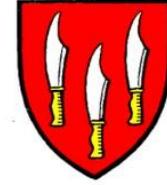


**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH**  
**PARISH OF BURNLEY**



# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

10:00 a.m.

*Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

## **INTROIT HYMN, AM 133 O God be Gracious**

**Sentence** "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord; "whoever lives and believes in me shall never die,"

### **Collect for Lent**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthy lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Collect FOR THE DAY**

Life giving God, you son came into the world to free us all from sin and death: breath upon us with the power of your spirit, that we maybe raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

**1st Reading Ezekial 37.1-14**

## The Valley of Dry Bones

**37** 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. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath<sup>[a]</sup> to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath<sup>[b]</sup> in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath:<sup>[c]</sup> Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath,<sup>[d]</sup> and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> 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.' <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> 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**

## **The Psalm**



Am Em Dm G Am

With the Lord there is mer-cy, and full-ness of re - demp-tion.

response is sung first by the cantor, small group or choir and then by the congregation.  
after it is sung by the congregation after each verse.

verses should be sung by cantor, small group or choir.

1 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. *Response*

2 If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. *Response*

3 My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than those who watch for daybreak. *Response*

4 Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed will he redeem  
from all its iniquity. *Response*

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Romans 8.6-11**

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit<sup>[a]</sup> is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>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, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit,<sup>[b]</sup> since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit<sup>[c]</sup> is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus<sup>[d]</sup> from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through<sup>[e]</sup> his Spirit that dwells in you.

**For the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God**

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**Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory'**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 11.1-45  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**11** Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus,<sup>[a]</sup> "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus<sup>[b]</sup> was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin,<sup>[d]</sup> said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus<sup>[e]</sup> had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.<sup>[f]</sup> Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,<sup>[g]</sup> the Son of God, the one coming into the world."<sup>28</sup> 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." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village

but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> 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." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> 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 four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> 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." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> 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."

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Intercessions**

*FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD:* Peace in the Middle East, Sudan, Cuba, Congo Venezuela and Ukraine for the Jewish community for the Richmond Churches Food and for all organizations that provide safety and relief throughout the year including medical, police, fire and safety officers and all

those in need.

*FOR THE SICK, RECOVERING, AND THOSE WHO GRIEVE Bruce, Sharon, Carol, Jack, Nanette, Liam, Craig, Helen, Marilyn, Alan, Kay, John, John and, Shaohua, Susan*

*FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:*

*FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK, Ross Penny, Harold Roger, Florence Frost, Stephen Miles, Carol Friday, Greig Friday, Alan Lugg, Stylianos Harkianakis, Christine Denton, Maurice Lord and esmond Lever.*

**Offertory Hymn: AM 181 O Sacred Heart**

**. Recessional Hymn AM 157 When I survey the wondrous Cross**

## **Rosters**

### **22nd March**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Reader**

Greg Scott

### **29th March**

Prue Borthwick

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reader**

Kathy Kozlowski

Laura Pumphrey

#### **Intercession**

Prue Borthwick

Sandra McMahon

#### **Euch. Assistant**

Kim Ricketts

Jonathan Mc Mahon

#### **Welcomers**

Anne Czech

Megan and Anne.

#### **Hospitality**

Evan and Kathy

Kim and Martin

## **Notices**

Thursday Mass 10am

Richmond Food bank urgently needs donations of food and funds.  
Please help

Archbishops Mandate for the election of Lay Representatives for Synod has been issued. The election of Synod representatives is an important part of our shared life together. Please think and pray about the election to be held the on the 12<sup>th</sup> April following the 10am Mass.

Melba Concert 9<sup>th</sup> May 5.30pm. See details below for booking. Please pick up some brochures to share with friends and family. The concert will start our 2026 Program for our centenary year. Further details next week bulletin and on our web site.

For bookings go to <https://www.trybooking.com/DKFMS>

General Admission: \$50 Concessions: \$40

Students \$25 (must show card) Under 16 no charge.

Proceeds in aid of the Richmond Churches Food Centre and St Bartholomew's Centenary Fund.

There is limited parking in Burnley Street and surrounds.

Public transport: Burnley Station, Trams 48, 70 & 75

For further information: [stbartsburnley.org.au](http://stbartsburnley.org.au)

Contact us on 9943 8442 or [stbartsburnley@gmail.com](mailto:stbartsburnley@gmail.com)



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## **Holy week and Easter at St Bart's 2026**

**29<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday 10am Choral Mass with Procession of Palms**

**Monday in Holy week 10am Mass**

**Tuesday in Holy week 10am Mass**

**Wednesday 10am Mass**

**Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Sung Mass**

**Good Friday 3pm Good Friday Liturgy**

**Easter Eve 8.30pm Easter Vigil**

**Easter Day 10am Choral Eucharist**

## **Lent Discussions**

### **Wednesday Mass at 7.30pm followed by discussion**

During the season of Lent this year are offering each Wednesday evening starting the 25<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30-9pm a time for reflection and discussion on the theme of "Grace of Earth". The first session begins on the 25<sup>th</sup> February

At the beginning of each session, we will celebrate the Eucharist according to the liturgy of the Iona community. We will gather in the parish centre and share our prayers and thoughts on the challenges facing the environment. Themes will include,

- 1 Earth as prophet
2. The oceans
3. Fresh water
4. Plant life
5. Animal life

Printed material will be distributed for reference

Please join us.

Fr. Ray