

St Peter Catholic Church
Participant's Discussion Guide
"The Diary of Jesus Christ" – Bill Cain S.J.

In the spirit of Ignatian imaginative prayer, Fr. Cain's *Diary of Jesus Christ*, walks readers through the Gospel stories with narrator, Joshua. For many of us, this imaginative way of contemplating Scripture may be a new concept, a new way of encountering the Holy Word.

Reading imaginatively may open your senses in unexpected ways. It may even surprise you as you encounter the very real and very deep humanity of Jesus, of his mother, and of his apostles that we meet in this book. **As you read, pay attention to what resonates with you.**

If you underline something in the book or write in the margins:

- STOP, DWELL, QUESTION or SAVOR that line or paragraph.
- Stay with that thought, we would recommend you journal your feelings or thoughts on these words.
- Try to understand why these words spoke to you (or didn't!)

The experience of journaling may only be for your own benefit—but if you are comfortable with it, perhaps when you meet in a group, you will share some of the things that spoke to you as you read the book. The book reads are meant to allow you to grow in your journey but your sharing of what spoke to you may become a touchpoint for someone else in the group.

Some touchpoints to consider:

- What was your overall impression of the book?
- Was there a particular chapter that spoke to you or disturbed you?
- Did you find any particular consolation or desolation as you read? Why?
- Did anything delight you?
- Did anything puzzle you?
- Is there a single word that you would use to describe the book?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why?
- Did anything in the book make you uncomfortable?
- Is there something that you would take from the readings that you would use going forward?
- Did reading this book make you think differently about Jesus and his life?
- There were multiple messages or themes in the book, did one in particular move you?