



the fifth sunday of lent

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Brothers and sisters in the Lord, in these unprecedented and previously unimaginable days, in which we find ourselves unable to gather together in person to worship the Almighty, it is, ironically, perhaps more important than ever that we find a way to be united in prayer and praise. That is difficult, but it is something that we must do – not simply for the good and wellbeing of our own souls, but for the good of our Parish, this nation, and the whole world. Because The Abbey is now no longer even able to open for private prayer, participation in what we are able to offer and do together is vital and I encourage you, especially, to make an act of Spiritual Communion on Sundays at the time of the Parish Mass and at solemnities, as well. Alongside that, you can join us as we live stream those Masses from The Abbey at 10.15am each Sunday and as advertised on solemnities – so that we are united in worship, even though we are not physically together in person.

The Church is a community and we *need* to maintain and uphold that beautiful truth not just practically and physically but spiritually, as well.

You do not need a Facebook account to watch and participate in the live stream video services – you simply need to go to the Facebook address above a little before 10.15am on this and every Sunday until we get back to normal.

While the doors are closed to public worship and to private prayer our hearts must be especially open to God and to His grace and peace.

Please join in with the Parish Mass with as much normality as you can – turn off any devices that might distract you, settle yourself, prepare with prayer, and take up the posture that is customary, standing, sitting, and kneeling as you normally would; and respond to the Mass as usual, too.

We will be together in person soon. I long for that day with all my heart.

PLEASE STAND

introduction

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. *Cf. Psalm 43.1-2*

In the Name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Priest introduces the Mass and invites the Faithful to join him in confessing their sins.

penitential act

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and against our neighbour, in thought, and word, and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We strike our chest..

**We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, Who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve You
in newness of life
to the glory of Your Name.
Amen.**

absolution

The Priest prays for God's forgiveness.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

the collect

The Priest leads the Faithful in the Church's particular prayer for today:

Let us pray.

By Your help, we beseech You, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, Your Son handed Himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

the first reading

Ezekiel 37.12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The reading ends with the responsory:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

psalm

129 r.7

With the responsorial verse:

℟ With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

the second reading

Romans 8.8-11

The Spirit of Him Who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead is living in you.

The reading ends with the responsory:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND

for the reading from the Gospel.

the gospel

Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.

Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

(11.3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45)

Glory to You, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

the homily

The Priest or another preaches on the Gospel reading or the theme of the day.

PLEASE STAND

the creed

We proclaim together the Faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

He came down from heaven:

We bow as we profess our belief in the Incarnation:

WAS INCARNATE

FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

AND THE VIRGIN MARY

AND WAS MADE MAN.

**For our sake He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;**

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the**

right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from
the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken**

through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy Catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection
of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PLEASE KNEEL

or if you are unable to, please be seated.

INTERCESSIONS

*For the Church, the world, our community,
the sick and suffering, and for the departed.*

Lord, in Your mercy:

hear our prayer.

*The 'Hail Mary', may be said, thus joining
our prayers with hers and all God's saints:*

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is
with thee; Blessed art thou among
women, and Blessed is the Fruit of
thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother
of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.**

Prayers conclude with these or other words:

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of
Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

PLEASE STAND

the peace

Lord Jesus Christ, Who said to Your
apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace
I give you; look not on our sins, but
on the faith of Your Church and
graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with Your will: Who
live and reign, for ever and ever.

Amen.

the liturgy of the eucharist

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my
sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
to God the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands, for the praise and glory
of His Name, for our good, and the
good of all His holy Church.**

Hear us, almighty God, and, having
instilled in Your servants the
teachings of the Christian Faith,
graciously purify them by the
working of this Sacrifice. Through
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The Priest leads the Faithful in the Preface to
the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes with
the Sanctus & Benedictus:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He Who comes
in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues and the
bread and wine, by the power of the Holy
Spirit, become the True Body and Blood of
Jesus Christ. We bow as the Priest genuflects.*

The mystery of Faith:

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by
Your Cross and Resurrection, You
have set us free.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, concluding
with the words:*

...Through Him, and with Him, and in
Him, O God almighty Father, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and
honour is Yours, for ever and ever.

Amen.

the lord's prayer

**Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

agnus dei

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sins of the world;
grant us peace.**

ecce agnus dei

*The Priest shows the Body and Blood of Jesus
Christ to the Faithful:*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him
who takes away the sins of the world;
blessed are those called to the Supper
of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that You
should enter under my roof,**

We strike our chest.

