

St Bede's Catholic School

Daily Reflections and Prayers

Theme – Passiontide

20th March – 24th March 2023



The liturgical
colour is Purple

We are in Lent.

Mission Statement

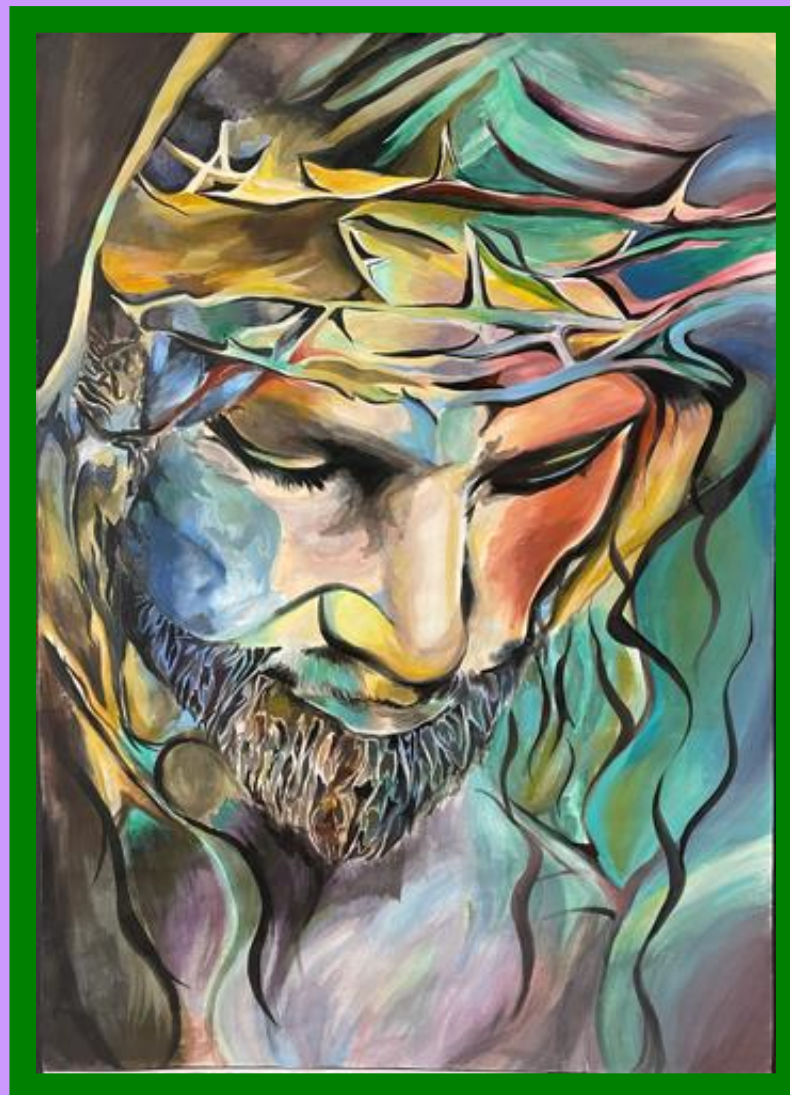
With the Lord's help, we are united in faith,
we strive for success and excellence, we are
determined to be the best that we can be.

Faith ~ Excellence ~ Determination



St. Bede's Catholic School &
Byron Sixth Form College

Monday 20th March 2023



Passiontide

Passiontide (in the Christian liturgical year) is a name for the last two weeks of Lent, beginning on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, which is this Sunday. It commemorates the suffering of Christ (Latin *passio* = "suffering"). The second week of Passiontide is Holy Week.

In certain countries, such as Brazil and Italy, it is seen as the beginning of the Holy Week observances. This week we will think about Jesus' final journey.



This week, instead of our usual prayers, each day we are going to pray the Stations of the Cross.

This tells the story of Jesus' final journey.

There are 15 stations – these will be split up over the week.

The first Station: Jesus is condemned to death



“...he handed him over to be crucified.”

