

who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **JOHN 11:25-26**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
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GOSPEL: **JOHN 11: 1-45**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I am the resurrection and the life.**

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas - known as the Twin - said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I

know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	9.15am Communion Service.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
	Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A) 25th / 26th March 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: **EZEKIEL 37:12-14**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 129

RESPONSE: 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 ear be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

Response.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

Response.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.)

Response.

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

Response.

SECOND READING:

ROMANS 8:8-11

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is
living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal
bodies.**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him

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25 / 26 MARCH 2023 – 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	J KWONG	A STANTON
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	V PERERA		
Altar Servers	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 11: P. HO B TANG	A. STANTON	
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER	MARCH ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

1 / 2 APRIL 2023 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	M MORELLI	A STANTON
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING / FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
Projection	A SHEEKA		P TREACY
Altar Servers	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
Counters	GROUP 1: B. CLARK	A. STANTON	P. BRODERICK
Altar Flowers	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY – 1st / 2nd April

Saturday Vigil: 6pm, Sunday 8am and 10am.

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday to Wednesday - 9am Mass followed by Reconciliations from 9.30am.

HOLY THURSDAY – 6th April

Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7pm with prayers and adoration till 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY – 7th April

Stations of the Cross at 10am. *(Reconciliations will be available after the Stations.)*
The Passion of Our Lord at 3pm.

EASTER MASSES – 8th / 9th April

Easter Vigil at 7pm – *followed by Supper in the School Hall*
Sunday Masses at 8am and 10am.

Reconciliation for Easter in the Ryde Deanery.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be available at:

EASTWOOD – Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 6pm.

NORTH RYDE – Tuesday, 4th April at 6pm.

Volunteers for Holy Week Roster.

Our Holy Week volunteer roster sheets for all our Easter Services are in the foyer. Please add your name if you able to help at any of the Masses.



PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Peter Bugeja. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.



Project Compassion 2023.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.



This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support and they continue to create a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Please donate using the envelopes or money boxes available in the church.

Anointing of the Sick.

THIS WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES

Fr Roberto will anoint the sick/elderly parishioners. So stay behind after Mass to receive this Sacrament.



Stations of the Cross.

This Friday the 31st March at 7.30pm.

Working bee.

Our next working bee will be held NEXT Saturday the 1st of April at 9.30am. Bring your rakes and gloves as we prepare the church for Easter.



Daylight Saving ends NEXT Sunday morning – our clocks go back ONE hour.



Lenten programmes.

Last session this Tuesday at 7.30pm in the School Hall and Wednesday at 3pm in the presbytery.

Palm branches are needed.

This year we request you bring your own piece of palm or olive twig when you attend Mass for Palm Sunday on the 1st or 2nd April. We will have a small supply of palms for those who forget to bring their own.

Holy Water for Easter.

Once again we need volunteers to happily help fill the little bottles on Thursday 30th March in the presbytery after the Morning Mass and prayers. We will have a cuppa and some hot cross buns too!



Easter Vigil Supper Celebration – 8th April.

To make this a success we need **VOLUNTEERS** to help organise the supper with setting up tables, heating up food and the clean-up. Please write your name on the appropriate clipboard at the front of the church if you can help out.



Also, if you and your family are coming to share in this supper please bring some appropriate food to share with people. It would be helpful if you could **write your name and what you will bring on the night – savoury or sweet dishes.**

Explaining Sections of the Easter Vigil.

After the Liturgy of the Fire at the Easter Vigil we chant **The Exultet.**

The Exultet is a lyrical prayer, which is chanted during the ceremonial lighting of the Paschal candle during the Easter Vigil.

This lighting ceremony has its origins in the Old Testament ritual lamp lit in the Synagogue at the close of the Sabbath and the evening sacrifice of light and incense.

It is a majestic proclamation of the Resurrection of Christ, a dramatic invitation to heaven and earth to join with the Church in joy and jubilation.



Divine Mercy Sunday.

Will be celebrated at St Therese Church Denistone on 16th April from 2pm-4pm. Please view our noticeboards for more information.

- 2pm - 2.50pm – Reconciliation & Prayers and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 3pm - Holy Mass at 3pm.



Parish Council Meeting UPDATE.

At our meeting on Thursday evening we discussed:

- Preparation for Holy Week.
- Training of new Altar Servers.
- Need for additional parish volunteers.
- Installation of solar panels and battery.
- Waiting for storm water to be connected to street.
- Update on new Ryde Hospital and discussion on how the new Euthanasia bill will affect our hospitals and nursing homes.