



Third Sunday of Lent

23rd March 2014

Living Lent

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

Week Three

MARCH
SUNDAY
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'If only you knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water' (John 5:7)

'Let us go forth to offer everyone the life of Jesus Christ... so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community to support them, without meaning and a goal in life.' (E.G. 49)

MARCH
MONDAY
24

'Send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide' (Psalm 41)

'Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel.' (E.G. 20)

MARCH
TUESDAY
25

'Give me time, the servant said, and I will pay the whole sum I owe. And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt' (Matthew 18:26-7)

'A globalisation of indifference has developed. Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this was someone else's responsibility and not our own.' (E.G. 54)

MARCH
WEDNESDAY
26

'But take care and be on your guard. Do not forget the things you have seen, or let them slip from your heart all the days of your life; rather, tell them to your children and to your children's children'

(Deuteronomy. 4:7)

'I feel tremendous gratitude to all those who are committed to working in and for the Church... they are dedicated in so many ways to showing an immense love for humanity inspired by the God who became man.' (E.G. 76)

MARCH
THURSDAY
27

'Listen to my voice, then I will be your God and you shall be my people. Follow right to the end the way I mark out for you, and you will prosper' (Jeremiah 7:23)

'An evangelising community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first, and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast.' (E.G. 24)

MARCH
FRIDAY
28

'The Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And...you must love your neighbour as yourself' (Mark 12:30)

'Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.' (E.G. 39)

MARCH
SATURDAY
29

'Let us set ourselves to know the Lord; that he will come is as certain as the dawn, he will come to us as showers come, like spring rains watering the earth' (Hosea 6:3)

'Whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up....' (E.G. 11)

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.