Matthew 27:26

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you know what it means to stand alone in front of those who reject you and don't understand you.

Walk with us.

When we feel that we can't make a difference, help us to keep going.

Teach us to share your love.

The second Station: Jesus carries his cross



“Then they led him away to crucify him.”

Matthew 27:31

Prayer - say together

Jesus, your love led you to take up the cross.

Walk with us.

When we feel afraid, help us to be brave.

Give us the courage to speak out to change our world,
so that all our sisters and brothers
can experience justice.

The third Station: Jesus falls for the first time

**“Blessed is anyone who
perseveres when trials come...”**

James 1:12

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you know how it feels to struggle and to fall.

Walk with us.

Show us how to walk with others,
to know what it feels like to be in another's shoes.

You reach out to us with caring hands.

Show us how to join our hands with
communities around the world
who are bringing hope to their people.

In nomine Patris, et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen

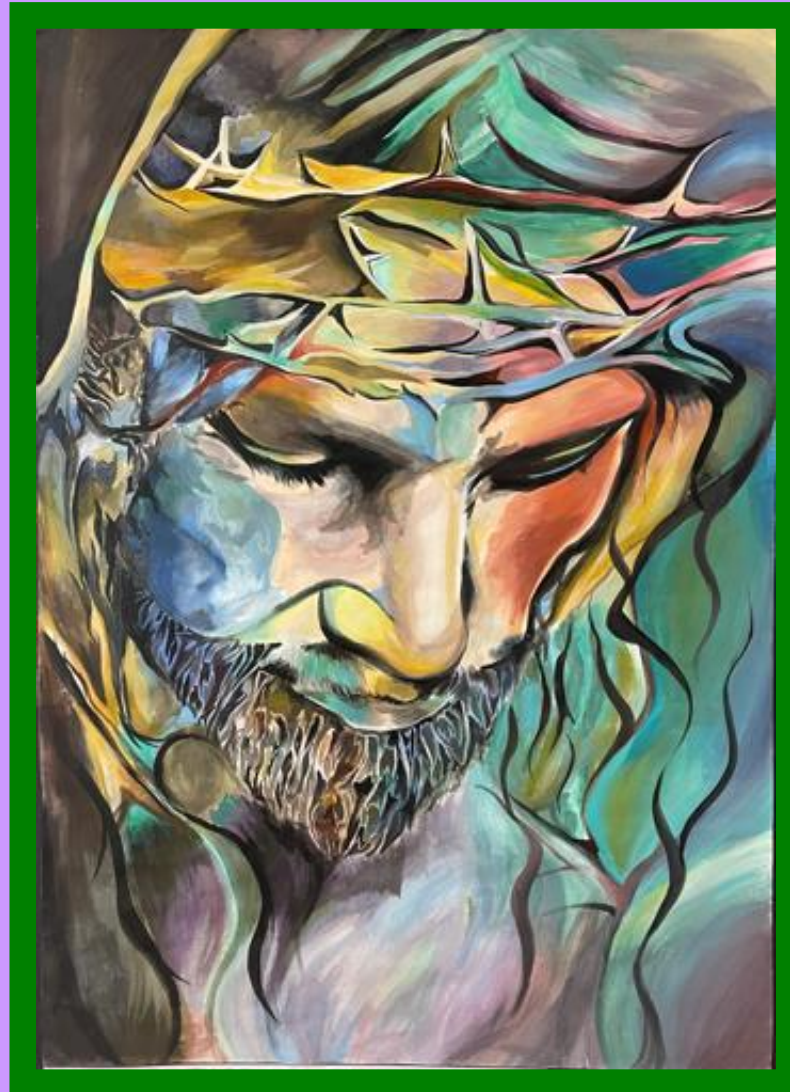
End of Day Prayer

Good Jesus,
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the fountain of wisdom,
and to stand forever before your
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Amen

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Tuesday 21st March 2023



The fourth Station: Jesus meets his mother



“...a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

Luke 2:34

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you looked through the crowd
and saw your mother's eyes.

Her love gave you the strength to carry
on.

Walk with us.

