



The Bathurst Anglican

The Newsletter of All Saints Cathedral Bathurst

With St Barnabas South Bathurst—St Peters Rockley— St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley
Holy Spirit Turondale—St Pauls Yetholme

Sunday 26 March 2023—Fifth Sunday In Lent



The Resurrection and the Life

Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

Psalm 130

*Out of the depths have I
called to you, O Lord :
Lord, hear my voice;*

*O let your ears consider well :
the voice of my supplication.*

*If you, Lord, should note
what we do wrong :
who then, O Lord,
could stand?*

*But there is forgiveness
with you : so that you
shall be feared.*

*I wait for the Lord, my soul
waits for him : and in his
word is my hope.*

*My soul looks for the Lord :
more than watchmen for the
morning, more, I say, than
watchmen for the morning.*

*O Israel, trust in the Lord, for
with the Lord there is mercy :
and with him is ample
redemption.*

*He will redeem Israel :
from the multitude of his
sins.*

*We worship on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people and we
honour and pay our respects to elders past and present.*

Prayer Cycle

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Anglican Church of South America.

NATIONAL CHURCH

The Diocese of Wangaratta with Bishop Clarence Bester, clergy and people. Pray that this diocese will remain faithful to Biblical Christianity and proclaim the good news of Jesus.

BATHURST DIOCESE

Pray for the parish of Nyngan, again giving thanks for the Rev'd Gloria Shipp who takes a service there once a month. Pray for a new minister for this town and the funds to support them. Pray that the parish will continue to grow in a deepening relationship with the Lord Jesus and have a desire to share Jesus for life.

OTHER NEEDS

Pray today for those clergy new to our diocese recently: Andy Martin, Jonny Lush, Ben Connelly, and Tim Smith, and for those who have served with us for some time but are in new roles: Steven Klouth and James Daymond.

BIBLE VERSE

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
Ephesians 6:10-11*

TURONDALE CHURCH

Turondale Church Service for April will be held on the second Sunday of the month instead of our usual third - on Easter Day, 9th April at 10.00 am.

(Gospel continued from page 4)

He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. 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 have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for 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 looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in 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 Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Today's Readings in Context

Ezekiel 37:1-14 When Israel was exiled in Babylon, Ezekiel had to tell them that things were going to get even worse, that they'd become like a desert valley filled with dried bones. But after that, the Lord would revive them and breathe the Spirit into them again. This is the hopeful conclusion of that dire prophecy.

Romans 8:6-11 Saint Paul teaches that to be "in the flesh" is to try to earn God's grace by our own merits, while being "in the spirit" means letting God give us that undeserved grace.

John 11:1-45 In Saint John's gospel, the raising of Lazarus starts the chain of events leading to Jesus' death and resurrection. John uses the story to remind early converts of the life-and-death consequences of choosing to follow Jesus.

Parish News

ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL AGM

SUNDAY 26 MARCH -11.30am—CATHEDRAL

HEALING SERVICE

The next Service with prayers for Healing will be held on the 2nd April at 4.00 pm in the Warriors Chapel. Speaker will be Archdeacon Frank Hetherington and the topic he will speak on is "The Power of Lamentation". The Service is followed by light refreshments in the Abbott Room. ALL WELCOME!

Come Along & Join A Parish Group

KIDS CLUB: Thursday 3.45-5pm Cathedral/Hall
FELLOWSHIP: 1st Monday of month, 10.30am—Bring your Handwork/Lunch. Phone 6331 4711 for venue
Tuesday 7:30pm—Call James 0449 556 566
Wednesday 7:30pm—Call Phil 0411 281 915
Thursday 7:30pm call Phil 0411 281 915
MU: Mothers Union—4th Tuesday each month, 5pm—Abbott Room, Cathedral
PRAYER: 1st Monday each month, 5.30pm—Abbott Room
CHOIR: Each Thursday, 7.00pm—Abbott Room
BELLRINGERS: Wednesday 6pm—Belltower. For enquiries phone +Richard 0409 633 789
FRIENDS OF CATHEDRAL: For enquiries phone Jane 0427 280 352

10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE ... *with Phil Howes*

Not all Christians are evangelists but all Christians are to do evangelism. It's not easy though is it. Sometimes we'd rather hear the sound of a dentist's drill than the word "evangelism" (no offence Theresa). We don't need to fear it, we have a great God who lovingly wants people to come to know and be reconciled to Him.

This coming week we have a great opportunity to be encouraged and upskilled to see how we can take our part in proclaiming the good news of the gospel to our friends and family who really need to hear it. Of particular help will be 7:30pm **Wednesday 29th** in the hall. We'll gather together to workshop ideas, support each other and be spurred on in the work God has given us to do out in His world. Of course if this time doesn't suit at all we have a whole week of opportunities over a cuppa or a meal to do the same thing - get in touch.

Moore College mission week will finish with a picnic lunch on Sunday 2nd April from 11:30am. Come along and say thankyou and bring some food to share.

**Jesus,
you have known us from the beginning of time,
you have known us in the depths of our dreams and in the darkness of our
shame, you know us as your beloved.**

Help us to own that core identity more and more in this season of repentance and mercy.

**Give us the rock-solid assurance of your unwavering faith in us as we seek
the same in you. Amen.**

SERVICES

Cathedral	
Monday	8.30am
Tuesday	
Wednesday	8.30am
Thursday	8.30am BCP
Friday	10.00am
Saturday	5.00pm (6pm DST)
Sunday	
<i>Choral Eucharist</i>	8.30am
<i>Contemporary</i>	10.00am
St Barnabas	
Sunday	10.00am
3rd Thursday	10.30am
St Peters Rockley	
1st Sunday	10.30am
St Pauls Yetholme	
1st Sunday	11am
St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley	
4th Sunday	2.00pm
Holy Spirit Turondale	
Third Sunday	2.00pm
Healing Service	
1st Sunday	4.00pm

PARISH INFORMATION

CLERGY

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Bishop's You Tube Channel

In your browser search Mark Calder you tube. A variety of services are available there.

Website

www.bathurstanglicancathedral.org.au

Cathedral Facebook Page

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**A READING FROM THE PROPHET EZEKIEL
37.1-14**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE
ROMANS 8.6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since 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, though 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 from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
JOHN 11.1-45**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the

one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having 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 trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' 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. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. *(continued page 2)*