



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO BULLETIN

TAKE THIS HOME

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

28 - 29 MARCH 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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.

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord God: "I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 129

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

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

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

RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:8-11

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard this, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." Jesus was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



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PALM SUNDAY

If you in the area, please feel free to collect a palm for your home. These will be available outside the church doors from Friday 3 April. Please be mindful of social distancing and please no more than 2 palms per household. Thank you

**A WORD FROM FR BERNIE**

Dear Parishioners,

Well, what a week it has been! Whilst we watched the news a few weeks ago and thought this won't be too much of a problem, suddenly Coronavirus (COVID-19) has impacted on our lives to an extent we probably never thought would happen. But it has and now we need to find new ways to keep our prayer life going and living out our baptismal promise of service to God and one another. So, what will I be doing during this time? The advice being given is to "stay at home" and only venture out for necessities. Most of us would argue that Church is a necessity and I can't argue with that. But we also have a responsibility to our wider community. This virus does not distinguish between believers in God and non-believers and I believe God is asking us through this enforced retreat to be strengthened in our faith, through other means. As I have said in previous messages there are many resources to help us. For those of you with access to the website and our parish Facebook page, I will be posting each Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, a video reflection on the scriptures. One of the most important things to is to check up on our neighbours. Phone them, or if possible, without breaking the social distancing and lockdown rules, have a quick chat with them at home, if you live nearby.

I will be available as usual to assist in any way so please contact me if you need me. Text is the most efficient means, otherwise leave a message on my phone. With this in mind I am happy to publish both my office and mobile numbers, but I ask that you respect these numbers and not pass them on to others without my permission. Direct office number is 9389-9328 (this diverts directly to my mobile, but your number does not automatically come up, so please leave a reply number). Mobile 0415-077-353. Whilst I would like to see people "pop-in" for a chat/coffee/prayer, I'm also conscious that the Government is encouraging us to restrict our movements and contact with people. The more we follow this advice the quicker (and with less deaths) we hopefully will be back to normal. I encourage you to keep active also, if possible, go for walks but best to keep your distance from other people though, wash your hands thoroughly and try to avoid touching surfaces where people may have sneezed or coughed.

It is a challenging time and I pray that we all care for one another in the true spirit of service, following Jesus and St Francis and St Clare. Please check in on your neighbours especially our elderly parishioners. Generally, look after each other.

Blessings and peace, Bernie

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT FR BERNIE'S REFLECTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE****REFLECTIONS**

The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death. Look ahead to the 3rd Sunday of Easter, where Saint Peter preaches to the crowds what he teaches them is that life comes after death, as it did for Lazarus, and for Christ himself.

[@https://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/lent5a.htm](https://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/lent5a.htm)

LET US PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick: Abp Anthony Fisher OP, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Lisa Roper, & Cathy Murray

Anniversaries at this time: Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca

WEEKDAY READINGS

Mon 30 Mar	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17,19-30, 33-62	John 8:1-11
Tue 31 Mar	Numbers 21:4-9	John 8:21-30
Wed 1 Apr	Daniel 3:14-20, 24-25, 28	John 8:31-42
Thu 2 Apr	Genesis 17:3-9	John 8:51-59
Fri 3 Apr	Jeremiah 20:10-13	John 10:31-42
Sat 4 Apr	Ezekiel 37:21-28	John 11:45-56

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS - PALM SUNDAY

Sun 5 Apr	Isaiah 50:4-7	Psalms 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
	Philippians 2:6-11	Gospel: Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

