



The Parishioner

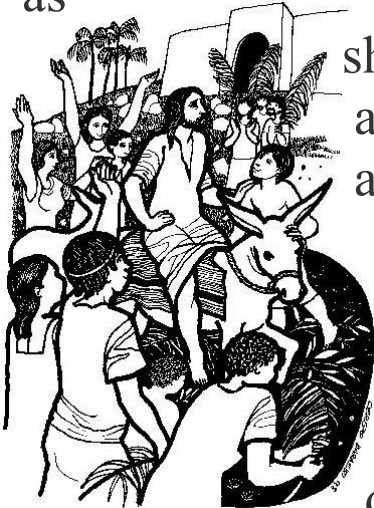
St Mary's Parish, Nelson
(Palm) Passion Sunday - 16 March 2008

The King's Passion

Katrina Todd's "rescue" reflection last weekend offers a wonderful insight in coping with all the suffering we encounter everyday. Christ, indeed, offers us a complete rescue package. But what a price to pay!

This brings us to the importance of this week which we have all been preparing for during Lent. It is our invitation to grow deeper into the life of Him who loves us so much that He is willing to lay down his life to set us free.

It may have made no difference if Jesus just said that He came to set people free. But he lived it as the suffering servant. He lived it as the one who did not cling to His divinity but shared in our humanity to bring us redemption. He allowed Himself to be declared as king but soon after was crucified even between two thieves.



This is the time of the year when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. This enables us to experience in our lives here and now what Jesus went through then. In other words, what we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Him as well, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption.

Have a prayerful week everyone. God bless.

- Fr Raymond