

KIT @ KIPPAX

Staying Connected while Physically Distant

Thursday 16 April 2020

Today's Gospel Luke 24: 35-48

Holy Thursday - 2020

One week later.....

We have received a number of emails in the parish office from parishioners appreciative of the Holy Thursday reflection. There have been some requests wanting to know how the reflection was created.

This was a team effort. Everyone in the office had input into creating the reflection. Sharon took the photos and merged them into a collage to turn it into a video. Fr. Kimi had the idea of bringing the past and present together suggesting that photos from previous Holy Thursday's be inserted into the collage. Kimi also had the idea of asking parishioners isolated at home to wash each other's feet. We needed families where there were more than two at home so someone could take the photo.

Sharon got on the phone and started calling families. What was exciting and encouraging for us was that everyone Sharon asked said yes. Fr. Michael was speaking with his family in India and told them what we were doing for Holy Thursday and so they decided to take photos of washing each other's feet and send them to us – connecting us to the other side of the world.

The empty chairs in front of the altar represent the five RCIA candidates, Louise Bulfin, David Graham, Iain Forsyth, Rebecca Neiberding & Jennifer Wheatley who were to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday night and whose initiation into the Body of Christ at SJA Kippax has been interrupted because of COVID-19.

We thank Tim Gill, Joan Breen, Murray Bruce and Eoin Garton who supplied the music and singing, that gave the video context. Eoin also supplied the technical support - downloading a software package to fix a sound problem just minutes before sending out the reflection.

The parish team thank you for your affirmations and encouragement during this time of distancing.

Written by Marian England

O Lord our God

*How wonderful is your name
through all the earth !*

Psalm 8:2



Wild Geese

Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.

You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert
repenting.

You only have to let the soft animal of
your body love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours,
and I will tell you mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of
the rain are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees, the
mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean
blue air, are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and
exciting - over and over announcing your
place in the family of things.

Church Bulletin Notices

At the evening service tonight, the
sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?'
Come early and listen to our choir
practice.