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5th Sunday of Lent Year A – 29th March 2020

Bishop Robert writes:

Following the Prime Minister's recent statement and instructions from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales I am sad to say that all churches must be closed and remain closed with immediate effect.

Further information available on the Diocesan Website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in March: Stacey Knight, Barnaby Essenhigh, Jack Shields, Betty Briggs, Joe O'Kane, Lyn Johnson, Fred Stimpson, Tim Madden, Sandy Madden, Gordon Dixon, June Barnsley, Kathleen Dunston, Mary Heslop, Graeme Ward, Arthur McGlade, Glynis Reay.

Anniversaries: David Martin, Gerald Spencer, Tony O'Neill, Mary McGee, Sally Chater.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernadette Keilty who died recently. Her funeral service will take place at Tynemouth Crematorium Chapel on Wed 1 April 11.15am followed by burial in Tynemouth cemetery. *May she rest in peace.*

Cancellations: Obviously due to the circumstances all Diocesan events have been cancelled including the **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**. Please refer to the Diocesan website for further information.

Helpline: Please call **2513770** if you live alone with no one to help, and would like assistance with your shopping.

Please note the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is now closed.

Fr Martin will be saying Mass, on his own, during this time. The Intentions will be for the People of the Parish but if parishioners would prefer for a Mass intention to be celebrated then please let the parish office know in the usual way.

Items for the Newsletter can still be submitted electronically via the parish e-mail address or in writing delivered to the presbytery.

Live streaming of Mass from various cathedrals, basilicas and churches is available via the Internet at www.churchservices.tv and EWTN on Sky TV. Mass will also via the Internet from St Mary's Cathedral - please see the diocesan website.

Prayer for the 'God who Speaks' Year of the Word:

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.

Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.

Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

The exile of the people to Babylon is described in terms of death. And their return home is described in terms of resurrection and spiritual renewal.

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129

Response: **With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

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| <p>1. 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.</p> | <p>2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness
for this we revere you.</p> |
| <p>3. 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.)</p> | <p>4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.</p> |

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Now this same Spirit lives in us.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shows that he is Lord of life and death

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, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews 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.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

Christ calls us from death to new life. To what new life are you being called during this Lent?