



Readings for this week:

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45



Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66



Liturgical Jottings

“No Public Worship”

This blunt phrase needs teasing out. Individual members of our congregations may worship their God and maintain a sense of community but not gather together as we are accustomed. Christians may continue to read the scriptures, light a candle, say a pray in the family or individually. Catholics may watch Mass on TV and/or online at home. Dioceses and parishes are providing ways for parishioners to stay connected. Parish Sunday bulletins may be posted online, letter dropped and/or placed at the local supermarket community boards and in special pamphlet racks put near the church doors.

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Looking at the Readings

As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation. The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities.

All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness. Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Good Idea for the Week

Last week some school children made an Easter Prayer box containing cards of a palm, a cross, a flower, Easter candle, image of the Eucharist and baptism, prayer and scripture cards and an Easter egg to celebrate Holy Week and Easter at home.

Pope Francis Message for Lent 2020

Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God’s eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will. In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. Hosea 2:14), so that we can at last hear our Spouse’s voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him. (#2)

On the Lighter Side

No sense being pessimistic. It wouldn’t work anyway!





Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving

For those whose anniversary occurs at this time

Colleen Feehan, Gabrielle Feehan

Our sick and their carers

Cecilia Bannan

Closure of Churches to all people

On Monday 23rd March, we received instructions from Bishop Shane that we are to close church effective immediately.

“...We have been directed by Government (state and federal) to close all places of worship and religious gathering. At this point in time, this means the closing of our church doors, not just to the celebration of Mass and other liturgies, but for all activities that would involve the presence of a number of people for a period of time. Therefore, I ask that you now immediately close the doors of your Church(es)... these measures are for their safety, for the safety of the most vulnerable, and for the safety of all whom they love most dearly. ”

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1st Prize	Harlow Young	4642	\$500 fuel voucher & \$250 IGA voucher	Tatura Milk & Ritchies Supa IGA
2nd Prize	Helen Mathieson	2524	Apple iPad (value \$640)	GMCU - Goulburn Murray Credit Union
3rd Prize	Kate Marr	540	Portable Metal Fire Pit (Value \$530)	Trevaskis engineering, Tatura
4th Prize	Lorenzo Corbo	721	\$200 fuel voucher & \$100 IGA voucher	Indigo Fuels, Byrneside & Bunnings Shepparton
5th Prize	Filomena Serra	3812	\$100 club voucher & Golf for 4 (with cart)	Hill Top Golf & Country Club
6th Prize	Daniel Hamlon	4994	\$120 voucher - Tatura Cut & Mow	Tatura Cut & Mow - D & V Tartaglia
7th Prize	Livinia De Palma	1140	10 visit Gym Pass - Tatura Absolute Training Studio	Tatura Absolute Training Studio
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9th Prize	N Mancini	2413	\$100 Tatura Newsagency voucher	newsXpress Tatura

Sunday Mass

On-Line

This Sunday at 9:30 am you will be able to watch Fr John Paul celebrate Mass for the 5th Sunday of Lent via our Facebook Page and our Website



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 29th March 2020



Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl, living with a disability. She lives in a village in northern Malawi in a region plagued by food insecurity and poverty. For most of her life, her parents have struggled to put meals on the table. Tawonga often had to miss school because she was too sick from hunger. The family also faced discrimination in their community due to her disability. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed. Her family now grows enough food to provide three meals a day, ending the struggle of malnutrition, and helping her thrive at school.



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