

Homily of Fr Alberic for Friday of the 4th Week of Lent.

-When we put our lives side by side with the life of Christ we fall short. His kindness reveals our failings.

-In today's 1st reading the just one is condemned to a shameful death, not for anything he has done wrong, but because his goodness has unmasked the failings of others.

-This is also true for us. When we stand in the presence of Christ, our failings are divulged and yet, at the foot of the cross, we believe that He has taken our sin upon Himself, and then exchanges it for His own gracious life to us, as a sheer gift.

-Thus our fitting response can only be a profound gratitude for all that He has done in our lives, and that we may no longer live for ourselves but for Him who loves us and died for us, and then was raised for our justification.

-This entails an inner transformation of hearts and a renewal of our minds to be able to uphold heavenly values, and then to grow into a mature manhood in the fullness of the stature of Christ.

-This is not our own doing, but owing to God's grace working within us. So, we pray to give Christ a chance to always work in our hearts so that God may be glorified in us and we may be prepared to celebrate the joy of Easter.

March 7, 2008