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26TH MARCH 2023 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,

for you, O God, are my strength.

#### THE COLLECT

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

#### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this — it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM**

Ps 129. R.v7

R) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R)

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord. (R)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R)

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! Jn 11:25.26 I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord: who ever believes in me will never die.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

I GOSPEL

John 11:3-7.17.20-27.33-45

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,

and whoever lives and believes in me

will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me.

but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Jn 11: 26

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God,

that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

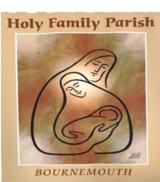
Fifth Sunday of Lent

26th March 2023

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# THE ANNUNCIATION of the LORD March 25th

The Day Mary said Yes!

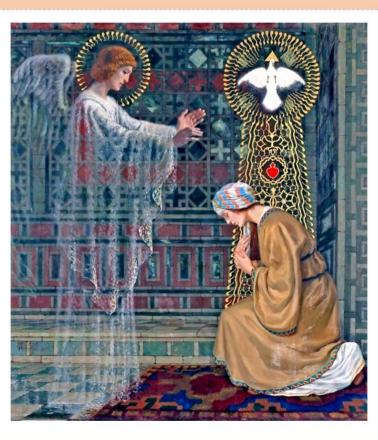
During this Lent, are we focused on our 'Yes' to the Lord allowing Him to take over control of our lives?

'Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord!'

Are we focused on being a faithful servant of the Lord?

Do we believe He has chosen us for our own special role?

Listen to Him, He is calling you.....





## Dear Parishioners.

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. Summertime starts this weekend. CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR.

The last two weeks of lent are called The Passiontide. Which begins at the fifth Sunday of Lent. The practice of covering the statues and images in the churches alerts us that something is different and the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veiled images are hard to miss, and it build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. The veiled images remind us that we live in a veiled world and Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection!!

#### PALM SUNDAY and PENTECOST SUNDAY

For several years now we have celebrated the Triduum, that is Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil as one parish, in one church.

Since Covid and recent lock down, numbers have significantly reduced at both churches. Considering this, and after a lengthy discussion at the recent Pastoral Parish Council meeting, it was agreed that this year on Palm Sunday, there will be only one Mass which will take place at Christ the King at 10.00am.

This will enable us to fully commemorate together, Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and the beginning of Holy Week. I sincerely desire and hope that it will constitute the joy of our parish togetherness. And may I request you to consider this seriously and to make the necessary arrangements to participate in this significant liturgy this year.

It is equally important that we celebrate the birth of the Church at Pentecost as one parish, and so this Mass will take place at St Bernadette's at 11.00am on Sunday 29th May and will be followed by a parish celebration in the hall. So please save the date - Sunday 29th May, the Day of Pentecost.

#### Reflection: The them of today's reading is "The Newness of Life"

Everyone wants to make the best of his life. We love life, but experience daily how brittle it is. There are people who try to live without restraints. They follow the epicurean philosophy of the pagan Romans "Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we may die". But we could also look at life in the following way: In order to transcend life, I must die to my old, immature, egoistic self. If I want to become a mature and grown up person, I must leave my youth behind me. Does this make sense? Is it meaningful to be generous and dedicated to ideals, to "mature in Christ" as the Bible puts it with everything collapses with death anyway? In the Life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we Christians discover the love of God, who calls you and me to an everlasting life sharing with him. The raising of Lazarus is a sign of Jesus' victory over death and a hope for all of us. In faith, we can regard a life of dedication to ideals as budding into the full blossoming of life everlasting.

# Fr. Chacko

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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Joceleyne Cotrel Kevin Moor Frances & Tony Herbert Sheila Shelley Les Netherton Frances Smith Anna Browne Tony Bateman Noel Harris

Please contact the Parish Office for your prayer intentions



#### POPE's INTENTIONS

for March 2023

#### For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered from members of the church. may they find within the church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering

www. thepopevideo.org

# **MASS**

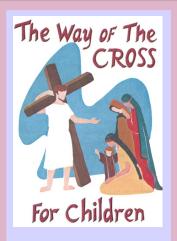
# **INTENTIONS**

Anyone can ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

We can never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

If you would like a Mass offered for your intention, please speak to Fr Chacko Mass request envelopes are at the back of church.

DAY	CHURC H	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 25	StB	6pm	Mass of the Annunciation of the Lord
			Mass Int: Fr John Jerald who is ordained today
Sun 26	CtK	9.30am	Masses of the Fifth Sunday of Lent
	StB	11am	
Mon 27	StB	6pm	The Way of the Cross followed by Mass at 6.30pm
			Mass Int: : Alba Cross
Tues 28	CtK	9am	Adoration followed by Mass
Wed 29			NO MASS
Thur 30	CtK	9.30 am	Palm Sunday Celebration Mass with Ctk school children  Mass Int: Terence Dolan RIP and Alba Cross for her wedding anniversary
Fri 31	CtK	9.30am	Mass followed by the Way of the Cross
	StB	6 pm	The Way of the Cross followed by Holy Hour at 6.30pm
Sat 1	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday
Sun 2	CtK	10am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord * ONE PARISH MASS AT CtK



## Sat 1st April

11am @ CtK All welcome



#### **Tues 4th April**

7pm Reflection & Reconciliation service for Holy Week

#### HOLY WEEK

Sunday 2 April Palm Sunday 10am @ CtK 1

**Thurs 6th April** Mass of the **Lords Supper** 7.30pm @ CtK

Friday 7th April Stations of the Cross 10am @StB Celebration of the **Lords Passion** 3pm @ CtK

Saturday 8th April Easter Vigil 7.30pm @ CtK

Sunday 9th April Easter Sunday 9.30am @CtK 11am @StB

#### PASTORAL CARE TEAM **MEETING**

Tuesday 28th March after 9.30am Mass at CtK.

Please contact Sr Rosie (details on the front) for info about the team Holy Family 'Walking Together' for CAFOD



Good Luck to all those who have signed up for the walk on Saturday

Prayers for a morning of fellowship and community as we come togetherand for a dry day!



If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers at Easter in memory of a loved one, please contact Michelle Carroll



# Spring forward

Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.



SAVE THE DATE CORONATION PARISH



