

Daily reflections with the readings at Mass

“Christ himself in the form of his Word is present in the midst of the faithful”

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy 33

3rd week of Lent

8 March Luke 4. 24-30.

‘If only people would speak the truth, shouted the David the managing director. ‘I am surrounded by a bunch of sycophants.’ ‘The trouble is that there is so much fear around that the truth is hard to take,’ said his Chairman, ‘and then when we meet the truth we do not like it and kill it!’ Where is the truth in my life?

Lord, help me to find and recognise the truth.

9 March Mt 18.21-35

The rabbis taught that people should forgive those who offended them- but only three times; so Peter was trying to be extra generous! Jesus’ answer means that we shouldn’t even keep track of how many times we forgive someone. Quite a challenging task! Who said that Christianity was boring?

Lord with your grace I will forgive those as you forgive me.

10 March Mt 5.15-19

David was five years old and very proud of it. “Don’t touch the kettle David!” He did, and there were tears but thankfully no injuries. Sometimes we learn our obedience through mistakes; at other times through reflection. Often, it takes a long time.

Father help me to be obedient to your laws.

11 March Luke 11.14-23

It was a struggle sewing the badge onto the swimming costume; but it was worth it for the smile of thanks and pride. We live in a society, which likes to acknowledge success through diplomas, badges and course certificates. Sometimes we say that a person wears their heart on their sleeve. Do we wear our religion on our sleeve? Is that attractive or a turn off?

Lord help me to be a better follower of you.

12 March Mk 12.28 – 34

The advances in modern technology are threatening to swamp us. You can buy almost anything at the touch of a computer mouse. We can clone human beings and eat food that was never living or been near the soil. We need wisdom now like at no other time in human history.

Father help me to lean on you as the wisest person I know.

13 March Luke 18.9-14

“We are going to Fiji for our holidays.” “We have bought a new car”. Economic commentators tell us that we are presently going through a time of appalled wealth in England. But at the same time, the gap between the rich and the poor grows wider by the day. How does pride in our achievements (wealth) cut us off from God? The tax collectors prayer should be our prayer because we all need Gods mercy each day.

Lord give me a sense of priorities.