

Clincarthill Parish Church – Lent Reflection 6 –Week beginning Sunday, March 17, 2024

Bible reading :: Mark 10 v 32 -34 (New Living Translation)

32 They were now on the way to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were filled with dread and the people following behind were overwhelmed with fear. Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to him in Jerusalem. 33 “When we get to Jerusalem,” he told them, “the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. 34 They will mock him, spit on him, beat him with their whips, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again”

Next Sunday will be Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph . But this week's reading allows us to focus on that final journey Jesus made with his disciples to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem. As Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem he knows what lies ahead for him. Mark makes the point that Jesus is leading the way even though he knows that he is moving towards his death but he is willing to lay down his life for us all. His disciples were afraid both for Jesus and perhaps what they may face as his followers Jesus never wavers he leads the disciples , being faithful to God's will, knowing his death would result in our salvation.

As you reflect on this passage and these thoughts remember that we are called to follow Jesus, and in following him faithfully we have the promise of eternal life with him. As you read this short passage put yourself in the place of Jesus and imagine what he must have felt on that road to Jerusalem.

Prayer: Lord Jesus we think about your sacrifice and suffering for us. We thank you that you made our forgiveness possible and that we are secure in your love. Help us to remember all the goodness you brought during your time here on earth and be more like you in all that we do and say.