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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

Due to the Coronavirus, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon has cancelled ALL celebrations of Mass on Sundays and weekdays until further notice.

Our church building is now also closed for private prayer and visiting.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.
Fr Barry will be celebrating Mass privately.

During this time, there are many masses being streamed on the internet from around the Archdiocese and Walsingham. If you want the information sending again, please let Christine know.

A Thought

John 11:1-45

In today's Gospel Jesus is surrounded by a culture of death. Mary and Martha are distraught over the death of their brother Lazarus, and Lazarus himself lies bound in the darkness of the tomb. It appears as if there is no hope.

However, surrounded by this culture of death and despair, Jesus gives compassion and new life to those who find themselves in turmoil. It is easy to say that nothing can be done when we are faced with difficult situations in our own lives. Jesus says, 'Lazarus, come out,' and he asks the people to unbind him.

It is a message to all of us to come away from a culture of death, to help unbind each other and allow ourselves to take away the stone and emerge from the tomb.

SYNOD 2020

Monday 30th March sees the closure of theme 4,

Building community, nurturing belonging

and while we will be submitting proposals on your behalf, if you have been unable to let us have your proposal, please take this opportunity to submit it via the Synod website www.synod2020.co.uk and follow the link to 'submit a proposal'

If you have a proposal but are unable to submit it yourself, please let Christine know and she will submit it on your behalf.

This weekend Holy Mass will again be live-streamed from the Metropolitan Cathedral, St Anne's, Overbury Street, St Gregory's, Chorley and St Mary's on the Isle of Man; and the Archdiocesan website will keep you abreast of new initiatives which will unite us in our prayer.

For more details visit

http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Mass is also being broadcast from many churches in the Archdiocese on Facebook which I know many of you are 'attending.'