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In accordance with Government directions the church will be closed until further notice.

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Please pray for the safety of the community, for those who care for the sick and for a speedy end to this crisis.

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PARISH CALENDAR: 29th March — 5th April 2020

Sun 29th 5th Sunday of Lent

Sun 5th Palm Sunday

Deadline for Bulletin: 10.00am Thursday

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

John calls the raising of Lazarus a "sign," not miracle. It was meant to stir wonder in those who experienced it. It was manifestation of God's active presence through Jesus who performed it. Jesus displays this "glory" by working on behalf of humans facing limitations, sickness and death. Before he raises

Lazarus he prays, signifying his union with God; so Jesus' signs point to God's life-giving works on our behalf.

Martha and Mary both say the same thing when they meet Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died." When Jesus tells Martha, "Your brother will rise," she professes faith that he will rise, "in the



resurrection on the last day," Then she professes her faith in Christ as "the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.

The raising of Lazarus is a sign. It points to who Jesus is and confirms what he told Martha: her brother will rise "in the resurrection on the last day." Those who believe in him will live, even if they die. Indeed, those who believe in him "will never die." The raising of Lazarus will confirm the faith of those who have put their trust in Christ.

Yes, but Martha and Mary both raise the big issue to Jesus – "If." "If you had been here...." The others on the scene say similarly, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man had done something so that this man would not die?" Jesus healed the blind man whom he didn't know. But Lazarus was a close friend, how come he lingered and let Lazarus die?

We could also ask, "How come?" Why does God allow the bad things to happen to us and those we love? "If" God loves the world, why is there such horror in it for so many people? Mary and Martha had to wait four days after Lazarus' death for Jesus to show up. "How come?" Why don't we get quick responses to our prayers in situations that are desperate? There are no solutions or easy answers to these important questions. Don't we wish there were? But we do have the "sign" of what Jesus did for Lazarus, his sister and the Jewish people who were there to comfort Martha and Mary.

The story invites us to faith. Martha professes faith in the person of Christ. That's how it begins, with a personal encounter with the one Thomas would later call, after the resurrection, "My Lord and my God" (20:28).

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

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9:30am

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WELCOMERS

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED: Travis Kosh. Elizabeth Carvahlo For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Halloran The sick of our parish: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Petersen, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Fr Brian Reynolds OP, Lina Agius, Joy Patrick, Judith Potter, and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.

	MASS INTENTIONS		
	28 th Mar	Eileen Halloran Travis Kosh	
Wed	1 st Apr	Marjorie June Whelan	

Masses will continue to be offered by the priests who will celebrate their community Mass every day and the names of deceased and anniversaries will still be written in the Dominican which will be available in the Church or online. If you want to offer a Mass, please call the office at 9912 6870.



AUDIO LOOP If you are wearing a hearing aid, the best place to hear in the church is in the middle near the audio loop

Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of March is located in the St Joseph's Chapel to remind us to pray for those



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"Let us carry our crosses with love; let us see st. Tenute's fouth that they do not become a burden to others, but let us help others carry theirs." - St. John Bosco

Dear Youth of St Dominic's,

It is with great sadness that we have to cancel our Youth events indefinitely, which means our Lumen High Schooler's Group and the monthly Youth Mass will be cancelled until further notice. We apologise for this cancellation to our Youth Events, but this is for the common good and health of our Community. Please keep safe and stay healthy. If you do feel unwell, please visit your doctor or healthcare professional.

We pray for ourselves and the Church community who are suffering the effects of this health crisis or working to keep us all safe and healthy. Perhaps we can see these challenges as part of our Lenten pilgrimage with the Lord this year, moving deeper into his suffering and sharing more fully in the new life he brings us.

We will keep you updated about when our regular Youth events will re-commence.

