



7th April 2019  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
The greatest gift

SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

What is the best gift you have ever received?

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Mary anointed Jesus' feet with very expensive perfume (read John 12:1-8). Why do you think she did this?

3

What gift would you like to give to Jesus today?



Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany
M	Isaiah 43: 16-21	The Lord's promise of victory
T	Philippians 3: 4b-14	Priceless value of knowing Christ
W	2 Corinthians 2:14-17	The fragrance of life
T	Ephesians 1:15-18	Knowing Christ better
F	2 Peter 1:3-11	Knowledge of Christ
S	Psalms 126	The Lord has done amazing things
S	Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the King who comes

TALK **Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?**

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY

Lord, help us to let go of all that stands in the way of knowing and following you. Amen.

BLESS

May the Lord Jesus take hold of you with his love.

Lent

Lent is a time when we re-orientate our lives towards God. We follow Jesus in his journey towards the cross. **PURPLE** is the colour for Lent and represents the royalty of Jesus and the call to turn back to God.

Creative Response

In Sunday's Gospel reading we hear that Mary (sister of Martha and Lazarus) anointed Jesus' feet with nard, a very expensive perfume imported all the way from the Himalayas. Nard was used to prepare bodies for burial. By anointing Jesus, Mary was pointing forward to his sufferings and death soon thereafter.

As part of your home devotion times this week, anoint one another's hands or forehead with perfume or oil. Say together this prayer:

(Name) I anoint you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he may strengthen you in all that you do. Amen.

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Loving God, bless our bodies with this food, our home with your love, and the world by our hands. Amen.

verse for the week

Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

JOHN 12:3

Service

Mary surprised Jesus with a special gift of love. Prepare a special gift of love for a friend, neighbour or relative (money need not be spent).