When we don't want to listen, open our
ears to hear.

When it would be easier to look away,
open our eyes to see.

The fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene carries the cross



**“The soldiers compelled a passer-by...
to carry his cross.”** Mark 15:21

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you know what it means
to depend on someone and to need their help.
Walk with us.

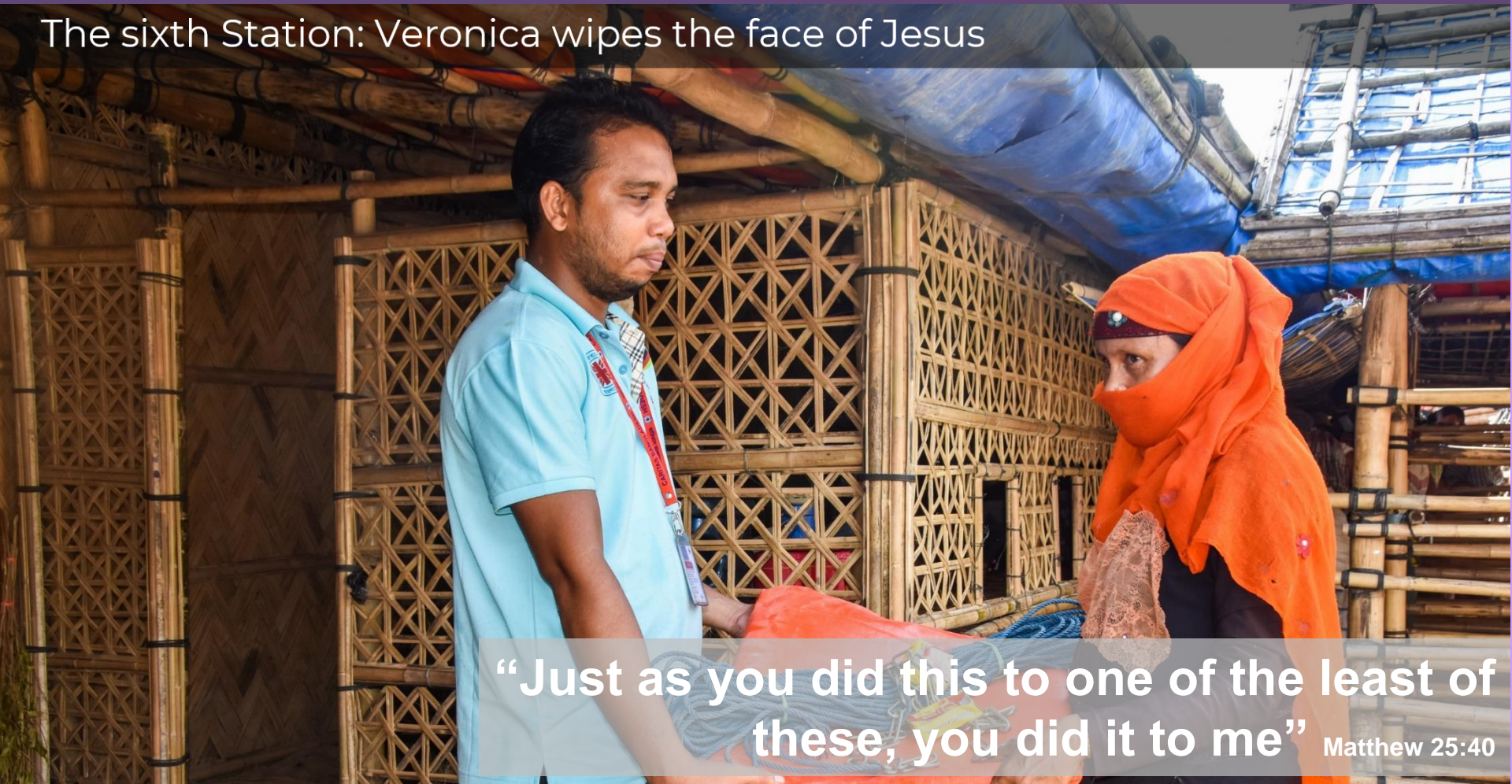
When my friends need help,
teach me to work with them to lighten their
load.

