

Jesus Raises Lazarus



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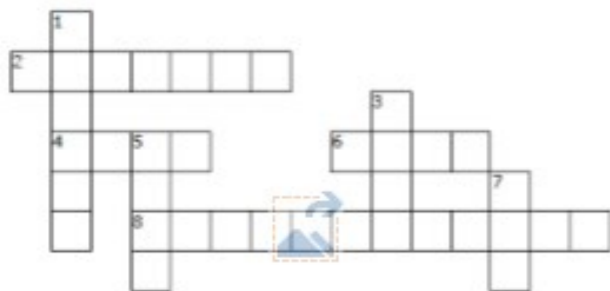
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Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." John 11:25 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 11:1-45 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. A man that Jesus raised from the dead
- 4. A place where someone is buried
- 6. To be physically ill; not well or healthy
- 8. Rising from the dead or returning to life

DOWN

- 1. One of Lazarus' two sisters
- 3. To be alive or have life
- 5. Woman who poured perfume on Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair
- 7. To stop living

TOMB	MARTHA	DIE	MARY
LIVE	RESURRECTION	LAZARUS	SICK

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MARY	WAKE	SICK	LAZARUS	BROTHER
JESUS	STONE	DISCIPLES	LIFE	BELIEVE
PRAYED	WEEPING	GLORY	MARTHA	RISE
ENTRANCE	LOVE	DEATH	TOMB	SLEEP

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A
• 29 March 2020 •

•All are welcome to join us for Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills, Sydney, NSW, Australia Face-book Live-stream Weekend Masses celebrated by Fr. Henry Huu Duc Tran on Saturdays 6PM (Vigil), Sundays: 8AM, 9:30AM and 5PM (Vietnamese) AEDT (UTC +11): <https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/>• masses will be streamed is the 'Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Community Seven Hills NSW' People do not necessarily need a Facebook account as it will be appear publicly.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

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.

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

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.

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.

The sisters Martha and Mary 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.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. 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.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews 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 me.' 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping
your faith firm.
You, Salvation of all People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.



Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever immaculate Virgin, Mother
of mercy,
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,
comfort of the afflicted, you know
my needs,
my troubles, my sufferings; cast on me a look of
pity.
By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, you were
pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, from
which you dispense your favours, and already
many
sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmi-
ties, both spiritual and physical.
I come, therefore, with the most
unbounded confidence to implore your maternal
intercession.
Obtain most loving mother,
my requests, through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord.
Amen.

(Cont. Cardinal Tagle)

Experts say that we should wash our hands to avoid being contaminated by the virus and to avoid spreading it. At the trial of Jesus, Pontius Pilate "called for water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, declaring as he did, 'I am innocent of the blood of this just man. The responsibility is yours'" (Matthew 27:24). We should wash our hands, but not the way Pilate did. We cannot wash our hands of our responsibility towards the poor, the elderly, the unemployed, the refugees, the homeless, the health providers, indeed all people, creation and future generations. We pray through the power of the Holy Spirit, genuine love for all may emerge from all human hearts as we face a common emergency.



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Planned Giving Program

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong.

As there are no mass to give envelope collections, all members of our parish are invited to join a Direct Debit program.

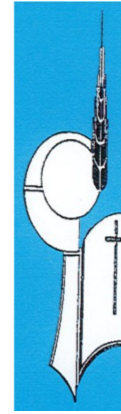
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COVID-19 Update issued from the Diocese of Parramatta, please refer to the website:
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PARISH NEWS...



FR HENRY'S SILVER JUBILEE...

Due to unknown complications of the Coronavirus development, we dutifully decided to postpone all the celebrations scheduled for both 1st and 3rd of May, 2020.

All ticket-holders are invited to hang on to their tickets in the meantime, and a new date is to be discussed and announced when available. We are sorry for any inconvenience you might have in this regard.



Please continue with your Project Compassion Box and return it to the church when things come back to normal.

EASTER CARDS available from Piety Shop. Please contact the Parish Office. 9622 2920

Urgent Notice Regarding the Sacramental Program



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a result the Novel Caronavirus Covid-19 pandemic we have regretfully decided to postpone our Sacramental Program until further notice. The health and safety of our children and families is of paramount importance to us, which is the reason we are taking these precautions and preventative measures. These necessary measures are being taken in accordance with both the recommendations of the Australian Government and the Diocese of Parramatta. The meetings which were due to run over the months of April and May to support you in assisting your child prepare for the sacrament, the Parent Information Meeting which was due to be held on Tuesday 31st of March and the actual celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 26th May 2020 will now move to dates to be advised, later this year.

