



## OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm, 3pm & 6pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am, 12:10pm & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wed. 12:45pm – 6:15pm; Sat. 10:30am -12noon

Sun. 4pm - 5:45pm; First Fri. 10:45 – 12noon

CONFESSION: Sat. 10:30am -11:30am & 6pm – 6:45pm; Wed. 12:45pm – 1:15pm

First Fri. 10:45am – 12noon (and at call)

ROSARY: 9:40am Monday to Friday

MORNING PRAYER: 9:40am Sat

FATIMA DEVOTION: First Saturday 11am

PERPETUAL SUCCOUR: Sat. 11am

### 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A 29TH MARCH 2020

#### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 42:1-2*

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

#### Collect

By your help, we beseech you,  
Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly  
in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

#### First Reading 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

Psalm 129(130)

*R. With the Lord there is mercy and fulness 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

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**

**Jn 11, 25,26**

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will never die.

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

### **Gospel**

**John 11: 1-45**

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the 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 daytime 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.'

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.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but 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 sympathize with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary re-

mained 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 sympathizing with Mary saw her get up so quickly 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, '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.

## The Gospel of the Lord

### Homily

#### The Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only-Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Hear us, almighty God,  
and having instilled in your servants  
the teachings of the Christian faith,  
graciously purify them  
by the working of this sacrifice  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me  
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

#### Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,  
that we may always be counted  
among the members of Christ,  
in whose Body and Blood  
we have communion.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

#### ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT OF ENGLAND TO THE VIRGIN MARY

*Based on Prayer of Erasmus 1532, Dedication of  
England to the Mother of God 1893, Prayer for  
England, Cardinal Griffin's Act of Consecration  
1948, Act of Consecration St John Paul 1982*

**Prayer:** O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of  
God and our most gentle Queen and Mother,  
look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry"  
and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in  
thee.

**Response:** We your faithful people assem-  
bled here offer you this country in which we live.  
Once it was yours, all its children were your  
children and you were honoured throughout  
England as its Protectress and its Queen. Again  
do we consecrate it as your Dowry, and entrust  
it to your maternal care.

**Prayer:** By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour  
and our hope was given unto the world; and He  
has given thee to us that we might hope still  
more.

**Response:** To you we entrust the Church,  
which invokes you as Mother. On earth you pre-  
ceded her in the pilgrimage of faith. Comfort her  
in her difficulties and trials. Make her always the  
sign and instrument of intimate union with God  
and of the unity of the whole human race. To  
you, Mother of the human family, and of the na-  
tions, we confidently entrust the whole of hu-  
manity with its hopes and fears. Let it not lack  
the light of true wisdom. Guide it to seek free-  
dom and justice for all. Direct its steps in the  
ways of peace. Enable all to meet Christ, the  
Way, the Truth and the Life.

**Prayer:** Plead for us thy children, whom thou  
didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross,  
O sorrowful Mother.

**Response:** Pray, O Holy Mother of God,  
for the conversion of heart of the people of Eng-  
land, restoration of the sick, consolation for the  
troubled, repentance of sinners, peace to the de-  
parted. Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to  
the world the peace for which all peoples are  
longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of  
Christ. Give peace to the nations and to the souls  
of all, that in peace, the Kingdom of God may

prevail.

**Prayer:** Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

**Response:** May your prayers bring back this country to the fullness of its ancient faith. May your intercession lead us to a closer union with your divine Son. We offer you all the people of this land, especially those who know you so little or not at all. May all in our country know Christ, the light of the world and its only Saviour.

**Prayer:** Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home.

**Response:** May we who follow your Son, be fruitful in the good work of building a culture of life in our world, where all human life is treasured and the gift of God's creation is respected and cared for, so that all may share the fruits of God's generous love.

**V:** Pray for us O Holy Mother of God

**R:** That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

O alone of all women, Mother and Virgin, Mother most happy, Virgin most pure, sinful as we are, we come to see you who are all pure, we salute you, we honour you as how we may with our humble offerings. May thy Son grant us, that imitating thy most holy manners, we also, by the grace of the Holy Spirit may deserve spiritually to conceive the Lord Jesus in our inmost soul, and once conceived never to lose Him. Amen.

### THE ANGELUS PROMISE

The Angelus Promise is a spiritual exercise created to assist you to embrace the message of Our Lady, as expressed in the Angelus. It invites you to "share in the joy of the Annunciation" by following Mary's openness to God's call, through her faith-filled "yes". Through your own faith-filled "yes", the Lord will work wonders in your life.

**R:** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

### PARISH PROGRAMMES STREAMING ONLINE

**Monday to Friday:** Mass at 10:00am; 12:10pm & 6:45pm

**Saturday:** 10:00am & 7:00pm (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

**Sunday:** 8:00am; 12:15pm & 6:00pm

**PRAYERS:** (Mon—Sat) Morning 9:30am; Evening: 6pm  
Night: 9:00pm

(Sun) Morning 9:30am; Evening: 5:30pm

Night: 9:00pm

**ROSARY:** 11:30am daily

**ADORATION:** Mon—Fri: 12:45pm to 6:20pm

Sat: 10:45am to 6:20pm

Sun: 1:00pm to 5:45pm

**V:** And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

As God once chose Mary to become the Mother of His Son through the message of an angel, so He chooses me this day, and invites me through the ministry of the Church or the example of another, to seek and do His Will at this moment in my life.

Hail Mary full of Grace...

**R:** Behold the handmaid of the Lord

**V:** Be it be done unto me according to thy Word

Mary's response to her invitation, "let it be done to me according to your Word", opened her heart to God's grace and all things became possible. Let my "yes" today take away fear, as I embrace God's Will, and like Mary "ponder these things in my heart".

Hail Mary full of Grace...

**R:** And the Word became flesh (Bow or genuflect)

**V:** And dwelt among us

At a moment in history, Mary's faith-filled "yes" conceived Him, first in her heart, which then led to the birth of our Saviour. Through accepting Him in my heart, enable me to recognise my role in bringing Christ to my sisters and brothers today.

Hail Mary full of Grace...

**R:** Pray for us most holy Mother of God

**V:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

**Let us pray:** O Holy Mother of God, pray for us, and assist us as we dedicate ourselves this day. Your Yes at the Annunciation brought our Saviour Jesus into the world, and you invite us to contemplate the great mystery of the Incarnation, sharing your joy in announcing that "the Word was made flesh and lived among us." May our yes, this day, open our hearts to serve our sisters and brothers in this your Dowry, that they too may share our joy in the Good News that God walks among us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.