

# TODAY'S READINGS

**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.

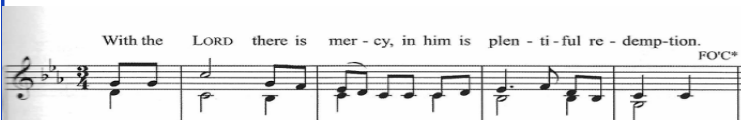
**Collect:** By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**First Reading:** **Ezekiel 37:12-14**  
**'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.'**

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.

**R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD**  
**C/ THANKS BE TO GOD**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** **Ps 130(129):1-8. R.7**



**Second Reading:** **Romans 8:8-11**  
**'The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.'**

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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**C/ THANKS BE TO GOD**

**Gospel Acclamation:** **John 11:25a, 26**  
**(ALL STAND)**

*Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.*  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.  
Everyone who believes in me shall never die.  
*Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.*

**Gospel:** **John 11:1-45**  
**'I am the resurrection and the life.'**

At that time: A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to

Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.' After saying these things, he said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.' Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

**R/ THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD**  
**C/ PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST**



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### 22nd March 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

**Sunday Mass Times:**  
6pm (Saturday Vigil), 10am (Family) & 12 Noon (Solemn)  
5pm (Portuguese)  
**Other Mass Times:**  
Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays:  
12 Noon  
Wednesdays & Thursdays: 9:30am  
**Holy Days of Obligation:**  
As announced



**Confession Times:**  
Fridays 12.35-1pm, Saturdays  
11-11.30am & 5.15-5.45pm or by  
appointment.  
**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
Fridays: 12:30pm-1pm,  
Saturdays: 5.15-5.45pm  
**Parish Office Opening Times:**  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays &  
Fridays: 10am-2pm  
Wednesdays: Closed

### REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

#### There are moments in life when the stone seems already rolled into place.

A friendship has broken down. A hurt has lasted for years. Illness lingers. Grief settles heavily. A situation feels closed, beyond repair. In those moments we begin to wonder: *Can anything new really happen now?* That is why this Sunday's Gospel speaks so deeply to the heart.

Martha stands before the tomb of her brother Lazarus overwhelmed by sorrow. She knows Jesus can heal — but now, it seems, too late. And yet Jesus speaks those astonishing words: **"I am the resurrection and the life."** Christians do not pretend that suffering is unreal. We know what it is to grieve, to wait, and to feel helpless before things we cannot change. But we also believe this: despair is never the end of the story.

Jesus walks to the tomb and calls Lazarus out. He shows us that God's power can reach even where hope seems buried.

As Lent draws us closer to Holy Week, this Gospel reminds us that the Lord is still at work in the places that seem most closed within us. A wound can heal. A heart can soften. A future can open again. **Where we see an ending, Christ can still bring new life.**

*Father Mark.*

**SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE TO THE PARISH (SUNDAY COLLECTION ETC):**



# FOR YOUR PRAYERS

## SICK, HOUSEBOUND, THOSE WHO RECEIVE COMMUNION AT HOME:

Mike Power, Father Anthony, Margaret Quinn, Michael O'Brien, Christine Smith, Rachel Cottrell, Alice O'Neill, Jilly Taylor, Marie Cawdery, Pauline Guthrie, Maureen Lyden, Richard Ainsworth, Francesco Sesia, Joe Owen, Doreen O'Callaghan, Wesley Gilead, Henrik Sperlich, Allan & Lynne Mackintosh, Ray Norris, Morag & Raj Puri, Stephen de Winter, George Spencer, Ann Olive, Fr. Colin McLean.

## HAL LAMPS: MICHAEL MEEHAN (ANN)

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** We pray for all those who have died recently.