For further information, please contact the parish office on 9622 2920 or email artellelolo7hills.com.au

God Bless you & your family during this Lenten Season,

Artelle Lenthall
Sacramental Coordinator
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Seven Hills

(Cont. Fr. Henry) The reason why I talk about death this week is because we have a Gospel story dealing with the death of Lazarus, the younger brother of Martha and Mary, whose house Jesus often called in during his public ministry. The evangelist tells us that Lazarus was sick, and I guess he had to be seriously sick, that's why his sisters decided to let Jesus know straightaway.

Knowing his friend was really unwell, Jesus had deliberately prolonged his mission for two more days before he took his disciples back to Bethany to see Lazarus, who unfortunately did pass away for four days.

Jesus had a good chat with Martha as she came out to meet him, and let her know that he, in fact, is the resurrection and the life, a very important revelation of himself, and he also promised eternal life to his believers. He then went into the house to see Mary, who was deeply upset for the loss of Lazarus. Her great distress and the one of her supporters moved Jesus to tears. This is the only place in his entire public ministry, we see him in such an emotional state.

Finally he decided to take a walk to the tomb where Lazarus was buried, and asked for the stone covering the tomb to be removed despite Martha's effort to stop him on the ground that, 'he will be dead, for this is the fourth day.' The fourth day detail has a special significance here, since it means to say that Lazarus did really, really die and there is no way to bring him back to life, because his soul was completely separated from his body by then according to the Jewish belief.

Jesus, however, was determined to have the removal of the tomb, and said a prayer to his Father before he carried out one of his most wondrous signs, second only to his Resurrection later on by ordering his deceased friend to come back from the dead and come out of the tomb.

For a few weeks, we have been on the highway of signs if you like to call, from the living water to the light of the world, and to the resurrection and the life today. Ultimately this highway will lead us to the greatest sign of all, the death and resurrection of Jesus himself, the heart of our Christian Catholic faith that we are about to commemorate literally 'in spirit and truth' as Jesus said in the Third Sunday of Lent Gospel.

Let us pray for all victims of the Coronavirus around the world, especially those in our country, and earnestly ask the Lord to show us his healing power by removing the Covid-19 stone from the tomb of fear and deaths we have been kept inside, so that we can walk out and continue to praise and glorify God's name

Have a hope-filled week.
Fr. Henry



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Emergencies and Charity: A reflection by Cardinal Tagle

What place does charity have in a time marked by the Coronavirus pandemic? Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, and President of Caritas Internationalis, reflects with Vatican News on this question, urging us to conquer the virus and fear with the "contagious pandemic of love".

+ Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are faced with an emergency due to the coronavirus 19. An emergency, from the Latin word "emergere", refers to an unforeseen occurrence that rises before us and requires attention.

Emergencies are not new to us. Every year we experience earthquakes, typhoons, floods, drought and diseases. But they are often confined to a limited place and people. The current covid19 emergency is called pandemic, from the two Greek words: "pan", meaning "all" and "demos", meaning "people or population". A *pandemia* affects all or nearly all people. We can say that the covid19 is a general or universal emergency. It affects nearly all of us. It invites a response from all of us.

During emergencies, we instinctively think first of ourselves, our families and the people close to us. We will do anything within our means to protect them. While this reaction is basically good, we should be careful so that we do not end up thinking only of ourselves. We should avoid fear from making us blind to the needs of other people, those needs that are the same as ours.

We should prevent anxiety from killing genuine concern for neighbors. In an emergency, the true heart of a person also emerges. From an emergency that affects all people

(*pandemia*), we hope to see a pandemic emergence of caring, compassion and love. An emergency crisis that erupts unexpectedly can be addressed only by an equal "eruption" of hope.

A pandemic spread of a virus must produce a pandemic "contagion" of charity. History will judge our generation by the power of self-less love that this common emergency will have generated and spread or will have failed to do so. We thank the heroic people whose love and courage have already been a source of healing and hope these past weeks.



Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Maureen Daley, Paul Daniel, John Doraisamy, Andrew Fedrigo, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Maria V, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Nguyen Kim Dung, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Debra Price, Susanth Sennayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Rose Stambouliah, Josette Sultana, Denis Symon, Sue Tipaldo.

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner that is unwell please contact Father Henry or the Parish Office on 9622 2920. We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Christina Apolinario, Eleonora Leslie Bringas, Emilio Caperal, Maureen Thelma Carter, Dr Conrad Castellino, Shanti Fernando, Neil Joines, Ruth Marsden, Nalini Ravindren, Sem Mangahas Serna, Victorio Sing, Jim Vella, Sunimal Wijeratne.

