA IN THE HIGHEST

The story which begins of Palm Sunday is basically a human drama; it is our drama. As Jesus enters into his final week, he takes humanity with him and continues to do so every Easter. We are not just remembering an historical event that happened over two thousand years ago. We celebrating and taking part in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as it happens today to us and for us.

His entry in to the city begins on a huge wave of optimism, joy and hope. The people line the streets; they wave palms, they put their cloaks and garments on the ground and they shout out his name. This was an ancient Roman tradition used to welcome soldiers and armies home after their success in battle. The crowd welcome Jesus in a similar way as they shout out, Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Yet, how quickly the crowd changed and turned on Jesus. The same people who were happy to welcome him with shouts of joy, will soon begin to shout 'Crucify him, Crucify him.' Jesus is even betrayed and denied by his closet friends. The rest of them run and desert him. He is left alone.

There is a real danger that we can get up and lost in getting the liturgy of Palm Sunday and indeed the whole of Holy week just right. If we are not careful we can lose sight of what we remembering, celebrating and taking part in. As well as celebrating this great week with dignity and reverence, we also need to ask ourselves what it is all about and what it means to each to us.

Where am I in the unfolding drama that begins on Palm Sunday and plays out over Holy Week and which climaxes on Easter? Where am I as Jesus passes by on the donkey? Am I one of the crowd shouting out his name? Am I like Judas in any way? When have I betrayed others or Jesus? When like Peter, have I denied knowing Jesus? Am I like Pilate when I judge and condemn others? How am I like Simon or Veronica who help Jesus in his time of need? Having stood with the crowd shouting out his name and welcoming Jesus, will I stand with the same people spitting out insults as I shout 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'

As we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, we are called to ask ourselves who and where we are in the crowd. This is a week to pray and then decide what kind of followers of Christ we are and are going to be.

During this busy week of prayer, liturgies and ceremonies, let us not lose sight of what we are remembering, celebrating and talking part in.

As we begin this most holy of weeks, may Jesus be our constant companion. May we enter in the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection with faith and hope.

Michael Moore OMI



Readings: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

READINGS PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Gospel

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

Parish Diary

Monday, April 11th

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

Funeral Mass – Barbara Rooney

St Agnes' 11:00am

Mass of Forgiveness 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Wednesday, April 13th

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday, April 14th

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Mass 6:30pm

St Joachim's

Friday, April 15th

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Stations of the Cross 10:00am

St Joachim's

The Passion 3:00pm

St Agnes'

Saturday, April 16th

Holy Saturday

Mass 6:30pm

St Joachim's

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 17th

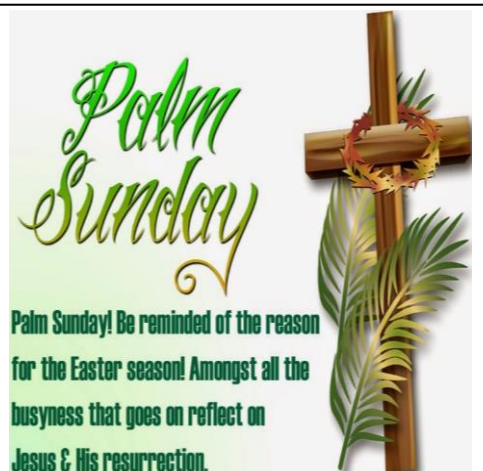
Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Please note there is no 6pm mass





Sixth Sunday of Lent

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever. Thousands of schools and Parishes in Australia have supported Project Compassion over the past year alone.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations.

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PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Barbara Rooney and Mark Tiainen. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Mitchell and Briggs families as they celebrate the baptism of Alice and Jordan in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Monday, April 11 - Alison's team.


THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The April issue of the Catholic Leader is available now for \$4

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

You are invited to an information day for prospective guides and welcomers at the Cathedral of St Stephen **Thursday 28 April 2022 9:30am-1:00pm Hanly Room, Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.** Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office by Friday 22 April - 3324 3006 or cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

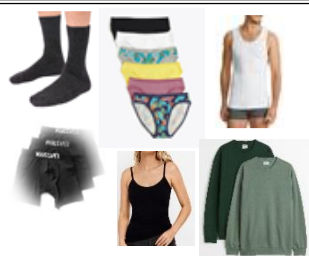




WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign.

