

#### A Walk through Lent with St Vincent de Paul

### Lent, a Time to Acknowledge Our shortcomings

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday Thursday, 18th February

"We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking him for them."

"The wisest persons, surprised by some passion, often say things they later regret."

#### Lent, a Time for Loving Others

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> February

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February

"We must love our neighbour as being made in the image of God and as an object of His love." "God is love and wants us to go to Him through love".

#### Lent, a Time For Self-Denial

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February

"As soon as we empty ourselves of self, God will fill us with Himself." "The angels would become incarnate if they could, so that they might come to earth to imitate the example of the Son of God!".

#### Lent, a Time For Transformation

Wednesday, 24th February

"How much our hearts should be on fire with love for this ministry of assisting poor people and for devoting ourselves earnestly to it because the need is great and God expects this of us." Thursday, 25th February

"Begin with something small and have great love for your own abjection. This is the Spirit of our Lord and that is how he acted and that is also the means of attracting His grace".

#### Lent, a Time to Pray for God's Will

Friday, 26th February

Saturday, 27th February

"God, grant us the grace to see things with the same eyes as you do." "We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God".

#### Lent, a Time of Generosity

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March

"Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping." Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March

"We must be full reservoirs in order to let our water spill out without becoming empty, and we must possess the spirit with which we want to be animated, for no one can give what he does not have".

#### Lent, a Time of Reflect on God's Purpose For our Life

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March

"If God is the centre of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts." "Our business is to gain heaven; everything else is a sheer waste of time."

#### Lent, a Time for Humility

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday, 6th March

"We will never be fit to do God's word if we do not have profound humility." "Put your trust in Him and following His example, always act humbly, graciously, and in good faith."

#### Lent, a Time to Reflect of our Servanthood for God's plan

Monday, 8th March

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March

"Let us do our duty well; let us go straight to God; let us work to become very humble, very patient, very mortified, and very charitable."

"Be careful to give no credit to yourself for anything, if you do, your are stealing from God to whom alone every good thing is due"

#### Lent, a Time for Meekness

Wednesday, 10th March

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March

"There is no act of Charity that is not accompanied by justice or that permits us to do more than we reasonably can."

"You should not open your mouth except to express gratitude for benefits you have received, and neve to mention your discontent."

#### Lent, a Time for Service

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March

"So when you leave prayer to serve some poor person, remember that this very service is performed for God." "It's not enough to give soup and bread. This, the rich can do. You are a servant of the poor, always smiling and goodhumoured."

#### Lent, a Time to Meditate on Jesus' Words

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March

**Tuesday**, 16<sup>th</sup> March

"We must love our neighbour "The vine-stock bears fruit as as being made in the image of long as it is attached to its God and as an object of His love."

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#### Lent, a Time to Share

Wednesday, 17th March

Thursday, 18th March

"Remember the maxim of the Romans which states that by union and counsel we can achieve anything".

"Give yourselves to God, do not be burdensome, treat every individual with gentleness and respect, always using kind words and request."

#### Lent, a Time to Give Thanks to God

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday, 20th March

"We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking him for them." "Be very grateful to God, thank Him often, and ask Him for mercy"."

#### Lent, a Time to Renew our Commitments to God's Work

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

"We must continue to do good. Even though people of the world may criticize us". "With renewed devotion, then, we must serve the poor, especially outcasts and beggars. They have been given to us as our masters and patrons."

#### Lent, a Time to notice the Unseen

Wednesday, 24th March

Thursday, 25th March

"God does not consider the outcome of the word undertaken but the charity that accompanied it". "He also always blesses humble beginnings much more than those accompanied by a lot of show".

#### Lent, a time for Almsgiving

#### Friday, 26th March

Saturday, 27th March

"His divine goodness asks that we never do good in any place to make ourselves look important but that we always consider Him directly, and without intermediary in all actions". "God has seen fit that, since our services are useful to many persons, everyone approves them, but only when they are carried out in the spirit of our Lord."

#### Lent, a Time to reflect on belonging

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March Holy Week

Tuesday, 30th March Holy Week

"All of you desire to belong entirely to God, and God also wants all of you to belong to Him." "Far from rejecting such a good man as you, He never even abandons a wicked man who hopes for his mercy".

#### Lent, a time for Seeing His Light Shining Wednesday, 31st

Holy Week

"Let us keep this lamp always in our hearts." Thursday, 1st April Holy Thursday

"I have never come away from you without reflecting that the Spirit of God and His holy working reside in you".

#### Lent, a time to Remember Jesus' Crucifixion

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April Good Friday

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April Holy Saturday

"No matter where we are or what we are doing, we will always be tempted and distressed; that is our cross. If we wish to follow Jesus Christ, we must carry it."

"Perfection consists in renouncing ourselves, in carrying our cross, and in following Jesus Christ. Now, he who renounces himself most perfectly carries his cross the best and follows nearest to Jesus Christ is he who never does his own will, but always that of God."

# He has risen

## Easter Sunday