Show me how to listen carefully so that I can
offer what they need.

We are your global family of many different
colours, cultures and religions.

Make us one family united in you.

The sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus



“Just as you did this to one of the least of these, you did it to me” Matthew 25:40

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you know how it feels
to be hurt and to cry out in pain and
fear.

Walk with us.

Show us how to walk together with
others.

Show us how to love the people around
us

And to be there for those who need us.

Reading/Assembly Day



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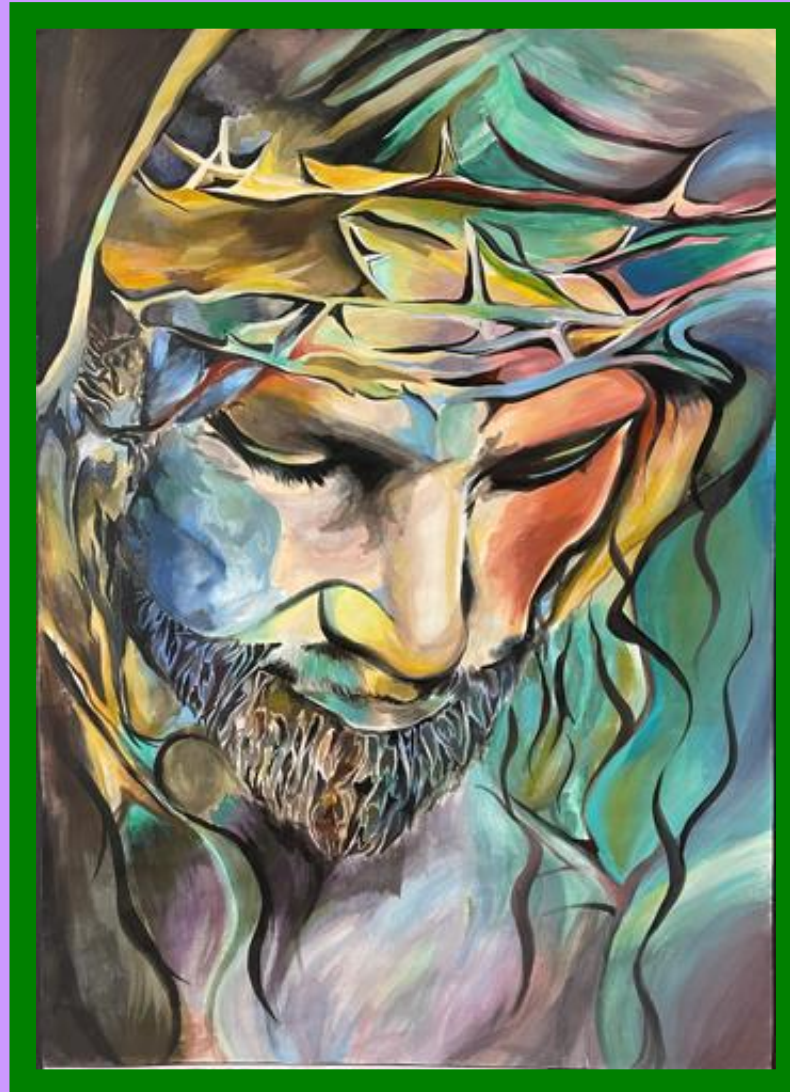
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The seventh Station: Jesus falls for the second time



“Come to me all you who labour,
and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you stumbled and fell.
You lost strength and became tired.
And yet you carried on.
Walk with us.
When we find it hard to keep going,
give us the strength we need
to finish our work as well as we can
and show love to others.

The eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem



“women...were beating their breasts and wailing for him.” Luke 23:28

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you cared and spoke out,
even on the road to your death.
You knew and felt the suffering of
others.

Walk with us.

As we hear the stories
of our sisters and brothers who live in
poverty,
give us the courage to raise our voices,
so that together we can work for change.

