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Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm.

Holy Week Timetable. Palm Sunday 2nd April. Masses 6.30pm (Sat). 9am, 10.30am, 12noon and 6.30pm. Blessing and distribution of palms at all Masses.

Monday 3rd April. Lent Penitential Service at 7pm. This is a useful Lenten exercise which we all need to do as part of our preparation for Easter. Please make an effort to attend and experience the mercy and forgiveness of the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Remember our sins are already forgiven through the Cross and what we are called to do is to switch on to that wavelength of forgiveness. It really does mark a new beginning.

Masses during Holy Week. Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April at 9.15am.

Holy Thursday 6th April. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm. Watching at Altar of Repose until 11pm.

Good Friday 7th April. Stations of the Cross at 11am. The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm. Stations of the Cross led by the Filipino Group at 7pm.

Holy Saturday 8th April. No Morning Mass. The Lord is in the Tomb. Easter Vigil, the first Mass of Easter, at 8pm.

Easter Sunday 9th April. Masses at 9am, 10.30am and 12noon. No Evening Mass.

Easter Monday 10th April. Holiday. Mass at 10am.

Requiem for Charles Patrick Galligan on Tuesday 4th April at 12noon. Your prayers for the repose of his soul and for his family in their loss.

Introduction to the Readings

1 Reading Ez 37:12-14. I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Ps 129, R/ v 7. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

2 Reading Rm 8:8-11. The spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.

Gospel Jn 11:1-45. I am the resurrection and the life.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel. Martha and Mary were people of faith but Jesus led them to an even deeper faith. Who were the people that led you to a deeper faith in Jesus? Remember them and give thanks.

Martha and Mary were struggling to come to terms with their bereavement. What has helped you in similar circumstances?

The concern of Jesus is palpable and touching. Recall those who matter to you and to whom you matter. Such love mediates God's love, which surpasses human love with the gift of new life and Easter joy.

One can imagine Lazarus as a symbol of people and groups that are written off as dead, and yet through faith come back to life again. Have you had the experience of being revived by faith? Has your faith helped to free you in some way?

The Gospel calls us to a deep faith in the Spirit living in us. As we share the Eucharist may we respond with generosity to that call.

