

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
Week commencing March 7th 2010

**Luke 13.31-35**

*From Canon Hugh*

The central section of Luke's Gospel deals with Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. In Luke 9:51 Jesus 'sets his face to go up to Jerusalem'. This is the turning point for Jesus and his vocation to display God's love and hospitality on the cross. Nothing will divert him from this journey, not even the thought of death which awaits him there. Jesus has a very clear sense of his call – what it is, what it means, what it will cost, where it ultimately leads.

Each one of us has a vocation, a calling to ministry from God. For those of us who are baptised, we are called to live out our baptismal promises in loving service to the Lord. This vocation is not the preserve of a special caste of people, the clergy. It belongs to each of the members of God's 'royal priesthood'.

As we move through our discernment process, what is God calling you to do? Who, in our wider Church family, would you discern for leadership of the Children, Youth and Families Team, for the Evangelism & Discipleship Team, for the Community Education Team? Who might be discerned for ordination as a Deacon or as a Priest?

Commit the parish, yourself and others to prayer together with the Parish Discernment Team.