

Palm Sunday 29.3.26

Very occasionally I'm called to anoint someone near the point of death – very occasionally because my ministry is here and not within a parish. I go with trepidation but find myself blest as much as the person. The action of the anointing has a power and a purpose of its own. Immediately before today's reading of the Passion an unknown woman anoints Jesus with very expensive ointment much to the disturbance of the disciples who miss its significance and power entirely. We could say the same for much of what we do in the religious sphere -there's always more going on than meets the eye, which isn't a call for explanation but for simply getting on with the action. Words will only take us so far and it's significant that in our reading of the Passion today after his arrest Jesus really has very little to say. As I have now. Let the actions speak: the rest is commentary.

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