

'The Hard Sayings of Jesus'.

I am sure, like most of us, you have often come across sayings of Jesus which are 'hard to take', difficult to understand, and tempting to explain away.

It is very good that we have a team of people who are now able to lead the Third Sunday Service, to whom I am most grateful. When we met to discuss our next series we agreed that it would be good to look at some of the 'Hard Sayings of Jesus.'

Some of the things Jesus said are clear such as: 'Take up your Cross' which is how we introduced the series in January. That does not mean, however, that what he is saying, or the demand he is making upon our lives, is easy to carry out. That makes them Hard Sayings in themselves. But, with others that need to be better understood, it is our aim during this series to study the sayings in some depth, and the implications they have on our lives and discipleship and try to understand them better.

This current series will take us right through to the summer, ending in August. The 'sayings' for the last two sessions, (July and August) are to be finalised, and these will be announced as soon as possible.

I hope you enjoy studying more deeply the 'Hard Sayings of Jesus' that the group have identified and that together we might be enriched and blessed through what we gain on 'Third Sundays' between now and the summer.

Fr Paul

20 January	Epiphany 3	Introduction: 'He didn't say it would be easy'
17 February	Third before Lent	'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the Kingdom of God' (Luke 18.24)
17 March	Lent 2	'Let the dead bury their own dead' Matthew 8.21
21 April	EASTER DAY	
19 May	Easter 5	'I came not to bring peace, but a sword' Matthew 10.14
16 June	TRINITY SUNDAY (at St Michael's)	
21 July	Trinity 5	TBD
18 August	Trinity 9	TBD