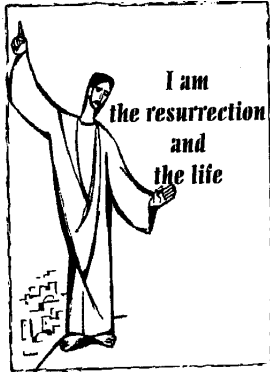




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5th Week of Lent, 28/3 – 3/4 2020

Newsletter, Prayers & Reflections

● Corona Virus Crisis:

➤ **PUBLIC liturgies, including celebrations of the Mass, are suspended until further notice.**

Please check the Melbourne website for information about Mass online and other helpful information: www.cam.org.au/coronavirus

NOTE: The Sunday Obligation of the Faithful will not apply during this time of suspension.

● **Masses Privately etc:** Fr Joe will continue to say Masses privately through this time of suspension of Public Masses. Private Home Masses are **no longer allowed**. Mass Online is available for people to join together in spiritual communion. Details are available at cam.org.au Communion to the sick and homebound is no longer allowed. A **priest only** can take Communion to a dying person, i.e. administer Viaticum

● **Reconciliation & Anointing:** These Sacraments are available on a one to one basis. Contact Fr Joe to arrange a time and place if you require these Sacraments. In an Emergency Fr Joe may be contacted as above on ☎ (03) 9401 6314 or ☎ (03) 9401 6313

● **Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals:** Baptisms are to be postponed unless there is an urgent and grave pastoral need. Weddings are to be postponed where possible. If baptisms or weddings meet these criteria only 5 persons may gather. Funerals can be celebrated if urgent with 10 or less persons. In all circumstances appropriate health guidelines are to be adhered to.

✍ Archbishop Peter Comensoli

● **Support Your Parish:** We need to continue to support our Parish while we have no collections at Masses. Those who use sacrificial giving envelopes might consider dropping their envelopes off at the Parish Office (in the box by the presbytery door) or setting up a direct debit payment ☎ 9401 6314. Contact CDF (catholicdevelopmentfund@cam.org.au) if you wish to enable online donations. All donations will be graciously received.

We need finance to continue to pay the bills of our Parish.

✍ Fr Joe

● **Sell Raffle Tickets:** We still have 80 Books of Tickets to sell. If we do not sell them we will not recoup the costs to the Parish for participating in this Raffle. So, buy a ticket or take Books of Tickets to sell. See Fr Joe for tickets or the Parish office during office hours as above. Ticket butts can and **should be returned** to the Parish office or the drop-off box beside the presbytery door ASAP. We need to **make this Raffle a fundraiser for our Parish !!** ✍ Fr Joe

● **Keep in Touch:** See our website: <http://perpetualhelp.org.au>

➤ **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

✠ Lord Jesus, you accepted suffering on the cross that we might glory in new life.

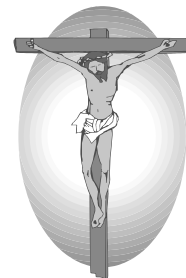
Lord, have mercy. All: *Lord, have mercy.*

✠ Christ Jesus, you have won for us mercy and the fullness of redemption.

Christ, have mercy. All: *Christ, have mercy.*

✠ Lord Jesus, you stand by us to lift us up to everlasting life.

Lord, have mercy. All: *Lord, have mercy.*



➤ **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

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

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

***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. *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: Romans 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.

➤ **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: John 11:1-45**

I am the resurrection and the life.



Please pray for those who are sick especially:

Carl Rooney (Fr Joe's nephew), Raelene Watt, John Coughlin, Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office.).

Please pray for those who died recently, and for Maurice Rampal and Gerald Fitzgerald whose anniversaries occur about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.

St Joseph, Protector of the Church, pray for us.

● **Holy Week Ceremonies:** All public ceremonies in the the church are suspended. Fr Joe alone will celebrate abbreviated forms of the ceremonies. Leaflets will be available for families to celebrate Holy Week at Home OR you can access these on our website <http://perpetualhelp.org.au> under Mass Times.

Blessed Palms and Easter Water will be available once the COVID-19 Crisis is over.

PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **AMEN.**

Readings of next Sunday: Passion Sunday, Yr A

1st Reading: : Isaiah 50: 4-7

Resp. Psalm: Ps 21: 8-9. 17-20. 23-24

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-27: 66

WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

→ Use these notes to pray through Lectio Divina on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

Lectio: Jesus has done the impossible, giving sight to the man born blind (Jn9). He then claimed "I am the Good Shepherd" (Jn 10:14); then said it openly "I and the Father are one" (Jn 11:30). The Jews (i.e. the religious leaders) saw his statements as blasphemy and wanted to stone him. But many people came to believe in him. Jesus shows that his claims are true by doing what God alone can do – raising the dead. This act will convince many of the Jews. But the Pharisees, in fear of the Roman occupier's response, plot for Jesus' death (Jn 11:45-53).

Read: **John 11: 1 – 45** or Shorter version:

The sisters, Mary and Martha, 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 Judea (where the Jews had wanted to stone him).'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. 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 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 a 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 his eyes and said: 'Father, in 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 around 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.

Meditatio: How am I coping with the threat of illness? Have I confidence that the Lord will bring me through this COVID-19 crisis; however long it takes? Do I empathise with the ill, those caring for them, with authorities trying to help, and with those who have lost loved ones? Is my faith in Jesus as 'the Resurrection and the life', still strong? How am I caring for my loved ones, as well as, the elderly and those under financial stress? How is my belief in Jesus; am I 'standing round him'? From what do I need to be 'set free'?

Oratio: Pray for peace and a deepening belief that the Lord is standing by us. Pray for the hope in the Resurrection. Pray for families under financial stress. Pray for those who have lost and/or will lose jobs. Pray that those in need will get the help that is on offer. Pray that fear will **not** 'bind us up'. Pray for a renewal of prayer life. Pray for a renewal of faith. Pray that the Holy Spirit will renew our Church and our faith through the Plenary Council.

Contemplatio – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

After your prayer – Be an agent of peace and of neighbourly care.

✍ Fr Joe

Coming Events in 2020

2020 – Plenary Council Year

- **NO Masses & Services** during Covid-19 Crisis
- Pastoral Council meeting – **Postponed**
- 4th April – Last day of Daylight Saving Time
- Holy Wk, Easter Sunday – **No Services**



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