



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023

REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Sunday's readings touch into the most profound of mysteries, the mysteries of life and death. To hold a new born child or to see the sick restored to health is to experience the wonder of life. On the other hand, sudden death can bring unimagined grief and pain. The recent earthquake in Türkiye and Syria brought sudden death to tens of thousands of people and an extraordinary outpouring of grief. This unexpected tragedy has come at a time when thousands are dying every day in the world's major conflict zones and when extreme weather events continue to bring death and destruction and species loss. Death brings tears, even anger. Little wonder that "life" becomes a metaphor for transformation and new beginnings or that "death" so often signifies deprivation and loss.

The gospel reading is about the death and restoration to life of Lazarus, "the one whom Jesus loved". It is the last of the seven "signs" in John's "book of signs" that reveal the "glory" of God. It is also the greatest of Jesus' signs. It functions as a catalyst for the events that lead to his death: "...from that day on they planned to put him to death" (11:53). It provides the occasion for Jesus to assert "I am the resurrection and the life" and to invite assent to that revelation of his identity. It reveals the compassion and tender heart of Jesus who weeps at the grief of Mary his friend and at the death of her brother. It also reveals the goodness in the hearts of those "Jews" who share her grief and who come to faith in Jesus who raises the dead to life.

Though the story revolves around the plight of Lazarus, Martha and Mary are the characters who, with Jesus, occupy centre stage and into whose faith journey we are invited to enter. Martha and Mary are identified as "sisters" who live in Bethany. Are they blood "sisters" or sisters in their love of Jesus and the community around him, or both? Lazarus is Mary's sick "brother". Martha will later claim him as her "brother". Might they all be part of a little faith community in Bethany rather than biological siblings? A brief notice alerts the reader to the imminent death of Jesus: "Mary is the one who anointed Jesus with perfumed oil and wiped his feet with her tears". The reader will later discover that Mary's anointing of Jesus is "for the day of [his] burial".

As so often in John's gospel, misunderstanding and irony function to bring the actors in the drama, and to bring us as actors in the theatre of life, to new levels of understanding and faith. Right now, in the aftermath of earthquake and in the face of ongoing conflict, we are called, as sisters and brothers across the globe, to open our hearts and share our resources so that some measure of "life" might be restored.

St Patrick's Cathedral

EASTER CEREMONIES TIME TABLE

CHRISM MASS - MASS OF THE OILS

Saturday 1st April - 10.00am

HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER

Thursday 6th April - 7.30pm (Televised C31)

(Please note NO 7.00am or 1.00pm Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY 7th APRIL

(Please note NO 7.00am or 1.00pm Mass)

- Stations of the Cross - 9.00am in Cathedral

- Ecumenical Stations of the Cross - 10.00am

Stations of the Cross in the city

(Beginning at St Francis Church)

- THE PASSION OF OUR LORD - 3.00pm (Televised on C31)

(Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered after

The Passion of our Lord)

- Tenebrae - 7.30pm

SATURDAY 8th APRIL

-EASTER VIGIL - 7.30pm (Televised on C31)

SUNDAY 9th APRIL

- 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm

(11.00am Mass (Televised on C31))

MONDAY 10th APRIL - Public Holiday 11am Mass



Fifth Sunday of Lent
25 & 26 March



Project Compassion brings together Australians schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they care creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

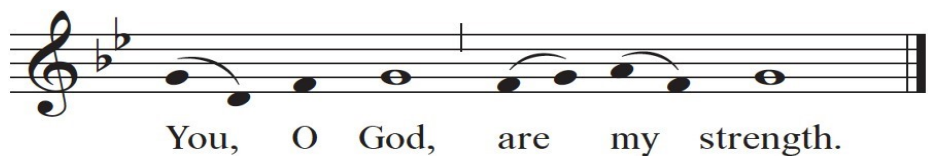
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

This is a reminder to turn your clocks **BACKWARD** one hour on Sunday 2 APRIL 2023 from 3am to 2am.

TODAY’S LITURGY—YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon

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.



Entrance Hymn

CWBII 120

“Forgive our sins as we forgive” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart,
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your Cross reveals the truth we dimly knew;
how small the debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid
resentment cease; then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

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Tune: BELMONT 86.86; melody probably by William Gardiner 170-1854, published in Sacred Melodies, Vol. 1, 1812.

1st Reading

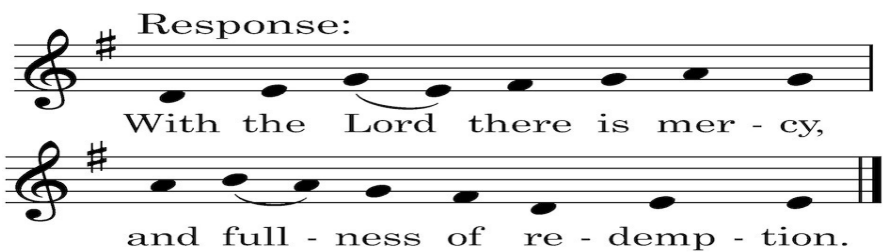
Ez 37:12-14

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 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



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.)

