

Baptism

We welcome to the Christian Community:
Sive Brid O'Sullivan
Edvinas Rokas Vasiliavskas

Irla Evan Coakley

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of:
Jackie O'Donoghue, Fairfield Terrace
Noreen McMahon, Nordav, Tawnies Lower

Sunday next is Palm Sunday. Please bring palms to be blessed during Mass.

Do This In Memory Mass in preparation for First Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, Palm Sunday April 9th at 10am in Darrara and at 11.30am in the Parish Church.

Next Friday, April 7th is First Friday. There will be an evening Mass at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. There will be no evening Mass in Darrara.

The Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration will take place in Mount Carmel Hospital Chapel on Friday April 7th. Adoration will commence at 8pm with the Rosary. Mass will be at 10.30 pm and Adoration will close at 2am on Saturday April 8th.

The April meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will take place on Tuesday April 4th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The meeting includes the Rosary and Adoration. New members always welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society Easter retreat will take place in Myross Wood Retreat Centre on Palm Sunday, April 9th from 3-5.30pm. All are invited to attend.

The Family Rosary will be recited in the Parish Church this Sunday April 2nd at 5pm.

Please pray for Rana Mullan whom God has chosen to join his Church. May she successfully complete her preparation throughout this Season of Lent for the sacraments that she will receive on Holy Saturday night.

Because of the Confirmation ceremony on Tuesday April 4th, the morning Mass in the Parish Church will be at 9am.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

2nd April, 2017

First Reading: (Ezekiel 37:12-14) The exile of the people to Babylon is described in terms of death and their return home is described in terms of resurrection and spiritual renewal.

Second Reading: (Romans 8:8-11) It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Now this same Spirit lives in us.

Gospel (John 11:1-45) By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shows that he is Lord of life and death.

Reflection

Today is the last Sunday of Lent. The Gospel story is a long one! Yet, no matter how often we hear it or read it the impact is always stunning.

Jesus is standing between His two friends, Mary and Martha, at the graveside of their brother Lazarus. The burial was four days ago – but Jesus was absent. All three at the grave are grieving. The bystanders note that even Jesus wept. Jesus is full of compassion for His two friends. His heart is also full of trust in His Father. He calls out in a loud voice “Lazarus come forth” and then he looks at Lazarus and says to those around Him “Unbind him and let him go.”

This story is all about freedom. It is about freedom from death and bondage. It is about cutting the ropes and strings that tie people in knots and letting them go out in complete freedom.

Being a follower of Jesus – a Christian – is not about fighting to eliminate sin and evil in our world, rather it is believing, like Jesus, that Faith and Love will always be victorious over death and the darkness of evil.