Walking in the Spirit begins on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Visit www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/ for more information.



HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN OF ST VINCENT'S HOSTEL

You are again invited to donate **new** clothing (underwear, T-shirts, sweat shirts etc) for the men and women of St Vincent's Hostel, South Brisbane. One of the great symbols of Holy Thursday is the washing of feet, a symbol of service and friendship. We show this service and friendship in many ways, our Holy Thursday collection is a communal way to live out the command of Jesus to do what he did. Please bring donations along to Mass on Holy Thursday evening or place them in the baskets that will be in the churches from next weekend.

Holy Week Timetable

Monday	Mass of Forgiveness	Monday April 11	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Thursday April 14	6:30pm	St Joachim's
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	Friday April 15	10:00am	St Joachim's
	The Lord's Passion	Friday April 15	3:00pm	St Agnes'
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	Saturday April 16	6:30pm	St Joachim's
Easter Sunday	Mass	Sunday April 17	7:30am	St Joachim's
		Sunday April 17	9:00am	St Agnes'

(Please note there will not be a 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday)



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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

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With God's blessings, Fr Joson

ST JAMES COLLEGE

Additional enrolments are open in 2022 and year levels. Students from all backgrounds and welcome so they can flourish in their learning potential. St James is also offering Bursaries for Years 10/11 for 2023. The school Open Day is 10am to 1pm. Enquiries to: Maria Young, 3230 MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au



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COMMUNITY NEWS

60TH ANNIVERSARY WINE GLASSES

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MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Did you know Catholic Mass is broadcast on free-to-air television each Mass for You at Home is broadcast at 6am on Channel 10 and WIN. friends know that they can pray along at home if they are unable to parish. Find out more at www.massforyou.com.au

The Catholic Leader November Issue

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College Tour
Wednesday 27 April
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Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish Website

The Parish now had its own website and it is accessible on the link below:

<https://hollandparkmtgravattcatholicparish.com.au/>

Go online and check it out.

The more often is visited the higher it rates on the search engine. It is continuing to develop.



ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER FOR MEN

A night of sharing, prayer, and discussion about the priesthood. Join a community of men discerning the call to the priesthood at the annual Archbishop's Dinner. This event is for serious discerners only.. Thursday 28 April 2022 from 6:30pm – 8:45pm at Wynberg (Archbishop's residence), New Farm. Dress code: semi-formal RSVP: 18 April Express Your Interest at <http://www.vocationbrisbane.com/upcoming-events>



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dealing with
Dates: March 25-27th; April 1st – 3rd, “Old Bishopsbourne” St. Francis College, 233 Milton Rd, Milton.
There are further details on the noticeboard or you view online at
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THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

The Autumn edition of the magazine is available this weekend.

PARISH FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/hpmgparish/> Log into the parish Facebook page and see how members of our community are dealing with our current situation. Maybe you can share things that you are doing to keep busy, entertained or spiritually engaged. Check out Fr Joson's latest chat with a parishioner.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HEALING MASS SPONSORED BY CCR BARDON

Would you like to receive personal prayer for healing? Come to the Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, Bardon on Friday, 1st April at 7.30pm. Fr. Thomas Varkey, will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered after the homily. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

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PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to give by envelopes, credit card or direct debit.

If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 – 786; A/c No: 100013625; A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish.

The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

There is also the option of the Tap Machines. These are located at the main door to the churches. Simply tap your credit card and wait for the beep to make your donation. The tap is set at \$10 per tap for your donation to our Parish.

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young folk or not so young.

These books are available in the churches; there is a Record Sheet with the books and we ask you to complete the details for the book which you borrow.

