

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 32.

RESPONSE:
You are a hiding place for me; you surround me with cries of deliverance.

- Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.
Blessed the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **R**
- To you I have acknowledged my sin; my guilt I did not hide.
I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord".
And you have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **R**
- Rejoice in the Lord, exult you just!
Ring out your joy, all you upright of heart! **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has arisen among us, and God has visited his people. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45.

COMMUNION ANTI-PHON:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 12 Feb Liturgy of the Day

James 1:1-11; Psalm 119; Mark 8:11-13

Reflect upon any person in your life with whom you regularly argue, especially regarding matters of faith. Examine your approach—allowing them to see your sorrow—and consider changing how you relate to them.

Tue 13 Feb Liturgy of the Day

James 1:12-18; Psalm 94; Mark 8:14-21

Reflect upon the questions posed by Jesus in today's gospel and examine them especially within the broader context of society as a whole. Consider the 'false leaven' taught by our world. Choose the way of truth.

Wed 14 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY (Psalter wk IV)

Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

We often want others to notice us for what we have accomplished. We want to be admired. How about you? As we begin our Lenten journey, examine honestly the intentions and goals of your life.

Thu 15 Feb Liturgy of the Day

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Luke 9:22-25

We have many descriptions of 'love'. True love, however, is a choice to do what is best for another, no matter the cost, no matter how difficult—it seeks only the good of the person who is loved.

Fri 16 Feb Liturgy of the Day

Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalm 51; Matthew 9:14-15

It is amazing how transforming fasting can be. By doing that which we don't 'desire' we automatically strengthen our spirit. Fasting, of course, is not attractive, but it can help us remain focussed on the things of God.

Sat 17 Feb (Seven Founders of the Servites)

Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalm 86; Luke 5:27-32

How is Jesus inviting you, today, to imitate the radicalness of Levi? What is he calling you to walk away from so as to more fully serve him with love and totality?

Sun 18 Feb 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25; Mark 1:12-15

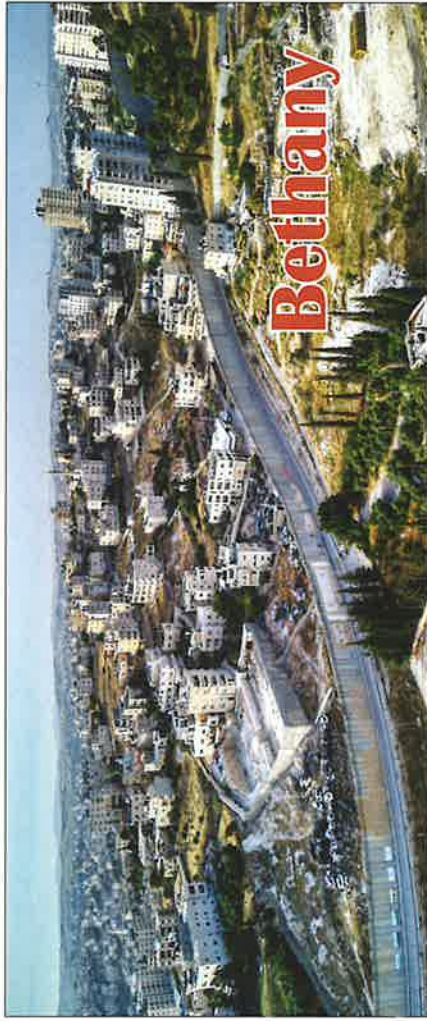
"We are created out of love and are made to enlarge the world in love. Ageing can be either a life of nostalgia or a wholehearted engagement with the future." — Ilia Delio

(KEY: **SOLEMNITY**; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)

Catholic Link

TOWNS OF THE HOLY LAND
Symbols of Hope

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B
Divine Office: Week II • 11 February 2024



Al-Eizariya beyond the Israeli separation barrier – a look from At-Tur. Photo: Hagai Agmon-Sinir

The Arabic name of the town Bethany is *Al-Eizariya*, "the place of Lazarus" – the same Lazarus, brother of Martha and Mary, who was raised from the dead by Jesus. Bethany is located just over three kilometres east of the Old City of Jerusalem, on the slopes of the Mount of Olives leading further east towards Jericho and the Dead Sea.

Today the town has a population of about 23,000 and is governed as part of the Quds or Jerusalem Governorate, under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority since the 1993-1995 Oslo Accords. Situated in what is known as the West Bank (i.e. west of the Jordan River), it is often the site of stand-offs between the Israeli and Palestinian governments over things like rates contributions and service delivery. Since 2005 Bethany has been cut off from Jerusalem by the Separation Wall. What used to be an easy ten-minute drive from Jerusalem now involves a lengthy detour. The wall cuts across the main street of Bethany.

Pilgrims today can see litter-strewn streets on the one hand and feel vibrant community energy on the other. You can greet a docile camel at the entrance to the precincts of the modern Basilica of Lazarus. The grounds also house the traditional tomb of Lazarus, beautiful gardens and an ancient olive press and many mosaics. Apart from the story of the raising of Lazarus, we hear of Bethany four other times in the gospels.

When Jesus and the disciples left Jerusalem, they would usually head to Bethany. After driving the dealers from the temple Jesus

returned to Bethany (Matthew 21:17). Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany and had a dinner with Lazarus and his sisters. During this dinner his feet were anointed with pure nard by Mary, much to the indignation of Judas Iscariot (John 12:1).