2nd Reading

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.

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

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 APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Communion Antiphon

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

Communion Hymn CWBII 289

From ashes to the living font your Church must journey,
Lord, baptised in grace, in grace renewed
by your most holy word.

Through fasting, prayer and charity your voice speaks
deep within, returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.

Our graves spilt open, bring us back, your promise to proclaim;
to darkened tombs call out, "Arise!" and glorify your name.

From ashes to the living font, your Church must journey still,
through cross and tomb to Easter joy, in Spirit-fire fulfilled.

Text: Alan J Hommerding b. 1956
Music: ST FLAVIAN 86.86 adapted from John Day c 1522-1584, Psalms, 1562

Hymn after Communion/
Recessional Hymn CWBII 509

Refrain: And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

I am the bread of life.
You who comes to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No-one can come to me, unless the Father beckons. Refrain

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life
of the world, and he who eats of this bread,
you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever. Refrain

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. Refrain

I am the resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you come into the world. Refrain

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, Who has come into the world. Refrain

Text: Based on John 6; Suzanne Toolan RSM b. 1927
Music: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE – Irregular with refrain; Suzanne Toolan RSM Words and music © 1966. 1970. 1986. 1993 GIA Publications Inc.

Mass Setting - 11.00am Orbis Factor
- 6.30pm Mss for 4 voices-Byrd
Offertory - 6.30pm Sepulto Dimino-Lassus
Communion Motet - 11.00am I am the bread of life-
arr .Matthias
- 6.30pm Nemo te condemnavit
Organ Postlude - 6.30pm O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort-
Franz Schmidt (1874-1939)

Wedding Congratulations
Diana Ocampo & Roberto Gurciullo
Angela Ka Wah Lei & Thien Duc Dinh



CHRISM MASS, ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL
The Chrism Mass, at which the oil of the Infirm, the oil
of Catechumen and the oil of Chrism are blessed
will be held on
Saturday 1 April 2023
at 10am
ALL ARE MOST WELCOME



CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm (1.00pm live
streamed - Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)
Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am , 11.00am and 6.30pm. (11.00am
televised on C31. and live streamed on CAM)
Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb

Reconciliation will be held Tuesday to Friday at 12pm and
on Saturday mornings at 8.30am (After the 8.00am Mass)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our
prayers.

We pray for all those who have died recently, especially
Fr Sam Dimatina and Fany Elvesia Cedone and those
whose anniversaries we remember at this time,
especially Veronica Brennan, Marija Broz, Sirinimal
Aducary, Deidre McGettigan, Janet Hinds and Jose
Eduardo Rodriguez Villazana.

Palm Sunday Walk

Justice for Refugees



- > Permanent Visas for ALL Refugees
- > Fair Process, Work Rights and Income Support for all People Seeking Asylum
- > End Offshore Processing

Sunday 2 April 2023, 1.30pm
State Library

cnr Swanston and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne

- 1.30 Music by refugee musicians
- 2.00 Refugee speakers, faith representatives and other speakers
- 2.45 Walk through city to Parliament Gardens where there will be closing speakers and music until around 4pm



#justice4refugees #PermanentVisas

Enquiries: info@refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au

EXTRAORDINARY FORM LATIN MASS

In the
Sacred Heart Chapel at
St Patrick's Cathedral
every Wednesday at
5.30pm

HOLY HOUR HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL EVERY THURSDAY AT 6.30PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Friday at the
conclusion
of the 1.00pm Mass,
in the
Sacred Heart Chapel
Exposition until 2.15pm.

International Organ
Celebrity **Johann Vexo**
(Organist of Notre Dame
Cathedral, Paris)

St Patrick's Cathedral on
Friday 21 April, 6pm.

Tickets

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Please refer to the two new posters

'Rights and Responsibilities' and

'Feel safe and be Safe at Our Church'

at the entrances of the Cathedral

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>

St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Ministry (SPCYAM)

(age 18 to 40 yrs old)

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at
Cathedral Room, CKC Centre,
383 Albert St, East Melbourne

NO Social dinner on 25 March.

Contact Fr. Alex Chow

(Alexander.Chow@cam.org.au)

or info.spcyam@gmail.com

Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist

Catechist classes in the preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist will begin in the last week of April until first week of July.

Families living within the Cathedral Parish who would like their children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and

First Eucharist are ask to contact the parish office at
cathedral@cam.org.au or call 9662 2233 for further information.

Application close on 19 April 2023.



Türkiye-Syria Earthquake Disaster

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria. Over 50,000 people have been killed, with many more injured and left homeless. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.

We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe.

Your generous donation means our partners in Türkiye and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.

Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.



Left: The destroyed Cathedral of Iskenderun. Photo: Caritas network.

Right: Earthquake response by Caritas network. Photo Caritas network.