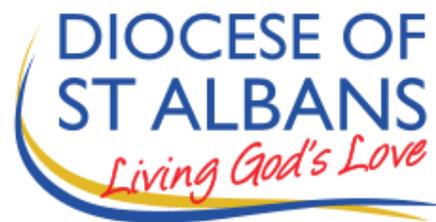


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## Lent - Day 35 'all she had' Monday 10th April 2017

Luke 21 : 1 - 4

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

Here Jesus draws attention to a poor widow who was the poorest of people. Whilst Jesus had seen the rich give out of their abundance, she had given out of her poverty. Generous giving is judged not by the amount that we give, but by the measure of what is left over after we have given.

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

## Reflection

- How will today's reading encourage the way that you give of your time, money and skills to spread the good news of Jesus?

## Respond & Comment

- What will you do to give to God liberally out of all that you have?
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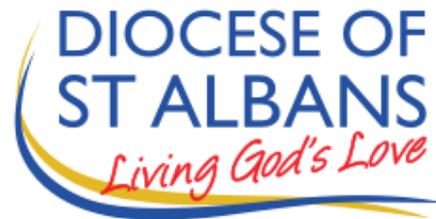
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Lent - Day 36 'do this in remembrance of me'

Tuesday 11th April 2017

Luke 22 : 19 - 20

Then he [Jesus] took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

On this important occasion Jesus did what he so often did - remixed the traditional. He took the long-established Passover meal and initiated something new - a meal of fellowship to reveal the saving purposes of his death. The sacrificial giving of all of himself occurred on the cross and occurs every time we share in the bread and

wine, the body and blood of Christ at Holy Communion. All so that we might share in his saving grace and in turn share it with others.

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

## Reflection

- Reflect on the amazing grace of Jesus, who gave all of himself to save the world.

## Respond & Comment

- How can you encourage others to experience Holy Communion, so that they too can receive all that Christ gives - the sacrificial gift of himself.
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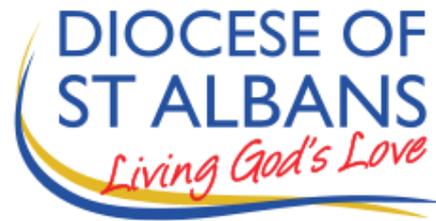
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## Lent - Day 37 'are you the King of the Jews?'

Wednesday 12th April 2017

Luke 23 : 1 - 4

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." They Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

Many people wonder who Jesus is, just as Pilate wondered. Who is he, what power does he have, what did he come to do? We may have wondered or still wonder about such questions ourselves. Pilate was given the opportunity to put his

question to Jesus because the people brought Jesus before him. The crowd back then wanted Jesus harmed, but we want to see him honoured and worshipped.

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

## Reflection

- What do you wonder about Jesus?
- How committed are you to bringing Jesus to other people?

## Respond & Comment

- Pray for an opportunity to introduce someone to Jesus or to discuss someone's questions about Jesus today or in the days ahead.
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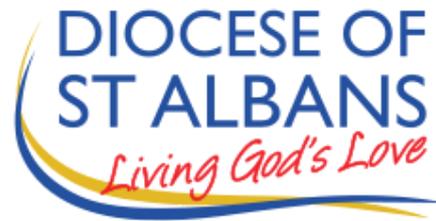
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## Lent - Day 38 'they laid the cross on him'

Thursday 13th April 2017

Luke 23 : 26

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.

Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry the burden of his cross and therefore played a part in the saving purposes of God. In Luke 9:23 Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." There is a cost to following Christ. Are we prepared to give of ourselves sacrificially?

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

### Reflection

- Reflect on the cost of playing your part in the saving purposes of God - and what it might cost you?

## Respond & Comment

- Pray that God will help you and your fellow church members to play your part in the saving purposes of God through your commitment to making Christ known.
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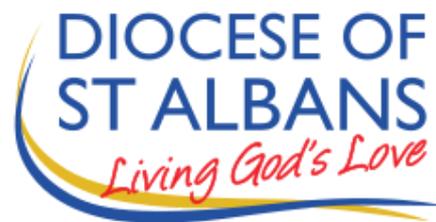
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Lent - Day 39 'today you will be with me'

Friday 14th April 2017

Luke 23 : 39 - 43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him [Jesus] and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Here we have a wonderful reminder that the invitation of Christ is for all, regardless of our past, and that it's never too late to respond. Jesus promised the penitent thief friendship in heaven.

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

## Reflection

- Give thanks to God that the assurance of friendship with Christ in heaven has been given to you.
- How will the example of the penitent thief shape your commitment to help others to respond to the love of Christ?

## Respond & Comment

- Over the next few days, pray for an opportunity to communicate to someone else Jesus' promise of friendship in heaven.
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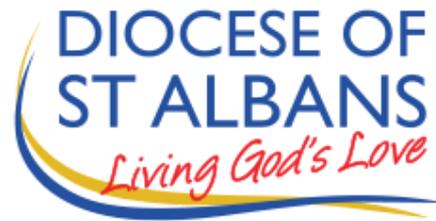
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Lent - Day 40 'they told all this'  
Saturday 15th April 2017

Luke 24 : 6 - 9

"Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

The women returned from the tomb sharing the amazing news of the resurrection. they were told by the angels that 'he [Jesus] is not here, but has risen.' (Luke 24:5)

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

## Reflection

- As Easter approaches, give thanks to God who raised Christ from the dead.

## Respond & Comment

- How will you tell all this to others?
- How are your plans going to take part in [THY KINGDOM COME](#) We have a Thy Kingdom Come beacon event taking place on **4th June at 6.30pm, in St Albans Cathedral** - please put this date in your diary and encourage others to attend.
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