

# A Parish Way of the Cross

A strategy for designing a *Stations of the Cross* unique to the people of your parish.

- At the start of Lent invite 14 small groups of parishioners (e.g. Lenten groups, family groups) to each take one Station and to come up with a **simple reflection and prayer** based on their own experience of walking the way of the cross in their everyday lives.
- When the parish gathers for the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, two representatives from each group lead the congregation in prayer. One reads the relevant Gospel and the other reads their group's prayer/reflection.
- Distribute this sheet to each group as a guide in their preparation.

## Sample:

*Reader 1: John 19:15-17*

*Reader 2: Our Lenten group shared about the difficulties of raising our children in today's anti-Christian climate. There are times when we feel like failures as parents when we see our children rejecting our Christian values... We believe the suffering Christ is calling us to persevere in our love and prayers for our children... And so we pray:*

*Lord, you are always faithful to us; help us to stay faithful to you, trusting in your care even when we can't see the fruits of our efforts.*



Mark 14:60-64



John 19:15-17



Matthew 16:24-27



Luke 2:33-35



Mark 15:17-21



Luke 6:36-38



John 16:31-33



Luke 23:27-30



Luke 22:42-44



Luke 23:32-34



John 19:18-22



John 19:26-30



Mark 15:42-46



John 19:40-42

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