



Second Sunday of Lent

16th March 2014

Living Lent

Praying with Scripture and Pope Francis
Evangelii Gaudium (EG) *Joy of the Gospel*

Week Two



'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him' (Matthew 17:5)

'To believe that the Son of God assumed our human flesh means that each human person has been taken up into the very heart of God.' (E.G. 178).



St. Patrick's Day

'Be careful always to choose the right course, be brave under trials. Make the preaching of the good news your life's work in thoroughgoing service' (2 Timothy 4:5)

'I dream of a missionary option, capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than her own self-preservation.' (E.G. 27)



'Learn to do good....Search for justice, help the oppressed' (Isaiah 1:16)

'We need to be convinced that charity is the principle not only of micro-relationships (with friends, with family members or within small groups) but also of macro-relationships (social, economic and political ones). I beg The Lord to grant us more politicians who are genuinely disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor!' (E.G. 205)



'The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve' (Matthew 20:28)

'True faith in the Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others. The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to a revolution of tenderness.' (E.G. 88)



'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table' (Luke 16:19)

How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion. Can we continue to stand by when food is thrown away while people are starving? This is a case of inequality. (E.G. 53)



'What do we gain by killing our brother and covering up his blood?' (Genesis 37:26)

'Where is the brother or sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labour? Let us not look the other way. There is greater complicity than we think. The issue involves everyone!' (E.G. 211)



'The father said: My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right that we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found' (Luke 15:32)

If we are to share our lives with others and generously give of ourselves, we also have to realise that every person is worthy of our giving. Not for their physical appearance, their abilities, their way of thinking, but rather because every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness...every person is immensely holy and deserves our love. (E.G. 274)

Connect...
The words of Pope Francis will help you connect with the Gospel message in a way that is fresh and contemporary.

Reflect...
Listen to the Word of God from the daily liturgy. What does it say to you? How does it encourage or challenge you?

ACT...
Commit yourself to some small change in attitude or action this week that will help you to be Good News to those around you.