God Bless,

Br Oliver Bajon OP - Youth Coordinator

Hymn: Let our Prayer Arise - Steve Angrisano Facebook: St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell – SDYC

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REFLECTION FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

As the month of March began who would have thought that our society, indeed, our world, would be so radically changed even before the month has reached its end? Everyone of us has experienced in the last few weeks unexpected and disturbing upheavals in all aspects of our lives, including our practice of the Faith. The turmoil of the last month, of course, does not mean that Christ is not with us. Indeed, quite the contrary, we trust that in our present trials we will paradoxically experience anew his loving care for us all and that we will hear more clearly his call to conversion which is at the heart of the Lenten season. So today let us be open to the Lord's presence as we read and meditate on this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

The episode begins with Jesus receiving a short but poignant message from Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary, "Lord, the one you love is ill." Jesus, however, does not immediately set out from the Transjordan to travel to the house of Lazarus at Bethany. He waits two days before he departs, not because of any lack of compassion for his friend Lazarus, but, we learn, because he wants to deepen the disciples' faith in him as the source of eternal life by raising Lazarus from the dead.

In the ensuing scene Jesus has arrived at Bethany. Martha runs out to meet him and then tells him, with an overtone of reproach, that if he had arrived earlier Lazarus would not have died. Jesus, in turn, challenges Martha's faith in him by declaring "I am the resurrection and the life". Martha responds affirmatively, professing that Jesus, is the Messiah, the Son of God, but her faith is to grow in this encounter with Jesus for at this moment Martha is acknowledging that Jesus is the resurrection and the life because Lazarus will rise from the dead on the Last Day. Martha's mature faith will be that Jesus is even now the resurrection and the life. Lively faith in Jesus is the beginning in time of eternal life.

In the third scene Martha calls her sister Mary to join them, "The Teacher is here and he is calling you." Mary, like Martha, reproached Jesus for not coming sooner and saving their brother from death. Confronted with Lazarus' death Jesus sheds tears. We read, "Jesus began to weep." In today's Gospel both Jesus' humanity and divinity are revealed.

In the final scene Jesus, now at the tomb, directs that it be opened. Martha, ever the worrier, is distressed because Lazarus after four days in the tomb will be the source of a bad odour. Once the stone covering the tomb's entrance has been rolled back Jesus summons Lazarus to come out. He obeys. Thus we have the sign-miracle and its explanation: "Jesus is the resurrection and life and the restoration of Lazarus is the sign." Our Gospel ends with Jesus directing those present to help Lazarus resume his normal life by removing his burial cloths.

Some material for reflection.

- 1. Martha and Mary experienced the loss of their brother through death and seemed to blame Jesus for having allowed this to happen. Do I feel aggrieved for the losses I experience and blame God?
- 2. Martha, although acknowledging that Jesus is the resurrection and the life, did not expect Jesus to raise her brother from the dead now. Do I doubt that Jesus gives life now that He is the resurrection and the life now?
- 3. Do I hear Jesus saying to me today, "Lazarus, here! Come out."?
- 4. What do you think of the message of Martha and Mary to Jesus about their brother Lazarus as a prayer we might say for those we love and who are ill, "Lord, the one you love is ill."?

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

Close the Gap

We have a national day of action to pledge support for achieving indigenous health equality by 2030.

The Statistics of indigenous mortality and illness are a tragedy and a blight on our society.

Please support our sisters and brothers just and reasonable claims for recognition and representation because it is the same right that we take for granted.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN MASS ONLINE?

Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne is available daily. The 1pm Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) and is then available as a recording on-demand until one hour prior to the next Mass. Sunday Mass is available, with the 11am Mass live streamed and it is also available as a recording on-demand Watch here: https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

Pope Francis' daily Masses are now available online through the Vatican's website and YouTube channel. They are expected to continue to be available throughout the upcoming weeks. Watch here: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html

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If you wish to contribute to the Priests as well you can do it by EFT (ring the Parish Office) or by using the Give Now site on the internet https://www.givenow.com.au/stdominicspriory

PROPER OF THE MASS: 5th Sunday of Lent, 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.

Responsorial Psalm With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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!

Communion Antiphon Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord. **Today's Readings** (5th Lent, Year A) Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John: 11:1-45

Next Week's Readings (Palm Sunday, Year A) Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

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