



HOLY THURSDAY 2020

Ignacy Paderewski (1860-1941) had an extraordinary life he was the Prime Minister of Poland as well as one of the world's truly great musical composers and pianists. A story is told of him when he was in the home of Beethoven that an American tourist played the *Moonlight Sonata* on Beethoven's piano. When he was finished the American knew of Paderewski's greatness and asked him to also play on the piano only to be told; "*No, I'm not ever worthy to ever do that.*" This revealed profound humility and greatness.

Holy Thursday presents us with 2 themes that we can reflect on, the first theme is *humility*. We here Jesus of Nazareth the son of God on his hands and knees humbly washing and drying the feet of his followers. And after he tells his followers including us; "*I have given you an example to follow.* "

Then we hear of Saint Paul telling us about the beginnings of the sacrament of the Eucharist. There is a priceless link here for us to remember and that is if we are to serve others in a Christ like way, we need to first nourish ourselves by his presence to do this effectively. *Fr Martin R Maunsell*