

# Catholic Parish of Walsingham

ST PETER, BLAKENEY ✕ ST HENRY WALPOLE, SJ, BURNHAM MARKET ✕ OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, WALSINGHAM ✕ OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR OF ST MATTHEW

MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

(1836)

Parish Mass Book, Readings & Prayers ~170-174 Prayer of the Church, week 1

Jesus cried in a loud voice, "Lazarus, here! Come out," and the man who had died emerged from the tomb alive. This the seventh and most powerful of



the 'signs' in St John's Gospel. The purpose of the signs is stated at the end of the gospel: the signs have been recorded, it says, "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name." (John 20:31) They allow us to understand what Jesus said to Nicodemus at the beginning of the gospel: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Jesus delays before responding to Lazarus' sisters' plea, "The one you love Love is ill." He waits until, by

any earthly judgement, it is too late: Lazarus is already dead. In conversation with the dead man's sister, Martha, Jesus says, "Your brother will rise again" In reply Martha proclaims her belief in resurrection of the dead at the end of time, but Jesus tells her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live." Hearing this Martha, speaking for herself and for each of us, replies, "You are the Christ, the Son of God." She has not yet seen the Sign, but somehow it has achieved its purpose. Mary, like her sister, protests that if he had arrived earlier Lazarus would not have died and they go to the tomb, weeping. Against Martha's protest that the body will have decomposed, Jesus has the tomb opened and performs the Sign. Lazarus emerges alive, and many believe. This is not the resurrection; his earthly life resumes and, one day, Lazarus, who wears his graveclothes, will die again. From that day, says John, those who could not read the Signs were determined to kill him (John 11:54). They did and, on the third day, he rose from the dead, leaving his redundant graveclothes behind him. (John 20:6-7)

....from CHRISTUS VIVIT

*"Any educational project or path of growth for young people must certainly include formation in Christian doctrine and morality. It is likewise important that it have two main goals. One is the development of the **kerygma**, the foundational experience of encounter with God through Christ's death and resurrection. The other is growth in fraternal love, community life and service. This was something I emphasized in **Evangelii Gaudium**, and I consider it worth repeating here. It would be a serious mistake to think that in youth ministry the kerygma should give way to a supposedly more 'solid' formation. Nothing is more solid, profound, secure, meaningful and wisdom-filled than that initial proclamation."* (213-214)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lent is a time for answering afresh the call to discipleship. The sacrament of reconciliation ranks highly among the means of doing this. Remember also that you may ask the priest at any time to hear confession even in these difficult times and that you may make an appointment for confession with any of us.

*"Many will say to me today: 'But, Father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, because one can't leave home? And I want to make peace with the Lord, I want Him to embrace me, that my Papa embrace me . . . What can I do if I can't find priests? Do what the Catechism says; it's very clear: if you don't find a priest to hear your Confession, talk with God, He is your Father, and tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I've done this, and that, and that . . . I'm sorry, and ask Him for forgiveness with all your heart, with the Act of Contrition and promise Him: "Afterwards I will go to confession, but forgive me now."'*

Pope Francis, Homily, March 20th

*"... I am the resurrection and the life."*

**Because of restrictions imposed by the government in response to the Covid19 virus emergency, there will be no Masses or other services in any of our churches until further notice.**

St Henry Walpole, SJ, Burnham Market, PE31 8HD MASSES: Sunday, 9.30; Friday, 9.30

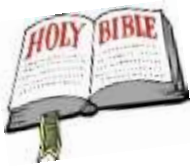
St Peter, Blakeney, NR25 7NP MASSES: Saturday 18.00; Sunday, 11.00; Wednesday, 9.30



The Annunciation, Walsingham, NR22 6DB MASSES: Sunday, 10.30; Weekdays, 9.30

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Wells, NR23 1EY MASSES: Saturday 18.00; Sunday, 9.15; Thursday, 9.30

### THE YEAR OF THE WORD



**Befriending the Scriptures** cannot, of course, meet at present We can, however, keep reading Matthew's gospel and the readings appointed for the Mass of the day even though we cannot meet.

Sunday: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45  
Monday: Daniel 13:1-62; Psalm 22; John 8:1-11  
Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 101; John 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-95; John 8:31-42  
Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 104; John 8:51-59  
Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 17; John 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10-13; John 11:45-56

Whoever dwells with the assistance of the Most High  
will abide in the protection of the God of heaven.  
He will say to the Lord, "You are my supporter and my refuge."  
My God, I will hope in him.  
For he has freed me from the snare of those who go hunting,  
and from the harsh word.  
He will overshadow you with his shoulders,  
and you will hope under his wings.

His truth will surround you with a shield.  
You will not be afraid: before the terror of the night,  
before the arrow flying in the day,  
before the troubles that wander in the darkness,  
nor of invasion and the midday demon.  
A thousand will fall before your side  
and ten thousand before your right hand.  
Yet it will not draw near you.  
So then, truly, you will consider with your eyes,  
and you will see the retribution of sinners.



## Psalm 91

For you, O Lord, are my hope.  
You have set the Most High as your refuge.  
Disaster will not draw near to you,  
and the scourge will not approach your tabernacle.  
For he has given his Angels charge over you,  
so as to preserve you in all your ways.  
With their hands, they will carry you,  
lest you hurt your foot against a stone.

You will walk over the asp and the king serpent,  
and you will trample the lion and the dragon.  
Because he has hoped in me, I will free him.  
I will protect him because he has known my name.  
He will cry out to me, and I will heed him.  
I am with him in tribulation.  
I will rescue him, and I will glorify him.  
I will fill him with length of days.  
And I will reveal to him my salvation.

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