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# 1st/2nd April 2017

# The therapy of tears The Raising of Lazarus

One of the most surprising parts of the story of the raising of Lazarus is the part where Jesus breaks down and cries. Why should this be so? Perhaps it is the sight of a man weeping in public that surprises. In general, men are not good at showing emotions. The stoics of old were proud of their ability to conceal their feelings. They hid their anger, their sadness, and even their joy.

Maybe our culture is not comfortable with tears. Tears tend to be a sign of weakness. Tears have a great therapeutic value, provided of course they are genuine.

Jesus did not conceal his feelings. The Gospel makes this clear. He was moved with pity on seeing the plight of ordinary people. He wept over the city of Jerusalem because he saw that it was heading for destruction. And he wept on the way to the tomb of Lazarus. The very fact that Jesus broke down tells us more about his heartfelt sympathy for Martha and Mary, and his solidarity with them, than a thousand words.

Grief is one of the strongest emotions we are ever likely to experience. Some are embarrassed about expressing their grief in public-so they suppress their grief. It is now generally accepted that to suppress grief is not only bad but dangerous, and may lead to serious emotional problems later on.

Jesus accompanied Martha and Mary and shared their grief. At the same time he challenged them to believe 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will never die (eternally). Do you believe this?' And Martha said: 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Faith is our great ally in facing death. It doesn't mean we have all the answers and it doesn't dispense us from the painful emotion of grieving. That element is hope. We grieve as a people who believe that death doesn't have the last word.

The way to deal with grief is not to run away from it, or pretend it isn't there, but to face it and work through it with as much honesty and love as one can. Shed tears are bitter, but unshed tears are much more bitter.

With kind best wishes and Love

to one and all

Dean Peter

# **HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2017**

Palm Sunday Saturday 8th April:

Mass Cathedral 5.30pm Mass Rosedale 7.00pm

Sunday 9th April:

Mass Cathedral 9.30am Mass Briagolong 9.30am Mass Cathedral 5.00pm

Monday 10th April:

Mass Cathedral 9.30am

Tuesday 11th April:

Mass of the Holy Oils, Cathedral 11.00am

Wednesday 12th April:

Mass 10.30am, Ashleigh House Reconciliation 5.30pm – 6.30pm **Tenebrae** 7.00pm St Paul's Cathedral

Holy Thursday 13th April:

Reconciliation Cathedral 9.30am – 10.30am and 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm Watching with the Lord till 10.30pm

Good Friday 14th April: (A day of fasting and abstinence from meat)
Stations of the Cross 9.30am Cathedral -

Dean Peter.

Ecumenical Walk of the Cross to St Paul's

Cathedral 10.30am.

Stations of the Cross 10.00am Rosedale – Fr Solomon Reconciliation to follow.
Stations of the Cross 10.00am Stratford – Stanly.

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm Cathedral

(followed by reconciliation)

Holy Saturday 15th April:

Reconciliation 10.30am-11.30am.

Easter Vigil 7.30pm

(please bring your own candle with drip proof holder)

Easter Sunday 16th April:

Mass Loch Sport Community Hall 9.00am

Mass Cathedral, 9.30am

Mass St Patrick's Stratford 9.30am

Mass Seaspray Community Hall 11.30am

Mass St. Rose of Lima Rosedale, 11.30am

<u>WELCOME</u> Bishop Patrick. We are delighted to have Bishop Patrick this weekend 9.30am at St Patrick's Stratford. 5.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral

<u>PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION</u> on Tuesday April 4th at 7.00pm in St Mary's Cathedral two priests will be present.

**SERRA CLUB:** Thursday April 6, Mass will be at 5.00pm –(no morning Mass) this is the Serra Mass for Vocations – Let us join in this Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life.

Serra Club members will meet at 4.45pm for Rosary & Mass at 5.00pm. Followed by their dinner meeting in Chapter House

FUNERAL MASS FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday April 7 Funeral Mass will be at 10.30am for the repose of the Soul of Bernard Saunders. - 1st Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow through to 4.00pm.

