

1st Sunday in Lent

Reading - Matthew 26 verses 14-16

One of the twelve disciples—the one named Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, “What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?” They counted out thirty silver coins and gave them to him. From then on Judas was looking for a good chance to hand Jesus over to them.

The bag of silver coins is placed at the cross

Reading - Matthew 27 verses 3-5

When Judas, the traitor, learned that Jesus had been condemned, he repented and took back the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders..

“I have sinned by betraying an innocent man to death!” he said.

“What do we care about that?” they answered. “That is your business!”

Judas threw the coins down in the Temple and left; then he went off and hanged himself.

Let us pray

Lord Jesus, as we remember your betrayal by Judas we are reminded that we betray you, too. Forgive us we pray, and confirm in us the knowledge that you will never betray us. Amen