

1. This year there will be significant elections in a number of countries across the world, including perhaps our own. The tendency given to us in news reports suggests a growing frequency of right-wing attitudes and dictatorial regimes. It requires that we think carefully about our own values and the dignity of people everywhere. What do you bear in mind when you vote? You will vote, won't you?
2. Are you learning from what you have chosen to do for Lent? Is Lent a time to prepare for the events of Holy Week for you?
3. Catholics are pretty good at appreciating Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and value receiving a palm on Palm Sunday. That's fine. Can I ask you to do more to attend and reflect on the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday from which we receive the gift of the Mass, the priesthood and the powerful priority of service, signified by Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. Make a date and come to the Mass. Together, let's deepen our understanding of the events.
4. New shoots are sprouting through the soil, trees are budding and some are blooming, blossoms are appearing and flowers are making cheerful appearance. What does Spring mean to you and what new signals of growth will we see in you?
5. Mothering Sunday is on 10th March. Does it require anything from you? If your Mother is no longer with us, does this event trigger memories for you?
6. Have you read, listened to or watched anything new or memorable that you want to tell someone about? Have you heard any recommendations from others?
7. How do you celebrate birthdays – including your own? What importance do you give to thanking God and individuals for the difference they have made to the world?

Thank you.