

## **HOLY WEEK REFLECTION: MONDAY**

We are within Holy Week, a time to prayerfully reflect on the final journey of Jesus to his Passion. Due to the need for physical distancing during the pandemic, we won't be able to meet in church, but let's remain aware of each other, and pray for each other.

The biblical best has been saved for Holy Week. The Book of Second Isaiah contains four separate descriptions of a "Suffering Servant" – a shadowy figure by God to suffer and give his life for the people. Today we read the first description of the Christlike Suffering Servant (Isaiah 42:1-7). This description shows the Lord as chosen by God and patiently preaching justice to the nations. It is almost a description of the dedicated, patient Jesus.

In the Gospel (John 12: 1-11) we note how the plot against Christ built steadily towards the climax. There is a memorable meal in Lazarus house. There are overtones of death resulting from this meal: the plot to kill the returned Lazarus as well as Christ; the anointing of Jesus for his burial. Jesus welcomed the anointing as a loving gesture that mirrors his love for us. Isn't this the kind of honour we ought to show to each other?