



Fourth Sunday of Lent

30th March 2014

Living Lent

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

Week Four



'Do you believe in the Son of Man? He answered, 'And who is he, Sir?' 'Tell me so that I may believe in him' (John: 9:1-41)

All revealed truths derive from the same divine source and are to be believed with the same faith, yet some of them are more important for giving direct expression to the heart of the Gospel. In this basic core, what shines forth is the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead.' (E.G. 31)



'For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, I will thank you forever' (Psalm 29)

'I understand the grief of people who have to endure great suffering, yet slowly but surely we all have to let the joy of faith slowly revive as a quiet yet firm trust, even amid the greatest distress.' (E.G. 6)



'Jesus said, 'Do you want to be well?' 'Sir' replied the sick man, 'I have no one to out me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me. Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk' (John: 5:1-3)

'The Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others, with their physical presence which challenges us, with their pain and their pleas, with their joy which infects us in our close and continuous interaction.' (E.G. 88)



'Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you' (Isaiah: 49:15)

The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.' (E.G. 3)



'How can you believe, since you look to one another for approval and are not concerned with the approval that comes from the one God' (John: 5:40)

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.'" (E.G. 3)



'Save me, O God, by your power and grant me justice God, hear my prayer, listen to my plea' (Entrance Antiphon)

'Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society.' (E.G. 187)



'Several people who had been listening to Jesus said, 'Surely he must be the prophet,' and some said, 'He is the Christ', but others said, 'Would the Christ be from Galilee?' (John 7:40-52)

'Jesus can also break through the dull categories with which we would enclose him and he constantly amazes us by his divine creativity.' (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.