The journey into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (Mark 11:1) started near Bethany and wound its way down the steep lanes of the Mount of Olives and then through the Kedron Valley before climbing up into Jerusalem. It was late, and although many people welcomed Jesus with cloaks, greenery and hosannas, he went back again to Bethany with the Twelve.

Jesus and the disciples also had dinner in Simon the Leper's house in Bethany, and he was anointed by a woman using the finest ointment (Matthew 26:6-13), bringing more indignation from the disciples – but we know that the anointing made an impression on them, because the gospel writers remembered Jesus' words: "wherever in all the world this Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also, in remembrance of her". (Matthew 26:13)

After Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, his ascension was from Bethany: "Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy." (Luke 24:50-53)

In the quest for peace in the Holy Land today, may there be welcoming places like Bethany of old, to which Jesus himself withdrew from time to time, where peacemakers may withdraw and meet to find solutions to the ongoing conflict.



6th Sunday of the Year – B
10th/11th February 2024

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Date	Intentions
Saturday 10th 17h30	6th Sunday of the Year Julia Moolenschot RIP
Sunday 11th 09h00	6th Sunday of the Year Claudia-Lee Jonck RIP & Michael Thomas RIP
17h30	6th Sunday of the Year Anastácia Butler
Monday 12th	No Mass
Tuesday 13th 08h00	Mass of the Day Servais Family
Wednesday 14th 09h30	ASH WEDNESDAY Sophie Nortje RIP
18h30	ASH WEDNESDAY Iris Murray RIP
Thursday 15th 08h00	Mass of the Day Margot Hotz RIP
18h30	Benediction & Adoration
Friday 16th 09h30	Mass of the Day In Thanksgiving
	Stations of the Cross On Zoom – led by EMHC
Daily 18h00	Prayer & Rosary on Zoom
CONFESSION	Saturdays 16h15-17h15 Or by Appointment

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<https://bit.ly/YouTubeConstantiaCatholic>
Daily Rosary: At 18h00 every evening:
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A Charitable Request...
 The Carmelite Sisters are in urgent need of a car and have asked us to appeal to any of our parishioners who may be able to help.

CONGRATULATIONS:
 To Paul and Jessica Larson on the baptism of their baby son, Zachariah Nigel Cavanah Larson, in our parish on Sunday 4th February, 2024

OUR PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES:
 To the family and friends of Joan Gold, who passed away on Sat, 03 Feb. Her funeral was held at our parish last Friday, 09 February. Joan was a long-time member of our parish and a mainstay of our Ladies Group. She will be very fondly remembered by us all and will be sorely missed. May her dear soul rest in peace.

PRAYER FOR PEACE
 Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy;
 O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
 Amen

Prayer Intentions: For all in need of our prayers and their families:
 Avril Meinesz, Wybe Meinesz, Gian Paolo Barzon, Joan Gold, Basil Hotz, Felicitas Aguila, Elizabeth Manyundwa, Neves Rodrigues, Diedre Scodeller, Corlize Lauff, Connor Young, Allen Galvin, James-Dean Neill, Malcolm Asher, Mgr. Andrew Borello, Fr. Stan Botha, Fr. Douglas Wiseman, Fr. Eddie O’Neil, Lucinda Bromfield, Neva Bruce-Brand, William De Villiers, Elijah, Sarah Glenday, Cecco Giovannini, Derek Kudsee, Brendan Bosson, Brenda Robb, Margaret Savage.

THANK YOU: Our thanks and a warm welcome to Fr Roger Hickley who is celebrating Mass for us this Saturday, 10 Feb, at 5.30pm.

PALM CROSSES: Please leave your old Palm Crosses (to make ash for Ash Wednesday) in the baskets at the back of the church. Thank you.

CATECHISM:
Gr 1-4 – All classes – after Sun 9am Mass
Gr 5-7 – EDGE – Mondays at 5pm
Gr 8-10 – LifeTeen – Sundays after 5.30pm Mass
Gr11 – Confirmation: Meeting with Fr Robert after 5.30pm Mass this Sunday 11 Feb.
 Please enroll online if you haven’t already done so, or for more information, please call the Parish office.

REFLECTION: 6th Sunday of the Year
 In today's Gospel Jesus commanded the leper to keep quiet, but the man told everybody. Today he asks us to spread the 'good news', but too often we keep quiet. He wants us to be like him, helping and healing those excluded or marginalized, by showing them the love and grace of God.
 Richard.

Ash Wednesday Mass: at 09h30 and 18h30
Lenten Booklets: with all our parish Lenten activities – please do take one.
Confessions During Lent: Saturdays 16h45-17h20 or by appointment.
Penitential Service: Thursday 14th March at 18h00
Stations Of The Cross In Lent: On Zoom, or in the Church, every Friday, starting this week on 16th Feb, straight after Rosary, at 18h30.
 Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/ConstantiaZoom>
Bishops’ Lenten Appeal: The first of six weekly collections will be taken up at all Masses from next weekend. Please find envelopes at the back of the church or EFT to parish account ref. Lenten Appeal.

SYCAMORE LENTEN SERIES
Living the Christian Faith in the World
You are invited this Lent for to a 6 week journey of spiritual growth and fellowship.
Starts 21 Feb (every Wed at 7-9 pm in hall).
Everyone is invited no matter what stage your spiritual life is at. Invite others too.
Each evening is a film plus discussion.
 Sign up at Mass, contact the Office, or Mike on michaelhoare2015@gmail.com / 083 795 0321 or online at <https://bit.ly/OLVlentenjourney>

Our parish mission is to be a welcoming and evangelising Catholic community, striving, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, to know, love and serve God more, as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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