



Diocese of Broken Bay Under the Pastoral Care of the Discalced Carmelites since 2008

29 March 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Following direction from the Government, all public masses are suspended until further notice.
The Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo has dispensed
with the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays.
We invite you to join in Masses that are available online, as listed below,
and to continue to pray from home.**

Mass Online:

St Mary's Church, North Sydney
<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
(the Link is Case Sensitive)

St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney <https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>
Livestreamed daily at set times
(please see website)

St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore
(Bishop Greg Homeming) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxOjNyku4JClo8vfeTq-fQ>
Livestreamed every Sunday
8am Recording of previous Sunday
masses available on demand

St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
Livestreamed daily at set times
(please see website) Recording of
most recent livestreamed mass
available on demand

Brisbane Archdiocese <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>
Livestreamed
daily at set times (please see website)
Recording of most recent
livestreamed mass available on
demand



*When Jesus saw her weeping
and the Jews who had come with
her weeping, he became
perturbed and deeply troubled.
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Jesus' act of reviving Lazarus from the dead appears to have been something he undertook only with a degree of reluctance. Not only did he delay his going to see him, but spoke of his revival as a matter of 'waking one who sleeps'. Moreover, we read in the next chapter of John's Gospel that Lazarus was put to death very shortly thereafter. In effect, he gained very little by being revived, but underwent all the sufferings of physical death a second time. The miracle perhaps benefitted those who witnessed it more than poor Lazarus himself! It behoves us to accept physical death as an integral part of mortal life, something neither to be dreaded nor to be mourned excessively. Since Christ, who is Himself the Resurrection and the life, assures us of eternal happiness in the world to come, let us view physical death, not as an inexplicable tragedy, but rather as a transition from the limitations of this passing life to something unimaginably greater.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Our Deepest Sympathy

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Angela Keighery. May Angela experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

Pope Francis Prayer to Mary during the COVID-19 Pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
we entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to confirm to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH



Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Prayer Zone

Please pray for the ill:

Bruce Wallace; Grace Cheah; Jan Davies;
Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.

Excerpt from Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2020

The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expressed God's unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us.

MASS DURING THIS TIME

The faithful can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television (Mass For You At Home - Sunday 6am on Channel Ten) or online at <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>. The link for the mass online is case sensitive, so please type it with the capitals M, O and D.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present . We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.

The Word

Sunday 2 April 2017: Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading

From the prophet Ezekiel Ezek 37:12-14.

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

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 resettlement 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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129 R. v.7

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

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

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

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.