

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—29 MARCH 2020



"The Love of Christ must come before all else." (Rule of St Benedict)

WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:

NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Reconciliation:

Sat: **ONLY ON REQUEST**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

CLOSED

Rosary Groups:

STOPPED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows:

STOPPED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

STOPPED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Baptisms: CANCELLED

Marriages: By Appointment

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HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH COVID-19 ADVICE & RESOURCES



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe has sent out a Pastoral letter regarding church practices, etc during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit the following page for his letter http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Our_Archdiocese-Archbishop-Latest_News-2020-Pastoral_Letter_from_the_Most_Rev_Timothy_Costelloe_SDB_Coronavirus_Ref_20204.htm and the Archdiocese website for current updates: www.perthcatholic.org.au

The church is closed until further notice but the office is open as per normal hours.

For personal pastoral care or private confession, please ring the Parish office.

The following links are available for live-streaming of Sunday Mass and available at 11.00am on Sundays:

Archdiocese Website – www.perthcatholic.org.au

Archdiocese Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/perthcatholic/>

The Record YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFFqA8iYLIIVb72LXMYFQ/live>

TV: Mass for You at Home on Channel 10 and via <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>



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READINGS FOR THE DAY– AT HOME FOR YOU

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 42:1-2

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: Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
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 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: 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: Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
*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.

Gospel Acclamation: See Jn 11:25. 26

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: Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
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

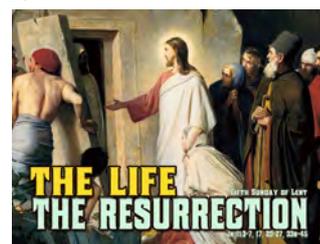
for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

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.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Jn 11:26

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



OUR LADY'S PILGRIM STATUE ROSTER: 4 APRIL —
Tom & Margo Lyons

KEEP PRAYING AND
WASH YOUR HANDS

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

REFLECTION - *Caritas Australia*

The scriptures today are about life and about death. In the midst of a world with so much death, we believe in a God of life. Jesus says to Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life." We are invited to implement God's vision of life. Jesus says: "Lazarus, come out." Jesus says to those around him: "Untie him and let him go." Our contemporary world needs us, the people of God, to respond to Jesus who invites us out of our tombs and into freedom. Freedom to respond to the needs of others. Freedom to let go of everything that keeps us from being fully alive.

Jesus wept at the death of Lazarus. We too have so much to weep over:

- In a world of plenty, 6 million of Malawi's 19 million people require food aid.
- 23% of all child death cases in Malawi are related to under-nutrition.*
- 663 million of our sisters and brothers around the world do not have easy access to clean, safe drinking water.

The Project Compassion story this week features Tawonga from Malawi. In her eleven short years Tawonga, like millions in our global family, has faced the challenges of food deprivation. She is living with a disability and walks with the aid of crutches. Her siblings used to push her three kilometres to school in a donated wheelchair. She was often sick and missed school due to hunger. 90% of youth living with a disability live in rural areas of Malawi, leading to fewer education opportunities.

PRAYER RESOURCES DURING YOUR AT HOME STAY

<http://www.pray.com.au/resources/>

https://www.catholic.org.au/images/synod/Prayers_for_Time_of_Pandemic.pdf

<https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/lenten-program/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Manuel Serralha, Antonio Orifici, Shelia Becker, John Court, Lou Giglia, Rosemary Searson, Nick Mansour, all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.
Please remember all our ill and sick parishioners in your prayers.



Thank you

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Tom Lyons, Myrtle Nimmo, Winifred Trinidad, Beatrice Leong, Peter Colleran, Kathleen Howell, Sr Carla, Beryl Kerman, Truus Botman, Eric Walsh, Sim Tan and all others who are not included in this list.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

"Be still and know that I am God". Lord, may your spirit guide me to seek Your Loving presence more and more. For it is there I find rest and refreshment from this busy world.

Freedom

Lord, I pray for your gift of freedom. May your Holy Spirit guide those in power to work for equality for all your people.

Consciousness

Lord you have called me 'the light of the world'. Let me be always conscious of those you want me to serve, the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the destitute, the stranger and the refugee.

The Word of God

Daily Reflection

Families under lockdown

I am thinking of the families under lockdown, children who aren't going to school, parents who cannot leave the house, some who are in quarantine.

May the Lord help them discover new ways, new expressions of love, of living together in this new situation.

It is a wonderful occasion for rediscovering true affection with creativity in the family. Let us pray for families so that relationships in the family at this time always thrive for the good.

Our God lets us understand that he always operates in simplicity, in the simplicity of the house of Nazareth, in the simplicity of everyday work, in the simplicity of prayer.

Instead, the worldly spirit leads us to vanity, to appearances, and when people start to become indignant, their scorn leads to violence.

We pray that people will reflect on what they do when they do not understand the simplicity of God.

- Pope Francis



Fifth Sunday of Lent

29th March 2020

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

 **Caritas
AUSTRALIA**

Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl living with a disability, and struggling with food insecurity and discrimination in Malawi. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.