WE REMEMBER

We remember Phyllis Russell. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Higgins and the Lee and Jung families as they celebrate the baptism of Anakin and Aaron in the parish this weekend

WE REJOICE

Best wishes and blessings to Ashleigh Wall and George Dedes who have been married in the parish this weekend.

WE REJOICE

With the Le family as they celebrate the Full Initiation of Kacy and Jimmy and with the Corrigan family as they celebrate the 1st Eucharist and Confirmation of Harry and Charlie in the parish this weekend.

WE REJOICE

With the Msalem family as they celebrate the Full Initiation of Omero, with the Msalem and White families as they celebrate the Baptism and Confirmation of Salma and Edward and with the Nelson family as they celebrate the Confirmation of Oliver in the parish this weekend.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality next Sunday after the 9:00am mass.

HOSPITALITY AFTER 9:00AM MASS

Hospitality after the regular 9:00am mass will now be held on the 4th Sunday of the month

COUNTERS

Alison's team

COFFEE AND CHAT

This Monday, October 11th please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza (Coles end of plaza) commencing 10:00am. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334 or just turn up. Everyone is welcome.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, April 19th.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, April 19th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Wednesday day, June 16th at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation evening for families who are having their child baptised in the parish will be held on Wednesday, August 2nd commencing 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Agnes' next roster day is Thursday, August 30th. Volunteers are asked to advise the MOW kitchen on 3397 9150 of your availability.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Agnes' next roster day is Thursday, March 31st. Please advise the MOW kitchen on 3397 9150 of your availability.

MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

The mass on Friday, April 1st will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by a hospitality.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Primary school children are invited to attend CLOW at St Agnes' Church - Sunday, August 12th at 9:00am Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

TODAY at St Agnes' Church at 9:00am

HOLLAND PARK MT GRAVATT CATHOLIC PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish is pleased to advise that we now have a website. Please be sure to check it out at:

www.hollandparkmtgravattcatholicparishio.com.au

It will continue to develop as we add news and events. We welcome any feedback you may like to offer.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday! Be reminded of the reason for the Easter season! Amongst all the busyness that goes on reflect on Jesus & His resurrection.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION

The parish is offering a program to prepare children for the sacrament of Confirmation beginning in July of this year. Children in year three and above who have been baptised in the Catholic tradition are invited. Please note that you need to be able to commit your family fully to the program. All sessions are compulsory. The program begins with a Parent Information Session where you will receive an enrolment pack. For your child to be eligible to join the program you must attend one of the Parent Sessions.

For a copy of the program or if you would like more information and to register your interest, please contact the Parish Office on 3349 2280 or email sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au before 25 July.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – 1ST EUCHARIST

The program begins with a Parents Session on either Monday, February 12th from 7:00pm – 8:00pm or on Saturday, February 17th from 3:00pm - 4:00pm in the Parish Centre at St Agnes' Church. For further information contact Josephine Sii on 3349 2280 or at sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM WORKSHOP

1st Eucharist Workshop A will be held on Wednesday, March 14th at St Agnes' Church from 7:00 - 8:00pm.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – CONFIRMATION PRACTICE NIGHT

The practice night for Confirmation candidates will be held on Monday, September 3rd or Thursday September 6th commencing 7:00pm in St Joachim's Church. All candidates need to attend one of these sessions.

NOTICEBOARDS

There are lots of interesting things happening in our parish and community. Please check the noticeboards for details.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER APRIL EDITION

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COMMUNITY NEWS

THE CATHOLIC LEADER JUNE 2021


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CENTACARE MENTAL HEALTH HUB

Seeking better mental wellbeing and would like a pleasant morning with a caring and supportive group in a faith setting. You are most welcome to join the folk at the Centacare Mental Health Hub ,58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley, any day Monday to Friday 9am – 12pm (Mass at 12 on Fridays with a pizza lunch afterwards). For more details, please call 3324 3193, or just come along and you will be most welcome.

