Tuesday31st March:

In today's Gospel Christ makes clear to His Jewish contemporaries that He has come to do the Father's will, and that they must believe in Him. Indeed in all His words and actions Jesus sought to gladden the heart of His Father. "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He and that I do nothing of myself, for I always do what pleases Him." This "lifting up" refers to Jesus's death on the Cross – His being "lifted up" on the Cross. Jesus wants us to understand that the suffering of the Cross makes possible our salvation. Hail the Cross, our only hope!! (Father Paul)