**but only say the word and my soul
shall be healed.**

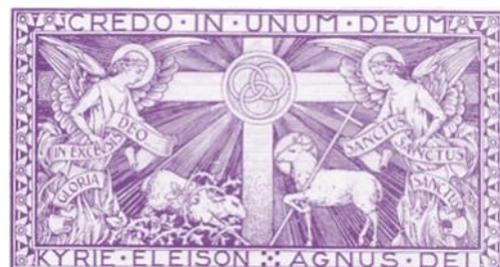
holy communion

Everyone who lives and believes in
me will not die for ever, says the
Lord. *Cf. John 11.26*

*As the Priest receives Communion, please
make the Act of Spiritual Communion below,
praying earnestly for God's grace..*

an act of spiritual communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are
present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I
love You above all things, and I desire
to receive You into my soul. Since I
cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart. I embrace
You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



PLEASE STAND

post-communion prayer

Let us pray.

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in Whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

**the prayer over the people,
blessing^{and} dismissal**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Bless, O Lord, Your people, who long for the gift of Your mercy, and grant that what, at Your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

**fr tom will
be celebrating
the mass for you
every single day
in this parish.**

for your prayers

Pray for the sick and those in need, especially for Pray for the sick and those in need, especially for Paul, Sue, Lauren, Ivy, Dave, Mavis, Marylin, Ben,, Becky, Edna, Stuart, Ray, Yvonne, Anne, Alistair, Irene, Robert, Isabella, & Ann.

Pray for the recently departed, among whom Brian Mathieson. Ernest Arthur Davies, Elaine Mitchell, John Rogers, Wilfred Heath, and Becky Campbell. *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*

Pray for those whose anniversary of death falls this week, among whom Edwin Greenhalgh (30th March), William Scott Fowler (31st March), Denis Massey & Linda Nicholas (1st April), Andrew Chandler (2nd April), & John Anthony Barton (3rd April).

Jesu mercy, Mary pray.

**please check the
website and the
facebook page for
regular updates
and notices.**

reflections for lent



ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

Do you really want to be a saint? Carry out the little duty of each moment: do what you ought and concentrate on what you are doing. 'Great' holiness consists in carrying out the 'little duties' of each moment.

You tell me: when the chance comes to do something big, then!... Then? Are you seriously trying to convince me—and to convince yourself—that you will be able to win in the supernatural Olympics without daily preparation, without training? Have you seen how that imposing building was built? One brick upon another. Thousands. But, one by one. And bags of cement, one by one. And blocks of stone, each of them insignificant compared with the massive whole. And beams of steel. And men working, the same hours, day after day... Have you seen how that imposing building was built?... By dint of little things!

Have you noticed how human love consists of little things? Well, divine Love also consists of little things.

Certainly our goal is both lofty and difficult to attain. But please do not forget that people are not born holy. Holiness is forged through a constant interplay of God's grace and the correspondence of man. As one of the early Christian writers says, referring to union with God, 'Everything that grows begins small. It is by constant and progressive feeding that it gradually grows big.' So I say to you, if you want to become a thorough-going Christian — and I know you are willing, even though you often find it difficult to conquer yourself or to keep climbing upwards with this poor body of ours — then you will have to be very attentive to the minutest of details, for the holiness that Our Lord demands of you is to be achieved by carrying out with love of God your work and your daily duties, and these will almost always consist of small realities.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK & PRAYER DIARY

MONDAY 30TH MARCH

Weekday of Lent Feria

7pm HOLY ROSARY – Live-streamed via Facebook

Pray for our neighbours on Willow Rd., Winfield Rd., Wood St. & York St.; and for Her Majesty's Government. (John 8.1-11)

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

Weekday of Lent Feria

7pm HOLY ROSARY – Live-streamed via Facebook

Pray for our neighbours on Our neighbours on the streets and roads we live on; and for our National Health Service and its staff. (John 8.21-30)

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

Weekday of Lent Feria

7pm HOLY ROSARY – Live-streamed via Facebook

Pray for our neighbours on Abbey Green, Abbey St., Acacia Rd., Arrow Rd., & Aston Rd.; and for our emergency services. (John 8.31-42)

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

Weekday of Lent Feria

7pm HOLY ROSARY – Live-streamed via Facebook

Pray for our neighbours on Albert St., Arbury Rd., Barpool Rd., & Bath Rd.; and for our two schools, their staff, children, and parents. (John 8.51-59)

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

Weekday of Lent Feria

10am LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART – Live-streamed via Facebook

7pm HOLY ROSARY – Live-streamed via Facebook

Pray for our neighbours on Belle Vue, Bentley Rd., Beaumont Rd., & Beaumont Place; and for all key workers. (John 10.31-42)

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

Weekday of Lent Feria

7pm HOLY ROSARY – Live-streamed via Facebook

Pray for our neighbours on Berkshire Close, Black-a-tree Rd., & Bottrill St.; and that we may embrace Holy Week in these difficult times. (John 11.45-56)

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

10.15AM PARISH MASS

Live-streamed via Facebook