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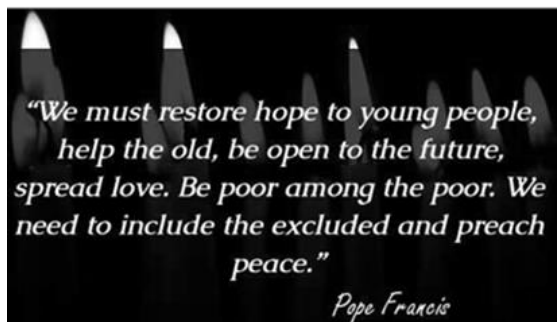
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QUOTE OF POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis says, "The Internet, social networks and text messages were "a gift of God" if used wisely".
"Emails, text messages, social networks and chats can also be fully human forms of communication," the pope said in his message for the Roman Catholic Church's World Day of Communications.



Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



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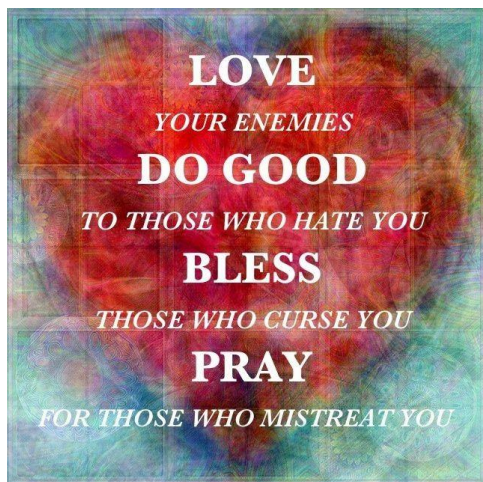
"It is not technology which determines whether or not communication is authentic, but rather the human heart and our capacity to use wisely the means at our disposal," he said.

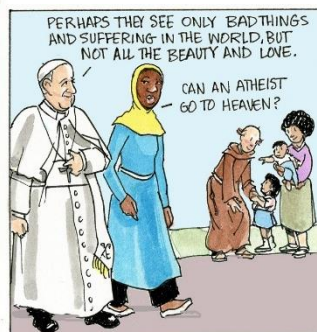
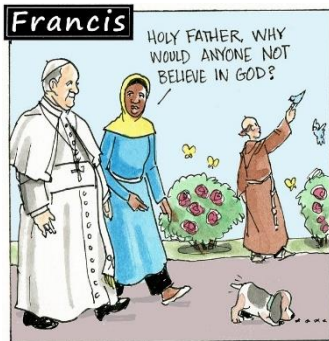
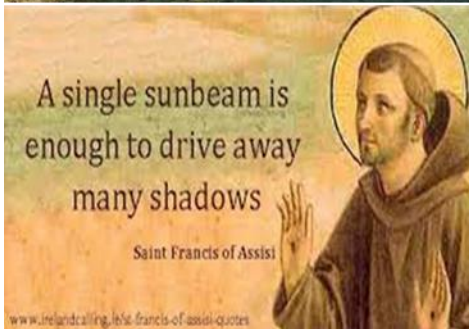
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With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity... Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.

-Pope Francis

When we feel hate in our hearts,
Lord, give us the grace to forgive.
When we see the weakness of others,
Lord, give us the grace to see the weakness in ourselves.
When we experience the vulnerability of those in our communities,
Lord, give us the grace to see the vulnerability in ourselves.
When we lack forgiveness in our lives,
Lord, give us the ability to forgive ourselves
show love and compassion to those we serve,
Amen





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Nelson Mandela: "You will achieve more in this world through acts of mercy than you will through acts of retribution." "No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. They must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite." – Long Walk to Freedom (1995)

Mahatma Gandhi "If we practice an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, soon the whole world will be blind and toothless."

Martin Luther King, Jr. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that".

Oscar A. Romero "We have never preached violence, except the violence of love, which left Christ nailed to a cross, the violence that we must each do to ourselves to overcome our selfishness and such cruel inequalities among us. The violence we preach is not the violence of the sword, the violence of hatred. It is the violence of love, of brotherhood, the violence that wills to beat weapons into sickles for work."
(The Violence of Love)