

TO LIFE THROUGH DEATH

THERE is a sculpture of the dead Lazarus by Epstein in the chapel of New College Oxford. It is carved out of a pure white stone, and is rather more than life size. Lazarus is represented as dead but standing upright, a hint that though dead he will return to life. He is wrapped closely around by the grave cloths which enclose his entire body, legs held together and arms tight to his sides. The limitation of death is vividly shown. He has clearly been laid flat on his front on the grave slab, but his face is turned to one side. There is a cloth over his head, but his face is uncovered, with the eyes and mouth closed. The emphasis is on the reality of his death. He stands there awaiting the command of Christ: 'Lazarus, come forth'. When he hears that, he will return to life, the life he had lived before in Bethany, with his sisters Martha and Mary; and as John says in his Gospel, a few days later he will be one of those enjoying a meal which his sisters made for Jesus.

So Lazarus' return to life is not like the resurrection of Jesus. Lazarus comes back to his old life and will have to die again. Jesus was raised to a life that was completely new and eternal, because it is God sharing his life with us. Lazarus' rising cannot be like this, because Jesus has not yet died and risen. Nevertheless Lazarus stands as a symbol of Jesus' resurrection, because as Jesus says: 'This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it'. Because of the raising of Lazarus 'many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus', so much so that the Chief Priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well as Jesus (John 12: 10-11). The raising of Lazarus was the challenge which led either to faith or to rejection, just as the resurrection of Jesus was.

The way of faith leads to freedom and life. In the life of the resurrection, the limitations of our humanity – the grave cloths – are set aside for ever. We become free to share in the glory of God. But it is only by undergoing death as Jesus did that we can share in that life; only by following him that we can (as we say at the Offertory at every Mass) 'share the divinity of Him who shares our humanity'.

Fr Fabian OP

5th Sunday of Lent

Year A

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Entrance Antiphon:	Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.
At 11am – page nos in Missale:	•Mass Ordinary, p 13; Mass Proper, p 76 •Sung setting: Mass XVII p 214; Credo I, p 215 •Communion motet: Miserere <i>Lotti</i> ; Marian Antiphon 3, p 220
1st Reading:	Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm R:	With the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. (Ps 130)
2nd Reading:	Romans 8: 8-11
Verse before the Gospel:	Glory and praise to you, O Christ. V I am the resurrection and life, says the Lord; he who believes in me shall never die.
Gospel:	John 11: 1-45
Communion Antiphon:	He who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, said the Lord.
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. In addition to the Masses listed in the schedule on p 3, Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Saturday at 8am.	

LENT AT HOLY CROSS

Wednesdays	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:30am-12:30pm Rosary 12noon-12:20pm Benediction 12:20pm-12:30pm Mass 12:30pm-1pm Stations of the Cross 1pm-1:30pm
Fridays	Mass 12:30pm-12:50pm Lenten talk on English Recusant Martyrs 12:50-1pm (also after 10am Mass). This week Fr Fabian will speak on 'St Robert Southwell'. Stations of the Cross 1pm-1:30pm
Saturdays	Mass 10-10:30am Novena 10:30am-11am Rosary 12noon-12:30pm Mass 12:30pm-1pm

Blackfriars Spring Market will be held on **Saturday 14th May**. ***Donations required***: any bottles (wine/spirits), toys, quality gifts, quality bric-a-brac, unwanted teddy bears, chocolate, home made cakes, new candles, pot pourri, etc. *Please avoid donating the following items*, as they can't be sold or are difficult to sell: clothes, books, video cassettes and electronic equipment. **Thank you for your support!**

**** Times of Holy Week services will be available on a leaflet later this week****

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1334.52; SVP £43.21; Friends of Holy Cross £20.86; Holy Souls £20.39; Grenada Church Restoration £3.27.

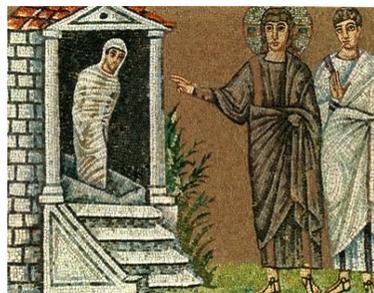
This week there is a retiring collection for the Diocesan Quota.

200 Club. Last month's winners were: 62, B Tomlinson £150; 3, K Redmond £100; and 183, E Neill £50. Congratulations!

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Could you help encourage young pilgrims by giving them a lift from Holy Cross to Keyham on Saturday April 16? From there they will spend Holy Week walking over 100 miles to Walsingham, whilst carrying a large wooden cross. Please call Jeff (0116 243 1289) to let him know how many pilgrims you can carry. You would also be welcome to join the pilgrims for their opening service and morning's walk.

Dominican Pilgrimage to Walsingham. This will take place on Sunday 15 May, starting with Mass at 12 noon, followed by picnic lunch, Rosary procession, Vespers and Benediction. This year marks the 950th anniversary of pilgrimage to Walsingham. Travel details will be announced soon. Return coach fare is expected to be £20.