Anniversaries: France Angseesing, Fortunata Baiada, Rosario Cabasa, Aurora Caro, Saviour Caruana, Catherine Chandra, Cini Family, Patrick John Fischer, Martina Galea, Tarcisco Archie Gatt, Josephine Gomez, Oswald Herbert, Mangion family, Irene Moroney, Paula Mula, John Ratnam, Federico de los Santos, Shirley Sexton, Rosary Silva, Maria Trinh, Victoria Vella.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul, Simone Cyril, VA Francis, Elsie, Jean & Karl Garrick, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary & Muscat Family, John Nadarajah, Lakshman Perera, Roseline Ratnam, Rev Fr Ambrose Ryan, Amalia & Dominga Usman.

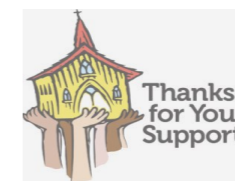
..PRAYER FOR DEVOTION TO THE HOLY NAME

Oh Jesus, grant to me and those I love, as well as to all the faithful the grace of eternal salvation through your holy name. Bestow on us a most ardent love for you that will imprint your sacred name upon our hearts.

May it be always in our minds and frequently on our lips, that it may be our defence in temptation, our refuge in danger, and our consolation and support in the hour of death, Amen.

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PARISH PROJECTS

As part of our efforts to raise funds to meet the costs of Parish maintenance and improvements, all members of our parish are invited to join a Direct Debit program by donating the cost of a cup of coffee or a glass of beer either weekly, fortnightly or monthly for this good cause. Keep in mind that though we have some limited funds, we have to meet a long list of costs, including the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, pathway, our buildings and properties.

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FROM POPE FRANCIS

CHAPTER SEVEN

Youth Ministry

Youth ministry, as traditionally carried out, has been significantly affected by social and cultural changes. Young people frequently fail to find in our usual programmes a response to their concerns, their needs, their problems and issues. The proliferation and growth of groups and movements predominantly associated with the young can be considered the work of the Holy Spirit who constantly shows us new paths. Even so, there is a need to look at the ways such groups participate in the Church's overall pastoral care, as well as a need for greater communion among them and a better coordination of their activities. Although it is never easy to approach young people, two things have become increasingly evident: the realization that the entire community has to be involved in evangelizing them, and the urgent requirement that young people take on a greater role in pastoral outreach.

A pastoral care that is synodal

I want to state clearly that young people themselves are agents of youth ministry. Certainly they need to be helped and guided, but at the same time left free to develop new approaches, with creativity and a certain audacity. So I will not attempt here to propose a kind of manual of youth ministry or a practical pastoral guide. I am more concerned with helping young people to use their insight, ingenuity and knowledge to address the issues and concerns of other young people in their own language.

The young make us see the need for new styles and new strategies. For example, while adults often worry about having everything properly planned, with regular meetings and fixed times, most young people today have little interest in this kind of pastoral approach. Youth ministry needs to become more flexible: inviting young people to events or occasions that provide an opportunity not only for learning, but also for conversing, celebrating, singing, listening to real stories and experiencing a shared encounter with the living God.

At the same time, we should take into greater consideration those practices that have shown their value – the methods, language and aims that have proved truly effective in bringing young people to Christ and the Church. It does not matter where they are coming from or what labels they have received, whether "conservative" or "liberal", "traditional" or "progressive". What is important is that we make use of everything that has borne good fruit and effectively communicates the joy of the Gospel.

[Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, CHRISTUS VIVIT —to the young people and the entire people of God]

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Welcome to the very first edition of our online Parish Bulletin for the very first weekend the Coronavirus force us to go livestream for our Weekend Masses. As I write these lines, this deadly pandemic has taken away 8 of our compatriots, and nearly 19,000 others worldwide.

One of the most inspiring victims of the virus could be Fr Giuseppe Berardelli, a parish priest from the diocese of Bergamo, which happens to be the diocese of St John XXIII, too. Fr Berardelli was tested with the virus and hospitalised at Lovere Hospital where his parishioners bought him a respirator for his use. What he did next was Maximilian Kolbe-like, that he generously gave the life-saving machine to a younger patient, who was not known to him. His heroic departure literally reflects what Jesus said to the disciples prior to his Passion and death, that 'there is no greater love than this, to give one's life for his friends' (Jn 15.13).