The ninth Station: Jesus falls the third time



“For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Luke 1:37

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you felt the darkness around you,
the crowds surrounded you.

You fell once more.

Walk with us.

When we lose hope, when everything is just too
difficult,

show us how to reach out to each other and
hold hands,

so that none of us have to do everything on our
own.

Help us to know that you walk alongside us
even when we feel most alone.

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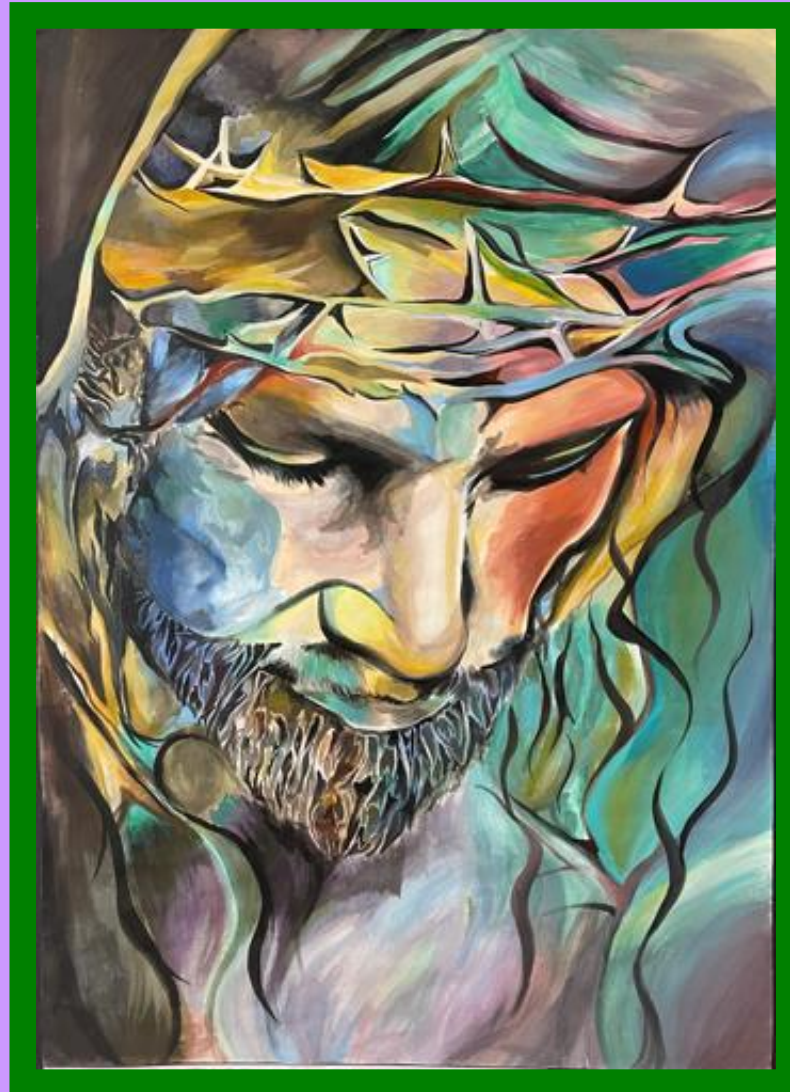
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Thursday 23rd March 2023



The tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments



**“The soldiers took his
clothes.”**

John 19:23
no one beyond reach

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you sacrificed everything
and endured mockery for our sake.
Walk with us.

When we value possessions more
than people,
or look down on someone who has
less,
show us your face in theirs.

The eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross



“Father, forgive them,
they know not what they do.” Luke 23:35

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you cry out in pain.

Walk with us.

Challenge us -

when we hold people back,

when we don't treat them with respect.

Help us to remember that everyone is
equal,

that we are all made in the image of
God.

The twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the cross



“I am thirsty.” John 19:28

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you know what it's like to feel alone,
lost and afraid, betrayed and abandoned.
Walk with us.

And show us how to walk with others,
who live in fear and face death through
hunger, thirst and conflict.

