

March 25 2018 Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the beginning of the passion events we have just read. It is a day of mystery and deep reflection for us.

We all have seen pictures and paintings of the first Palm Sunday as Jesus rides a donkey into Jerusalem. He does not enter on a white charger(the Roman equivalent of a tank)but a young donkey to show that He is coming o do battle but not with military weapons.

In a demonstration that is not organized but truly spontaneous the people wave palms to salute Him. Jesus however, doesn't enter by waving back to the people as dignateries do. There is a solemnity and resolution about Jesus that is profound.

What was on his mind?

He knows that these same people will shortly turn on Him. He knows what awaits Him in Jerusalem .Yet He also knows He is doing the Father's will. So, with courage and confidence in God the Father He moves forward to Jerusalem.

We all have a Jerusalem ahead of us. For us it is not a city but it may be an illness ,a change in our life ,a problem challenge or perhaps uncertainty ahead of us .Jesus shows us how to move toward our Jerusalem. We are not entering our Jerusalem alone. Jsus has been there.

As we begin this Holy Week that recalls the great events of our redemption.AMEN