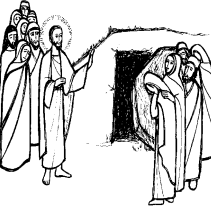


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5th Sunday of Lent Year A – 26th March 2023

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	26 th	5 th Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Ezk 37:12-14, Rom 8: 8-11 John 11: 1-45
			St M	11.00am	Tony Goode	
Mon	27 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Priest's Intention	Dan 13: 1-62, John 8: 1-11
Tue	28 th	Weekday of Lent			No Mass	
Wed	29 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	Dan 3: 14-95, John 8: 31-42
Thu	30 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Class Mass: Year 3	Gen 17: 3-9, John 8: 51-59
Fri	31 st	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	Jer 20: 10-13, John 10: 31-42
Sat	1 st	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Priest's Intention	Ezk 37: 21-28, John 11: 45-56
Sun	2 nd	Palm Sunday	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 50: 4-7, Phil 2: 6-11 Matt 26:14; 27: 66
			St M	11.00am	Douglas & Mary McAlpine (BT)	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30-10.45am in St Mary's Church St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Daily 7.30am to 7.30pm						

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in March: Olive Dargavel, Clare Nelson, Wanda Parker Lockwood, Ricci Hudson-Storey, Maureen Ruddick, Sheila Bokyle, Laura Nuttall, Luke Goodwin, Sheila Lamb, Lisa Stimpson, Margaret Kearney, GR, Betty Briggs, Eileen Whalen, Paul Mazzucchi, Les Flintham, Irene Keenaghan, Alan Brown, Pat Scott.

Anniversaries: Matthew Greely, Winifred Wells, John Morris, Mark Barnes, John Cox, Edwin Derby, David Martin, Irene McNally, Gerald Spencer, Bernie Cassidy.

We Welcome our First Holy Communion Children at Mass today. They will celebrate their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 20 May 11.00am at St Mary's**. We keep them all in our prayers.

There will be a Meeting for all those who wish to be involved in our liturgies of Holy Week **today, 12noon** after Mass in the church hall.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on **Friday evenings during Lent at 6.30pm**. Please come along and be part of this important tradition of the church.

Daily Diocesan Reflections for Lent can be found at:
<https://bit.ly/DHNLent2023>

The Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear: Isobel Vaughan-Spruce in St Cuthbert's Church Hall, Albion Road West, North Shields, on **Wed 29 March, at 7.30pm**. Isobel Vaughan-Spruce, the leader of March for Life, has been arrested twice this year in Birmingham, for silently standing and praying within 50 metres of a closed abortion clinic. She was taken to the police station, asked what she was praying about, searched and charged by the police with ... a thought crime.

Re-wire of the Church and Hall at St Mary's: The lighting in the church is almost complete. The next phase will be to re-wire the hall area. This is scheduled to take a further 3 weeks to complete. Thank you in advance for your patience.

St Mary's Sunday Tea & Coffee voluntary donations raised **£424.94**. Details of where these donations have been sent are shown on the noticeboard. *Many thanks.*

Sacrament of Confirmation: Young people in school year 9 and 10 will be able to apply to prepare for this Sacrament in the coming weeks. Meetings will take place on Wed evenings 6.30-8.00pm beginning 26th April.

The investigation commissioned by the Dicastery for Bishops has issued a survey to be completed by parishioners. This is an anonymous survey, all answers are provided in complete confidence, and you are asked to give your own individual views. It will run until Mon 27 March and can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/wevQ6zrj1t8SCxNq5> through the Diocesan website.

CAFOD Lenten Prayer

Plant in us, Lord, seeds of solidarity, so that, rejoicing in your gifts, we may cherish your presence in each other and all creation. Root us, Lord, in compassion and justice. Pour your Spirit down like gentle rain, softening our hearts, washing away division and selfishness. Cultivate in us, Lord, attentiveness to your call. Give us hope to dream of a better world and strength to play our part to make it a reality. Grow in us, Lord, your ways of peace and courage, so that, in this time of Lent, we may bear witness to your love, revealed to us in Jesus. Amen.

The Order of Mass can be found on Page 4 of your Hymn Book

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

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

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?