



These daily readings leading up to Easter will reflect on conversations Jesus had during his ministry. As you read God’s word, keep a note of what God says to you and what your response is to him.

The daily readings tie in with the Sunday teaching series and with studies in small groups. Alongside this are a series of questions as prompts for reflection in 2s or 3s.

“May God the Creator bless us. May God the Son walk with us. May God the Spirit lead our lives with love.

May the blessing of the One who was, and who is and who is to come be upon us all - redeeming our past, filling our present and lighting up our future.”

A Celtic blessing

<p>Day 17 Fri Mar 17th</p>	<p>We are set free to love God & others Read Mark 12:28-34 In answer to a question from one of the teachers of the law about which of God’s commandments was the most important, Jesus states that it is to love God & to love your neighbour. These two principles sum up the intent of the 10 commandments and other Old Testament laws, and they’re to guide our thoughts, decisions & actions. Painful memories, regrets about past actions, or thoughts about missed opportunities can easily de-rail our emotions and keep us captive. Jesus is our redeemer. He sets us free. When such thoughts arise, talk to Jesus about them. Ask for his healing, his wisdom & his guidance on how to respond. If you’re facing a decision about a course of action, ask which way best demonstrates love for God & love for others. There are a number of occasions in the gospels when we read about conversations that people had with Jesus because they specifically sought him out. (e.g. Matthew 14:12, John 12:20-22.) We can use troubling thoughts as a prompt to seek Jesus.</p>
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