

Life to the Full:

Living faith within our families

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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We conclude our Lenten reflections by looking at the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, which draws together a concluding reflection on our theme, **Trust, Surrender, Believe, Receive**.



Receive
New Life

Prayer

Lord,

you can change what looks like disaster into glory. With the power of God and the loving care of a Father, you watch over my work. Remind me that I do nothing alone and that you are shouldering my daily tasks with me.

Amen

Gospel:

John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

In the Gospel this week, we have a most moving description of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. It is in act in which we not only see Jesus, the Son of God, defeating death but also Jesus, the man from Nazareth, weeping and sighing over the death of a friend.

In the story, Jesus asks Martha, the sister of Lazarus, whether she believes that He is the resurrection and the life. Belief is a word that is repeated throughout this Gospel. As He prays over Lazarus He says that he does this so that those within hearing may believe that He is sent by God. We are told that many of the people who had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

We are approaching Lent, the school holidays and the celebration of Easter. Ask yourself, how do you feel about the term just past?

Be consoled by the knowledge that we do nothing alone. For God all things are possible. Belief that God is at work in our lives makes us aware of his grace and love helping us through each day.

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