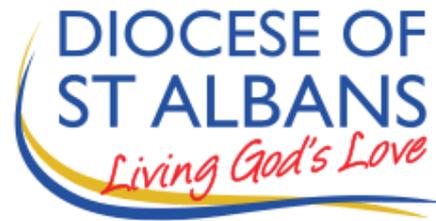


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## Lent - Day 29 'Jesus called for them' Monday 3rd April 2017

Luke 18 : 15 - 17

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

Jesus called the children and welcomed them. But more than this, he said they provide the example of how we should trust God and receive his kingdom into our hearts and lives - with openness and simplicity. Many children and young people have left the church in recent years. Whilst this is a cause of great sadness, it should also spur us on to proclaim the good news of Christ to a new generation.

[Follow this link for the Bible passage](#)

### Reflection

- Ask God to give you a child-like trust of him.

## Respond & Comment

- What will you do to support the work your local church does to help children and young people to grow in faith?
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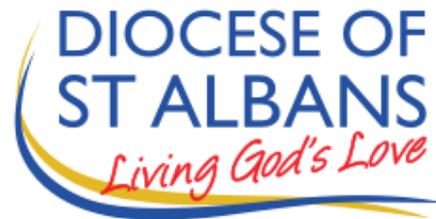
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Lent - Day 30 'what do you want me to do for you?'

Tuesday 4th April 2017

Luke 18 : 35 & 40 - 42

As he [Jesus] approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "what do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you."

The man in today's snippet from the Bible shows great determination to encounter Jesus. Jesus' reputation had clearly preceded him. The man uses a Messianic title, 'Son of David', to address Jesus and cries out to him for mercy. It's as if the man is shouting 'You are the one who saves, help me.'

[Follow this link for the Bible passage](#)

## Reflection

- If Jesus was to ask you, "What do you want me to do for you?" what would you reply?
- Spend some time quietly with Jesus, thinking about this now ...

## Respond & Comment

- Pray that Jesus' reputation would cause people in your area or place of work to search for him.
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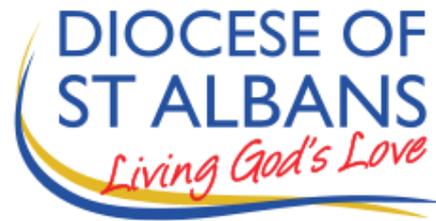
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## Lent - Day 31 'trying to see who Jesus was'

Wednesday 5th April 2017

Luke 19 : 1 - 5

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

Zacchaeus's lack of height was an obstacle to him seeing who Jesus was.

Numerous things can hold us back from seeing Jesus - attitudes, struggles, choices, guilt and pride to name but a few.

[Follow this link for the Bible passage](#)

## Reflection

- What is it that holds you back from seeing and knowing Jesus better?

## Respond & Comment

- Zacchaeus climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus, what will you do?
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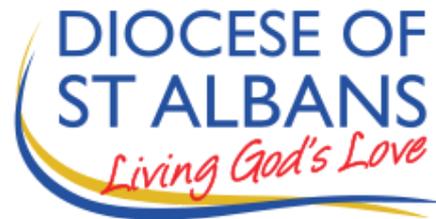
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Lent - Day 32 'spreading their cloaks'  
Thursday 6th April 2017

Luke 19 : 36 - 38

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

People spread their cloaks on the ground and made a royal carpet for Jesus to ride on. They used what they had to prepare the way for the king coming in the name of the Lord.

[Follow this link for the Bible passage](#)

## Reflection

- What do you have (skills, time, resources) that you can use to help enable others to welcome Jesus as king of their lives?

## Respond & Comment

- Offer these things to God and ask him to use them to his glory.
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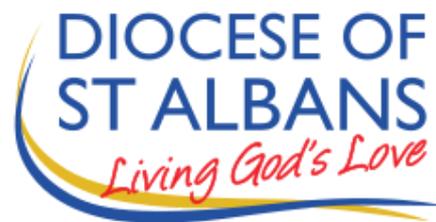
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Lent - Day 33 'praise God joyfully'  
Friday 7th April 2017

Luke 19 : 36 - 38

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Jesus' actions prompted all the disciples to 'praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power they had seen'.

[Follow this link for the Bible passage](#)

## Reflection

- How have you seen God at work for good in your life and the lives of others, in recent weeks?

## Respond & Comment

- Praise God joyfully for all that he has done.
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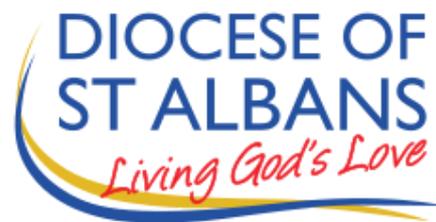
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Lent - Day 34 'give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's'

Saturday 8th April 2017

Luke 20 : 24 - 26

"Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

But he [Jesus] perceived their craftiness and said to them, "Show me a denarius. Whose head and whose title does it bear?" They said, "The emperor's." He said to them, "Then give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

Jesus identifies that we are both citizens of heaven and of earth at the same time. However, whilst we should aim to respect the state and those who govern, our supreme commitment is to honour God.

[Follow this link for the Bible passage](#)

## Reflection

- Assess how you respect the government of this country and honour God with your thoughts, attitudes, words and actions.

## Respond & Comment

- Pray for those who govern at a local and national level - that they may know Christ and the reality of his love at work in their lives.
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