Today's Gospel: He cried to Lazarus, who had been dead, "Lazarus, here! Come out!" ... "Unbind him, let him go free."

Forthcoming events for your diary

Sat 14 May	Blackfriars Market. Please bring donations and leave after any Mass.
Sun 14 May	Dominican Pilgrimage to Walsingham celebrating 950 years of pilgrimage to the site.
Sat 28 May	Parish Country Walk led by Fr Fabian. Details to follow.

Natural family planning will taught in a course of three monthly sessions by the Couple to Couple League beginning on the 13 May in Radcliffe on Trent. The method taught, the Sympto-Thermal Method, is in full accord with Catholic teaching, and the method is healthy, as effective as artificial alternatives, and builds strong marriages. Please contact David and Louise Aldred (0115 877 8310 or email nottingham@cclgb.org.uk) for information or to register (by 1 May).

Did you know that in many schools 7-9-year-old children are taught that sexual intercourse is 'exciting', and that 5-7-year-olds are encouraged to name sexual organs? Some MPs want to make such sex education for all school children compulsory. Our Government is planning a review of the national curriculum so it is important that, if you think this is a serious matter, to act now. Please write to your MP to express your concerns about *explicit* sex education, and ask him or her to oppose all moves to make SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) a compulsory school subject. There will be A4, orange SPUC information leaflets available on the display tables soon giving further routes for action for concerned parents. Please take a copy to help protect our vulnerable school children.

Father Fabian is planning a gentle(ish) Parish Country Walk on Saturday May 28. Meeting after the 10am Mass (no later than 10.45). All are welcome to join us. Further details to follow from the Parish Social Committee.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 1
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Duncan, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Peter	
Sunday	5 th Sunday of Lent. Prayers are recommended for the candidates for the sacraments.	
Vigil	18.00 In thanksgiving (Andrade) 8.00 Maria Gonsalves	
Family	9.30 Shipstone Family intentions	
Solemn	11.00 Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit	
OP Rite	12.30 Thanksgiving for healing (of Michael Douglas)	
Students	17.00 No Mass for students now until next term 19.00 Pro populo	
Monday	Lenten feria 10.00 ✠ Gregory d'Silva 12.30 ✠ Patrick Kearney	
Tuesday	Lenten feria 10.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 ✠ Ruth Pennington	
Wednesday	Lenten feria. Stations of the Cross at 1pm. 10.00 Private intention 12.30 ✠ Glyn Jones	
Thursday	Lenten feria 10.00 Wallace & Barbara Andrade (wedding anniversary) 12.30 Private intention	
Friday	Lenten feria. Stations of the Cross at 1pm. 10.00 ✠ Elizabeth Walters (anniversary) 12.30 ✠ Lucy & Armando Pinto	
Saturday	Lenten feria. Rosary at 12 noon. 10.00 Private intention 12.30 ✠ Catherine & William Potterton	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Isidore, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Thomas	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Saturday at 8am		
Next Sunday – PASSION SUNDAY OF THE LORD. Prayers are recommended for the candidates for the sacraments. Readings:		
Isaiah 50: 4-7	Philippians 2: 6-11	Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

Dominican Preaching on the internet - an 800 year old tradition for the 21st century. Please pick up one of the handy bookmarks from the tables by the doors – these give the website addresses of the main Dominican sites, including 'torch' and 'godzdogz', the latter, of course, from Domini-canes (the dogs of the Lord).

Maundy Thursday – Watching until Midnight at the Altar of Repose. Please sign the sheet to volunteer to guarantee to watch for a specific 30-minute 'slot'. We must have at least two people watching at all times. The sheet is on the table by the Wellington Street door.

See the noticeboards for details of:

- Christ in the Centre** (the Good Friday Passion Play in the city centre) – the organisers are appealing for money, and for volunteers to be actors or stewards.
- The Feast of Divine Mercy** – devotions led by Fr Leon at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rushey Mead, at 2.30pm on Sunday 1 May.
- Come & See Retreat Day** for single Catholic women aged 20-45 at St Mary's Convent, Hanwell, London W7, from 10am on Saturday 28 May.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers Old Rite Masses as announced.
WEDNESDAYS 10.30 Exposition until 12.30 11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction
SATURDAYS 9.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 10.30 Novena to Our Lady 10.30 Confessions until 11.30 12.30 Mass 17.00 Confessions until 18.00 17.45 Vespers 18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday Old Rite Masses as announced.
HOLIDAYS 18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass 7.30 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers 19.00 Mass
BANK HOLIDAYS (& MON TO FRI AROUND XTMAS & NEW YEAR) 7.30 Lauds 12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
SUNDAYS 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 9.30 Mass (Family) 11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Sundays) 12.30 Mass (Old rite in Latin) 17.00 Mass (for Students, term time only) 17.45 Vespers 18.00 Rosary 18.20 Sung Latin Compline 18.40 Benediction 19.00 Mass
Leicester Royal Infirmary Catholic Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits leave message at the Priory or the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
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