

## **HOLY WEEK – SPIRITUAL FEELERS!**

Palm Sunday ushers in the Holy Week. The Holy Week ends with Easter Sunday. Our authentic and sincere reactions, attitudes and dispositions towards the celebrations/ceremonies of the Holy Week act as spiritual feelers. They would speak of how much life of God that every individual soul has in it.

Beloved People of God, the ceremonies and celebrations of the Holy Week must not only remind us of something, a distant event that occurred more than 2000 years ago. They are meant to be relived. The world may get away with Easter as a reminder that Spring has arrived. For many, it is only about chocolate bunnies, eggs, dyed eggs, and bouquets of daffodils and lilies. These things are good in themselves. Eggs suggest new life. Easter eggs, from a Christian perspective, represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. However, to whom more is given, more is expected. To whom much more is given, much more is expected. As a parish, this Lenten Season, in the Lenten Talks, we reflected on the general theme of Spiritual Maturity. At the end of this grace-filled Season of Lent, we know that a Christian who is true to the name, ought to grow deeper in their knowledge and understanding of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We must carry on ourselves the consciousness of the sacrifice of God's love for the whole world for which He did not spare His only Son but gave Him up as a ransom for sins. We must then remember that it is only if we die with him, that we shall rise with him. It remains true that the Cross of Jesus, precedes, necessarily, his Crown of glory. That which must be avoided then is 'Christ-less cross' or 'Cross-less Christ'. We pray that we are able to respond to the God's grace abundantly given to all this Holy Week as we look forward to a joyful Easter.

Fr. Ted

All to Jesus – Through Mary our Mother

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

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