



Whitefriar Street Church

26th March 2023
Fifth Sunday
of Lent

Pope's Intention for March

For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Masses

Monday to Saturday

8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m.,
11.30 a.m. 1.10 p.m. & 3.00 p.m.

Sunday:

6.00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil),
8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m.
& 4.00 p.m.

Names can be enrolled for Mass and will be remembered and prayed for on the day requested.

St Jude Novena

This continues to be celebrated on Tuesdays at 8.00 p.m. and will be live-streamed on our website. The blessing with the Relics of St Jude and of St Thérèse of Lisieux will take place.

Confessions

Monday to Friday:

10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Saturday

10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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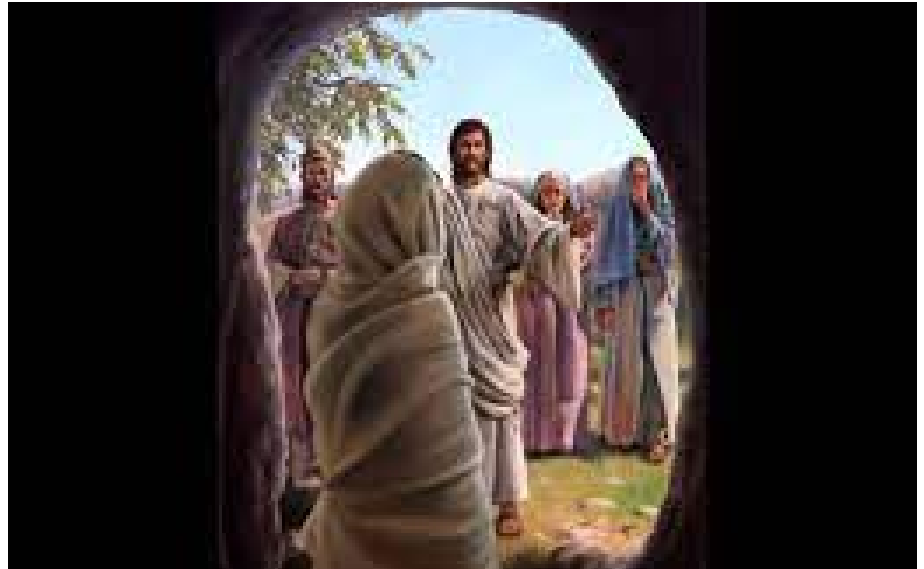
Devotions at 2.30 p.m.

Monday: Miraculous Medal –
Rosary & Benediction

Friday: Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament – silent prayer

Saturday: Our Lady of Mount
Carmel – Rosary & Benediction

**JOIN US FOR LITURGY
THROUGH OUR WEBCAM**



What would it be like to be raised from the dead only to have to suffer death again? Some people who have undergone near-death experiences claim that it transformed their entire attitude. They no longer feared death. The story of Lazarus that we hear on the fifth Sunday of Lent is a biblical case in point. What must Lazarus have thought when Jesus called him out of the tomb in a shocking display of power over death? Was he grateful? Afraid? Upset? His resuscitation, after all, was only temporary. He would have to submit to death once more in order to gain “eternal life” (John 10:28).

The story of Lazarus, whose name means “God helps,” is found only in John’s Gospel (11:1–12:11). It is, in fact, a pivotal narrative. It is the sixth and last great “sign” (the Johannine expression for miracle) that concludes the “Book of Signs” (1:19–12:50). The Lazarus narrative leads to the “Book of Glory” (chaps. 13–20), which climaxes in the greatest sign of all, Jesus’ own resurrection (not resuscitation) from the dead. The text of the Lazarus story is fraught with Johannine drama and irony. Lazarus’ being raised from the dead ironically leads to the plot to kill Jesus, who has the audacity to speak and act in the name of his heavenly Father – and Lazarus is targeted at the same time (12:10)!

What are we to make of this marvelous account as Lent proceeds towards the climax of Easter, the feast of the resurrection? Although the lengthy narrative is rich in detail, three features stand out. First, the text emphasizes that Jesus loved Lazarus. Jesus was indeed a close friend of this family – Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary – who lived in Bethany, near Jerusalem. When Lazarus fell gravely ill, Martha pleaded with Jesus to come and heal him. For seemingly mysterious reasons, Jesus dallies and arrives too late. Lazarus is already in the tomb four days, an indication in the Jewish culture of the day that he was truly dead.

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Enter the second feature - the profound emotional dimensions of the text. A series of Greek verbs (vv. 33-35, 38) emphasize the deep emotions this death evokes. Jesus himself "became perturbed and deeply troubled," and he "wept," so that even his Jewish opponents remark, "See how he loved him" (v. 36). Paradoxically, in the gospel that most emphasizes Jesus' divinity, this text displays his true participation in our humanity. Jesus is touched by human suffering and shows the depth of his own humanness.

Finally, we see the true purpose of the story. It is not so much about death but life. When Lazarus emerges from the tomb, Jesus commands, "Untie him and let him go" (v. 44). In Jesus, death cannot bind humanity. Lazarus's death is an opportunity for Jesus to manifest without a doubt that he, and he alone, is "the resurrection and the life" (v. 25). It is a validation of what the gospel has been claiming all along: Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, who holds the power to give "eternal life" to all who would embrace his call (v. 27).

Yes, Lazarus had to experience death again, as we all must. But our Easter faith tells us it is not the final word.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, 26th March:	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday, 27th March:	Fifth Week of Lent
Tuesday, 28th March:	Fifth Week of Lent
Wednesday, 29th March:	Fifth Week of Lent
Thursday, 30th March:	Fifth Week of Lent
Friday, 31st March:	Fifth Week of Lent
Saturday, 1st April:	Fifth Week of Lent



If an individuals live only 70 or 80 years, then a state, or a nation, or a civilisation, which may last for a thousand years, is more important than an individual. But if Christianity is true, then the individual is not only incomparably more important, for he is everlasting and the life of a state or a civilisation, compared with his, is only a moment.

C. S. Lewis



PASSIONTIDE

The final two weeks of Lent are referred to as 'Passiontide'. We don't usually think of the Lord's Passion as being something in which there is glory, especially when we consider the suffering he went through, and which was caused by our continued waywardness. But it is this passion which restores us to unity with the God the Father. Traditionally, crosses and statues in churches were veiled in purple during these two weeks to bring home even more what the Lord undertook for our sake, and to increase the sense of joy in the Lord's resurrection.



The Garden of Carmel

Love is the inclination, strength, and power for the soul in making its way to God, for love unites it with God. The more degrees of love it has, the more deeply it enters into God and centres itself in him.



Saint John of the Cross

Baptisms & Weddings

Please contact the Parish Office if you have a Baptism or Wedding booked at this time.



Mass Office, Church Shop & General Enquiries

Monday to Saturday
Sat: 8.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Sunday: 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.
Items can be ordered by phone or through our online shop and they will be sent out by post. Shop and all other enquiries:
Tel: (01) 475 8821
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Parish Office

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Society of St Vincent de Paul

Members meet each Monday evening to consider requests. For those living within our parish, requests can be made by ringing 01 855 0022.



Carmelite Third Order/Lay Carmel

meet on the third Saturday of every month in Oratory at 3.00 p.m. New members welcome.



Spotkania Szkaplerzne dla Polaków!

W każdą ostatnią sobotę miesiąca o godz. 16.00.



REMAINING VIGILANT

Continue to be safe and protect each other.



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