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JESUS WEPT -John 11:35

This is the shortest verse in all the sacred scripture: The Old and the New Testament translations. St. John used this expression to describe the human response of Jesus to the death of Lazarus, his family friend as presented in the text of the Gospel for the 5th Sunday of lent.

The event took place at Bethany, a village near Jerusalem where Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. Jesus is said to have visited Bethany about six times during his public ministry. According to John, this visit was at the instance of Mary and Martha. Jesus arrived and performed a miracle: the raising of Lazarus who had died and was buried four days earlier. This confirms his power over death, revealing his approaching death and resurrection soon to be accomplished in Jerusalem.

But first, 'he wept'. This expression was used about three times to describe the action of Jesus at different occasions. He wept for his friend Lazarus in the presence of Mary and Martha and members of the community who came to condole Lazarus' family. He wept for Jerusalem for not recognizing the Messiah and the peace he brings. This was in the presence of his disciples and pilgrims who came to Jerusalem to keep the Pass-over Feast (Luke 19. 41-42). Again, he wept in the garden of Gethsemane in prayer to the father (cf. Hebrew 5.7).

By weeping at Bethany, Jesus offered the grieving sisters of Lazarus his deepest and utmost sympathy. He further restored their hope by raising Lazarus from the dead.

The year 2020 seems to have been ushered in with so many reasons to make us weep like Jesus, feel upset, grieve and even humanly feel depress. The drought, the fires, the floods, the hailstone in some places and now, the Coronavirus, one after another. A long haul, it seems. However, amidst these uncertainties, fears and lose, let us feel the presence of Jesus who deeply empathizes with us, even when we unable to receive him in the Eucharist. He offers us hope at this time of hopelessness and haplessness.

Like Mary and Martha, let us place our hopes in Jesus who can achieve the impossible for us. Let us keep alive our hopes for the RESURRECTION

-Fr. Martins

PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

**WE CAN STILL PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE ACROSS
OUR WORLD**

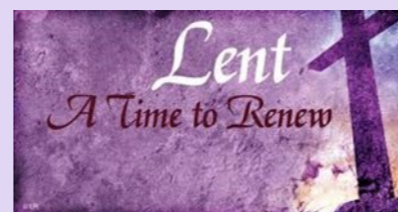
'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love' (Saint Teresa of Calcutta)

Through your generosity during Project Compassion in 2020, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Mindful of all the needs here locally in our own community perhaps we can give 'something small with great love'. 'We have all known the long loneliness, and we have found that the answer is community'. (Dorothy Day)

WEEK 5: TAWONGA - MALAWI

Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl, living with a disability. She lives in a village in northern Malawi in a region plagued by food insecurity and poverty. For most of her life, her parents have struggled to put meals on the table. The family also faced discrimination in their community due to her disability. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed.

Her family now grows enough food to provide three meals a day, ending the struggle of malnutrition, and helping her thrive at school. "It gives me hope that I will finish my education," Tawonga says. "My community now understands that my living with a disability is not inability. Although I sometimes face discrimination, most of the community has realised my value as a person."



LENTEN REFLECTION: WEEK 5

RESURRECTION

It is perhaps difficult to find God in all that is happening at present in our world and in the difficult times which we have and are enduring here on the South Coast. Our usual routines of Mass are disrupted and even making visits to our Church.

However, through all this our God is still very present with us – in our humanity we need signs and symbols and reminders of this – this is very normal for all of us.

In the Gospel of this weekend we are reminded in a very real way of God's love revealed through the saving action of Jesus when he raised Lazarus from the dead.
(John 11: 1-45)

God will never abandon us!
God is with us all across our world.
God's love endures all things.

**This week's Psalm
reassures us –**

**With the Lord there is
mercy and fullness 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.

**With the Lord there is
mercy and fullness of
redemption**



UPDATED PROTOCOLS COVID-19

- Churches are to be closed 24 hours each day till further notice.
 - There are to be no catechetical, spiritual or social gatherings in parishes.
 - No public Masses are to be celebrated until further notice.
 - No Communion to sick persons in hospitals, aged care homes or private homes until further notice.
 - Funerals: Graveside funerals only with a maximum of 10 people, including celebrant.
 - Baptisms are suspended until further notice except in the case of emergency.
 - Penance: First rite of penance should be conducted in an open space, with priest and penitent observing 1.5m spacing. When the penitent is under 18 years of age, the confession should be witnessed by an adult, who can see, but not hear the confession.
 - Second rite of penance is suspended until further notice.
- Holy Week: There will be no liturgical celebrations with a congregation.

HERE'S HOW TO MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For various reasons we may be prevented from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. This could be because we are unable to leave our home to attend Mass. This is especially relevant for us in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. In these cases the Church encourages us to make an act of "spiritual communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

Below is a traditional prayer of spiritual communion that many saints have prayed over the years. It can be prayed if you find yourself at Mass unable to receive the Eucharist, or at any time at home, especially if you are unable to attend Mass.

The ultimate goal of our lives should be communion with God and an act of spiritual communion can help a person draw closer to that goal.

My Jesus, I believe that 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 at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT APPEAL:

At this time of unprecedented stress, difficulties and uncertainties, the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn, together with all her personnel wish to identify with all Parishes by cutting back on Parish Levies for 2020. However, your ongoing Direct Giving to the 1st and 2nd Collections through the designated Accounts below will continue to sustain the active and retired Clergies and keep your Parish on oxygen till things are back to normal. May God reward your generosity as always.

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We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:

Des Jeffs, Louise Keeley, Peter Burum. Collette Winter,

Anniversaries: Robert Loftus, Michael Doyle, Joan Neems, William Holmes, Ruth Ryan, Margaret Toy, Ivan Hropic, Janice Marion

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention

March
Catholics in China

**We pray that the
Church in China may
persevere in its
faithfulness to the
Gospel and grow in
unity.**

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