Show us how to pray for sisters and
brothers that we have never met,
but who are always loved by you.

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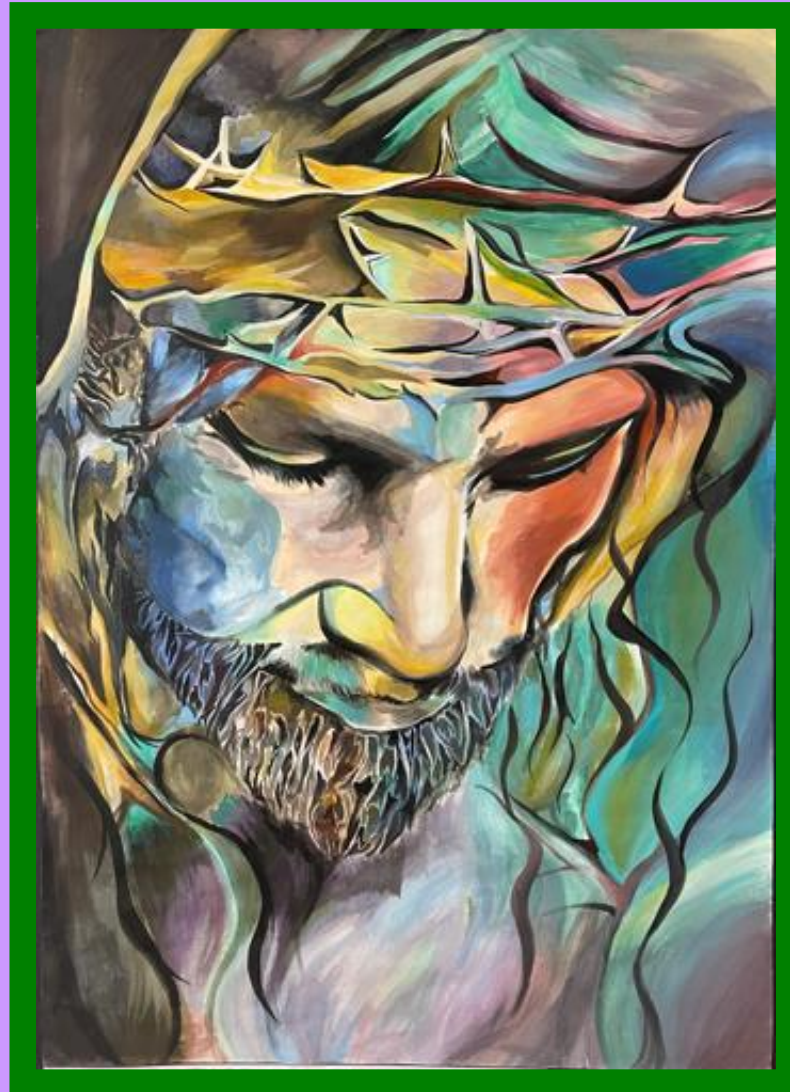
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Friday 24th March 2023



The thirteenth Station: Jesus' body is taken down from the cross



“Pilate gave him permission so he came and removed the body.” John 19:28

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you know what it means to
have friends,
who risked their own lives to take
your body from the cross.

Walk with us.

Show us how to be friends to those
close to us and to those far away.

Teach us to see you in everybody,
to be kind, loving and strong.

To be like you.

The fourteenth Station: Jesus' body is laid in the tomb



“He rolled a stone against
the door of the tomb.” Mark 15:45-

47

Prayer - say together

Jesus, as you were sealed in the tomb
those who loved you felt sad and
alone.

They did not know what to do.

Walk with us.

Guide us in difficult times,
so that we can share you with our
sisters and brothers
when they feel sad and alone.

The fifteenth Station: Jesus rises from the dead



“He is not here, but has risen.”

Luke 24:5

Prayer - say together

Jesus, you share your life, your
light and your peace with us all.
Walk with us.

Show us how to live out your love
so that our sisters and brothers,
here and around the world,
may know the joy of new life.
May we all be changed by living in
your light.

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