

26 February 2023 - First Sunday of Lent

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17

HAVE MERCY ON US, O LORD, FOR WE HAVE SINNED.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

*How will you show kindness and compassion to others today?
Think about the goodness in other people's lives that benefit you*

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

*How much do we concentrate on others' faults and not their good points?
Think through how we need to seek forgiveness from others, and how we will show that*

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

*Give thanks for people who have inspired you by their goodness and faithful lives
Ask for the Spirit of holiness to follow the examples you have thought about.*

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

*Pray for the ability to bring joy into people's lives
Commit yourself to a deeper participation in our shared worship this Lent*