PALM SUNDAY: Saturday evening April 8 5.30pm Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday – Palms provided: Sunday April 9, 9.30am Cathedral - Parishioners invited to assemble outside for Palm Sunday Procession let us make this a joyful entry into the Cathedral – Schools invited to bring their School Banners followed by students and families - parishioners invited to dress in their Cultural Dress- acknowledging Jesus present to all nations.

**PARISH LUNCH:** AFTERWARDS:- 12.00Noon we are hopeful Parishioners will gather in great numbers at Legends for our parish midday luncheon – let us celebrate our Multicultural strengths and our entry into Holy Week.

MASS OF OILS: Tuesday April 11 in Holy Week a warm invitation for all to come to the 11.00am Chrism Mass and witness the priests and deacons of Sale Diocese as they renew their ordination promises to serve their Bishop and their people in the name of Christ. During this ceremony you will be moved by the reception of the Holy Oils – The oil of Chrism (for Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination), The Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, blessed by the Bishop. Afterwards the priest will take these oils to their parishes.

<u>SERVICE OF SHADOWS</u> on Wednesday April 12 in Holy Week Parishioners are invited to join with all our brothers and sisters in Christ at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral for the Service of Shadows commencing at 7.00pm.

## EASTER VIGIL MASS SATURDAY 15TH APRIL AT 7.30PM

Parishioners, please bring your own candle with a drip proof protector for the vigil Mass.

Also please bring a plate of food to share for supper after mass. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: The Tenebrae on Wednesday 12th April at St Paul's Cathedral is now at 7.00pm

# DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS THIS WEEKEND:

Please Note that with the end of Daylight savings time this weekend, the Sunday evening Mass will now be at 5.00pm from this Sunday on.

FAMILY GROUPS: Parishioners are invited to join Family Group members in April for a afternoon tea or a meal. Come & meet fellow parishioners for fun &fellowship. Enquiries: Veronica & Keith. Mobile 0455 121 949. Phone 5144 6728.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: The Indian Community will be our host this weekend for our First Sunday Cuppa. Alll are invited to stay awhile after Mass to enjoy a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners.

CATHEDRAL SUNDAY ROSTERS: The new Cathedral Sunday rosters for April to June are now available to be picked up from the assembly area of the Cathedral. Special Ministers please take a moment to pick your copy up after Mass. Thank you.

#### SACRISTY:,

Team 1: (9th April) Lyn Althaus, Jenny Rebbechi Team 2: (16th April) Anne Fleming, Shirley Slater, Rosie Collins

### COUNTERS:

This Week: Team 5: Margaret Goss, Jack and

Jenny Noone

Next Week: Team 6: Pat and Betty Bourke,

Brenda Bowden

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:** 

Planned Giving: \$ 1821.00

House: \$ 1076.20

With thanks from a grateful parish.

# Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral:

Friday after Mass from 11.30am—12noon 1st Friday of each Month 11.30am to 4.00pm

Reconciliation:

Cathedral: Saturday.

Following 9.30am Mass to 10.30am.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100. ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon First Friday of the Month 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am—10.30am RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday11.30am after Mass, Saturday After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

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# Mass Timetable this week 5th Sunday of Lent - Year A 2nd April 2017

| Day/Date                                       | Time                                  | Place  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Saturday 1st April                             | 9.30am<br>5.30pm<br>7.00pm            | Cathedral<br>Cathedral<br>Rosedale               |
| Sunday 2nd April  End of Daylight Savings Time | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br><b>5.00pm</b>     | Cathedral<br>Stratford<br>Cathedral              |
| Monday 3rd                                     | 9.30am                                | Cathedral  |
| Tuesday 4th                                    | 9.30am                                | Cathedral  |
| Wednesday 5th                                  | 10.30am                               | Ashleigh House                                   |
| Thursday 6th                                   | 5.00pm                                | Cathedral  |
| Friday 7th<br>Bernard Saunders<br>Funeral Mass | 10.30am                               | Cathedral  |
| Stations of the Cross<br>Stations of the Cross | 6.00pm<br>6.00pm                      | Cathedral<br>Stratford                           |
| Saturday 8thApril                              | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>5.30pm<br>7.00pm | Cathedral<br>Loch Sport<br>Cathedral<br>Rosedale |
| Sunday 9th April.                              | 9.30am.<br>9.30am<br>5.00pm           | Cathedral<br>Briagolong<br>Cathedral             |

# PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENTS. MISSION STATEMENT.

We the parish of Sale believe in the message and mission of Jesus Christ. As a Parish, we seek to live out this belief by enriching the quality of our Parish life and providing opportunities to grow together in God's love.

### MOTTO.

Believe! Live! Give!

# PARISH PRAYER.

God our loving Father, we give you thanks and praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale, for your people and your Creation.

Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercy and grace.
May we be a welcoming and serving community,
always discerning and doing your will for one another.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our lives together.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

# Please keep in your Calendar

**Palm Sunday:** April 9th- 9.30am Come in your national dress, invite your families and afterwards at 12noon. Let's gather as Parish family over lunch at Legends.

**Tuesday of Holy Week** - April 11th -11.00am Chrism Mass : All are invited to gather with priests and Deacons of the Diocese in St Mary's Cathedral

Wednesday of Holy Week: April 12th - 7.00pm Service of Shadows – at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral - let us make this a truly Ecumenical gathering (Please note change of time to 7.00pm)

Thursday of Holy Week: April 13th - 7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper.

**Good Friday:-** April 14th - 9.30am Stations of the Cross – Then hopefully many will join with us in the Ecumenical Walk of the Cross - leaving from the Cathedral at 10.30am and stopping at the Uniting Church, then the Salvation Army Centre and St Paul's Anglican Cathedral - then final prayer in Victoria gardens around the Cross.

We remember those who have died especially **Shane Geraghty Bernard Saunders**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Patrick O'Brien**, **Julia Weatherley**, **and Ellen Slater**. We pray for those who are sick including, Eric Tabuteau, Luke Packham, George Gatica, Rosa Maria Santos, Sam Rizza, Liz Gross, Sr Teresa Lyne, Bill Harkin, Daniel Waugh, Fr. Frank Freeman SDB, Joyce Leeds, Jaxon Kent, Kevin Kelly, John Cunningham, Noreen Waud, Valda Armstead, Caroline Robinson, Aussie Boyd. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick**.

| Date 9/4/2017   | Welcomer        | Commentator | Reader                             | Offertory Procession           | Extraordinary Minister of Communion                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 5.30pm Saturday |                 | Ann Neville | Brenda Burditt<br>Maureen McLeod   |                                | Damien Hogan, Jan Slattery,<br>Wilbert Smits.       |
| 9.30am Sunday   | Carmel Kuizenga | Jeff Hobbs  | John Vermaelen,<br>Veronica Barnes | Richard and Patricia<br>Bloink | Pam Edgely, Chris Randell,<br>Elisabeth Staberhofer |
| 5. 00pm Sunday  |                 | Yvonne Hope | Lydia Camp<br>Andrea Elgueta       |                                | Len Althaus, Lisa Durrant,<br>Jenny Fitzgerald      |

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against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

# FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

#### The Word of the Lord

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

#### With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

### **SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

## The Word of the Lord.

## **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!

# GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you: are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the day-time without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by;

but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' They thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas-known as the Twin-said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

> On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said

> > 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village: he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so guickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

# **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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## **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

Palm Sunday - Year A First reading : Isaiah 50:4-7; Second reading: Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66. Gospel:

### **SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE**

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil Saturday: Rosedale - 7:00pm Vigil

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th ) Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am

Sunday. Briagolong 9.30am (2nd & 4th) Sunday Stratford –9.30am (1st,3rd & 5th) Sunday: Cathedral - 5.00pm (EST) 6.00pm (DST)