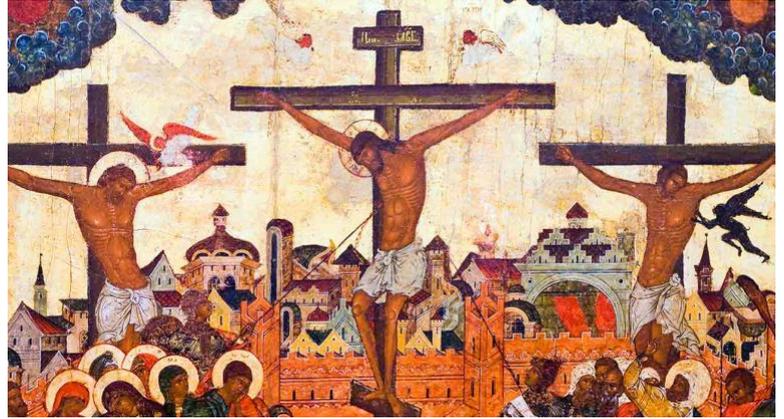


St Mary's, Inverness: Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Day TWO



Reflection: St Luke 23:34 & 43 **Forgiveness** Jesus often spoke about forgiveness and he used parables to teach about it, and the greatest forgiveness parable of all is the Prodigal Son (Lk 15:11-32). As Jesus hung on the Cross he told the repentant criminal, "Today you will be with me in paradise" (Lk 23:43) and he prayed for his executioners, "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing." (Lk 23:34). Before we begin our Novena prayers we consider in our minds and hearts what it would be like to have been there as Jesus taught about forgiveness, and how His Divine Compassion forgave others in their ignorance and cruelty.



Prayer: Lord Jesus your love transforms evil by goodness. Help us, Lord, weak as we are, to unite our efforts to yours, so that so we can enhance good and bring peace and joy to others.

+ In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and

you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Here I am, knocking on the door of your Heart, seeking and asking.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,

Hail Mary, Full of Grace,

Glory be to

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

Lord Jesus Christ, your heart was moved with love for the men and women who came for help in their need. You healed the sick, you fed the hungry, you forgave sinners, you cried over Jerusalem. Above all, you showed to those who were prepared to listen the way to true life, for you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Lord, your heart is still moved today by your people and their many needs. Open our hearts to hear your word, to accept your love, and to respond to your call. In particular, I beg you to grant me the favour I ask during this novena (*make your request silently*)...I pray that this will contribute to my own eternal good and to the building up of your Kingdom of justice, peace and love here on earth.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you. Amen

