

Stations of the Cross

Accompanying Jesus to Calvary



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BOREHAMWOOD



The Sixteen Stations*

- First Station:* Jesus is condemned to death
Second Station: Jesus takes up His Cross
Third Station: Jesus falls the first time
Fourth Station: Jesus meets His mother
Fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus
Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
Seventh Station: Jesus falls the second time
Eighth Station: The women of Jerusalem
Ninth Station: Jesus falls the third time
Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped
Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the Cross
Twelfth Station: Jesus speaks to His mother
Thirteenth Station: Jesus dies on the Cross
Stay kneeling for the reflection.
Fourteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the Cross
Fifteenth Station: Jesus is buried*
Sixteenth Station: Jesus is Risen

* As is appropriate for Lent, we will stop after the 15th Station.

At each Station, the leader will say the name of the Station, followed by the following prayers and a short reflection.

All kneel

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

All stand

All: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

A short reflection by the leader follows.

All: Our Father ...
Hail Mary ...
Glory be ...

All: I love you Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always, and then do with me what you will.



Conclusion

Leader: And so we have reached the end of our journey with the Lord of Life lying in the tomb. The Way of the Cross first and foremost reminds us of the sufferings that Jesus underwent for us collectively and individually. It reminds us of the overwhelming love of God the Father for each one of us and of his desire for us to be one with him in the Kingdom of Truth and Life. It is also a reminder to us of the journey through life of a Christian – a journey which is not always easy but a journey which should be lived for others beginning for and from our families but then extending out to the Christian Community and then to the community of all humankind. The Way of the Cross leads to the glory of the Lord's resurrection on Easter Day and our own Christian journey leads us to the glory of eternal life.

Let us pray:

God, Who by the Precious Blood of Thy only-begotten Son didst sanctify the Standard of the Cross, grant, we beseech Thee, that we who rejoice in the glory of the same Holy Cross may at all times and places rejoice in Thy protection, Through the same Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.