

## A thought for Monday of Holy Week 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Traditionally the beginning of Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday, when we remember the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, with people shouting Hosanna and waving palm branches.

What relevance is that to us today?

Jesus riding on a donkey shows he is coming in peace. Jesus knows he is riding to his death, but he also knows that he must pass that way for people to find freedom to sin and an inner joy and peace.



Many follow Jesus' self-sacrifice; we applauded those in the various services that go to work to help the less fortunate with a risk of catching the virus themselves. There are many around us who are helping others and we thank them too.

Let us remember them in our thoughts and prayers, praying for their safety and right discernment in whatever situation they face. Let us too follow their example to help those around us so the world will be a better place.

Prayer based on St. Francis of Assisi words.

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.  
WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SHOW LOVE;  
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;  
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;  
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;  
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;  
WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.  
O DIVINE MASTER, GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK TO BE CONSOLED AS  
TO CONSOLE,  
TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND, TO BE LOVED AS TO LOVE.  
FOR IT IS GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE,  
IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE PARDONED,  
AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.      AMEN

May God Bless us as we bless those around us. Amen

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***An idea.... why not lace some greenery on your front door or gateway in memory of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem?***