

Holy Week Penitential Service: 7th April 2020

HYMN: Prayer of St Francis

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Joel 2: 12-13

Psalm: A Trusting Psalm (Sung) *Lord let your mercy be on us*

Gospel: Luke 15:1-7

Homily

Examination of Conscience:

- ***God is constantly searching for us. He celebrates us as His valuable treasure.***
 - How often do I remember that I am God's valuable treasure?
 - Do I believe that God comes searching for me?
 - Do I trust enough God's love for me?
 - Do I revere God's presence in the Eucharist?
 - Does the Eucharist have a place in my life?
 - Do I believe and trust that God forgives me all my failings even before I ask for his pardon?

- ***God patiently looks out and waits for me.***
 - How patient am I with myself, others and God?
 - Have I been faithful to my personal prayer, sacrament of Reconciliation, the Holy Mass even when it seems my request is not granted?

- ***God celebrates me each time He finds me.***
 - In my relationship with others, do I show kindness, consideration and acceptance when they go through hard and bad times?
 - Do I make efforts to befriend or welcome and include those who may feel left out in groups or family?
 - Do I show kindness and respect for others?

- ***Doing wrong is like being lost:***
 - Is God at the centre of choices that I make?
 - Have I sometimes made wrong decisions?
 - Have I made choices without thinking of their consequences and effects on my family or other people?
 - How am I becoming a person of reconciliation?
 - Is there someone in my life that I would need to search for and offer forgiveness?
 - Is there someone in my life at this moment who is looking out for me and seeking forgiveness?

- ***Do I pretend?***
 - Have I paid lip service to values that I proclaim but not a commitment of heart?
 - Am I honest in my dealings with people and the values I uphold in public?
 - Is my inner life congruent with the face I show to the public?
 - Are the things I do and say for the purpose of outward approval?
 - Do I offer help or do something nice for only those who would appreciate me?
 - Am I able to reach out to those who are forgotten by the society?

Prayers of Intercession

Penitential Act

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Blessing

Hymn: Glory and Praise to our God