**DEAD ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for all those who died around this time.



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

P	Day	Date	Feast/Event	Vigil	Time	Intention
P	Sunday	22nd March	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	Vigil	5:15pm 6:00 pm 10:00 am 12 Noon	Evening Prayer of the Church People of the Parish Robert Cawdery (INT) Jack Ainsworth (ANN)
P	Monday	23rd March	Lent Feria		12 Noon	Holy Souls
P	Tuesday	24th March	Lent Feria		12 Noon	Bridie Maloney (ANN)
W	Wednesday	25th March	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>		9:30 am	Peggy (Thanksgiving)
P	Thursday	26th March	Lent Feria		9:30 am	Siobhan Ryan (RIP)
P	Friday <b>Abstinence</b>	27th March	Lent Feria		12 Noon	Martin Flagherty
R	Saturday	28th March	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	Vigil	6:00 pm	People of the Parish

# NEWS AND VIEWS

### New Organ

We are pleased to announce that we now have a new organ, situated in the gallery, thanks to a generous benefactor. The speakers are now placed at the front of the church to balance the organ. If anyone would like to donate to the cost of the new speakers, please see Fr Mark or Carl Williams. .

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Planned Giving Envelopes are now ready for collection from the table as you come in to church.

### Vespers (Evening Prayer)

On Saturday evenings, Sung Evening Prayer is celebrated at 5:15pm before Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join us.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross replace Adoration on Fridays after the 12 Noon Mass and also take place on Fridays at 6pm until the end of Lent.

### New Way to Donate to the Parish.

Many of us no longer carry cash making it tricky to donate to the Sunday collection and other collections for the Mission of our church. For your convenience, you can set up regular offerings and donations by scanning the QR Code on the front of this newsletter. Shortly, this QR Code will be displayed on church notice boards etc to make giving easier. We thank you for your generosity.

### HELP REQUIRED TO MAKE LASAGNE & SALAD AND SANDWICHES

The Hal Singers will be leading all liturgies throughout Holy Week and will be working hard in the days preceding the start of the Triduum, including a 7-hr rehearsal on Monday 30th March. As 'an army marches on its stomach' so does an army of singers, therefore we are asking for help to make a lasagne and Greek Salad for 11 people. This can be brought in either the day before (Palm Sunday) or on the Morning of the 30th, in time to be reheated and served at lunchtime. Likewise, we require a volunteer or volunteers to make sandwiches for 11 people, to be served between rehearsal and the Easter Vigil on Saturday 4th April. Sandwiches should arrive before 5pm. Please keep all receipts for reimbursement and we politely ask that ingredients are purchased as economically as possible. As this is an incredibly busy period, to have volunteers help us in this request, would be of enormous service to the Parish. Please see Fr Mark or Carl.

### HALL OF OUT OF USE:

To accommodate Holy Week rehearsals, the Hall will not be in use on the following dates and times: Friday 27th March: 2pm – 4pm; Monday 30th March: 10am – 6pm; Wednesday 1st April: 2pm – 4pm. Should you wish to use the toilets after Mass/Prayer Group, please come to the side door. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm.**  
The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email). Deadline to submit your information is 16th April 2026.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2026

**First Holy Communion 2026:** The next class will be on Saturday 18th April at 11am in the hall.

**Confirmation 2026:** The next class will take place on Thursday 23rd April at 6pm in the hall.

**RCIA Course:** Now up and running. Thursdays at 6pm— 26th March. Important dates for your diary which you will need to attend in addition to Sunday Mass and on other Holy days: Holy Week: Palm Sunday, 29th March. Maundy Thursday, 2nd April evening Mass at 8pm. Good Friday liturgy of the Passion, 3rd April at 3pm. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 4th April at 8.30pm.

### TEA & COFFEE

Parishioners and visitors are all welcome to join us in the Van Pelt Hall after 10am Sunday Mass.

### COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY (THANK YOU!)

Friday Collection: £54.00 Envelopes: £228.00 Loose: £271.40 Total: 553.40  
Donation by Dona Card Machine on Sunday: £228.42 and £519 per week by standing order.