

First Reading Ez 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now 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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7 (R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading Rom 8:8-11

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 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.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 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. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

The sisters Martha and Mary 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.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. 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.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They 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.'

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St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

25-26 March 2023, 5th Sunday of Lent - Year A

Dear Friends,

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, Jesus says:

'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?'

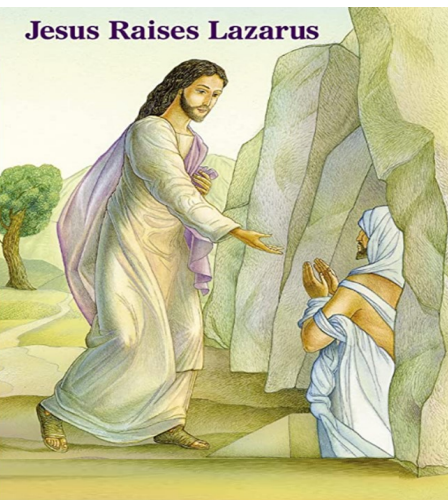
The Gospel today is about faith in Jesus. Jesus of Nazareth raises His close friend, Lazarus, from the dead because of Martha's act of faith in Jesus. She says, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the One who was to come into this world.'

St John, the Gospel writer, ends his Gospel with the words: 'Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in Him'. Do I believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life? Do I believe that Jesus will raise my body from the dead and share His eternal life – body and soul - in heaven at the end of time?

When we experience setbacks and tragedies in our lives it may seem that God is absent. We may come close to losing our faith and may even give in to despair. But our unwavering faith in Jesus, no matter what, can help and console us in our suffering and loss.

Jesus understands the sorrow, the emptiness and the confusion caused by death. He went through it Himself: He died on the Cross. By His death and resurrection, He shows us that just as He rose again, we too will one day overcome death, not by avoiding it but by going through it ourselves and rising above it.

By His own death and resurrection, Jesus opened for us the doors to eternal life. Therefore, He is our sure hope of resurrection and eternal life. By raising Lazarus from the dead, He offers us the hope of a bright new world, if we put our trust in Him. May our prayer be: "Jesus I trust in You!" May the Virgin Mary Mother of God and St Joseph Her Spouse pray to Jesus for us.



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PARISH DIARY

March 2023

25 Saturday, The Annunciation of the Lord

- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 6.00pm Mass-St John's
- 26 Sunday, 5th Sunday of Lent - Year A**
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass-St John's
- 27 Monday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 28 Tuesday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 29 Wednesday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 30 Thursday**
- 12noon at St John's
- 31 Friday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross at St John's

April 2023

- 1 Saturday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 6.00pm Mass-St John's
- 2 Sunday, Palm Sunday - Year A**
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass-St John's

Coming up:

- **25 March** - Annunciation of the Lord, 9.00am Mass at St John's - Legion of Mary, Acies, 2.00pm Mass at St John's. Archbishop Porteous will celebrate the Mass.
- **29 March** - Parents Information Meeting for Confirmation, 7.00pm, St John's meeting room
- **31 March** - Day of Mercy, Reconciliation Evening 6.00pm-8.00pm at St Therese's church in Moonah.

Sacramental Programme

Parent's information meeting for candidates **CONTINUING** their preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist is on **Wednesday, 29th March at 7pm** in the Parish meeting room. Parents' Information meeting for **New** enquirers - for children wishing to start the Sacramental programme will be held on **Wednesday, 20th September at 7pm**. For more information contact Marie 0472 545919

DAY OF MERCY RECONCILIATION EVENING

The Day of Mercy Reconciliation Evening will be held on Friday the 31st March, 6.00pm-8.00pm at St Therese's church in Moonah. 5 priests will be available for individual confession. They will be Archbishop Julian, Fr Leonard, Fr Bartha, Fr Pascal and Fr Guy. The Reconciliation Service will include a short prayer, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and quiet time. You are all encouraged to come. You may stay for as little or as long as you like.

134 Days to World Youth Day

There are about 9 young people who have registered and it is hoped that about 15 young people will attend together with another 15 Religious Education Teachers from our Catholic Schools. The two groups will join up in Rome to form one pilgrimage group to Lisbon for WYD23 and Fatima for a WYD post-retreat (27 July-11 August 2023).

Project Compassion - 5th Sunday of Lent

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

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. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available on the table at the foyer.



Meetings about Family and Marriage

We would like to invite married couples of all ages from our parish to consider registering your names for a family meet-up. Our main intention for this meet-up is that we get to know each other in an informal setting over a shared meal and plan out future programs and events that would enrich our marriages, families, and our Catholic faith. There will be a form for your name & contact details in the parish foyer. Thank you Sandra

Individual Palms

You are invited to bring a spray or branch of your own palm, eucalyptus or other evergreen to be blessed on Palm Sunday. Palms will be available for people who may need them.

Join with Our Lord on the journey of the **Stations of the Cross**
 Every Friday in Lent, 7:00pm at St. John's

Parish Easter Raffle

Please support our Parish Easter Raffle. \$2 a ticket. Raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday, 9 April 2023

Parish 50/50 Club

What is it? A parish fundraiser for necessary emergency repairs to church and grounds. How does it work? We need 50 parishioners or friends to pay \$50, there is a raffle draw of 3 prizes: \$150, \$100 & \$50. We have 20 person who have joined. We need 30 people to complete the fundraiser. You may join by contacting Sheila, the parish secretary, at the Parish Office 62726363 or by envelopes which are available on the table at the back of the church and can be put in the basket.

Footy Points Margin

And the first winner for this season is - Noelene Suckling! (22 points). Next week, 1st. and 2nd. April, tickets for the following **two** weeks will be sold to avoid selling on the Easter weekend. There are still a few left for late starters. See Felecia Phillips, Ann Rogers or Jo Elliott.

Please remember in your prayers our sick

Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, David Smith, Mary Hinds, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Vickie Mackay, Alan Hinds, Peter Reynolds, Alan Brock, Philip White, Arnold Markham

Prayers for the Deceased

Sr Josepha RSJ, Kaye Brock, Angelo Pasutto, Don Fogg, Barbara Campbell, Darrel Patmore, Paul Westcott, Peggy Smith, Don Ambler

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Volunteers

To meet legal requirements, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks, namely **a current Police Check as well as Working with Vulnerable People Registration**. We are reviewing the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Fr Guy Riolo

WEEKEND MASSES St John's, Glenorchy

- 6.00pm Saturday
- 10.00am Sunday
- St. Monica's, Chigwell**
- 8.30am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
- 12.00pm Thursday

ROSARY

At St. John's, Glenorchy
 • 8.30am every Wednesday and Saturday

RECONCILIATION

At St. John's, Glenorchy
 • 9.30am-10.00am & 5.15pm-5.45pm Saturday

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

At St. John's, Glenorchy
 • 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday
 • 9:00am - 11.50am Thursday

LEGION OF MARY

at St. John's, Glenorchy
 • 6.45 pm Every Tuesday
ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP
at St. John's, Glenorchy
 • 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

at St. John's, Glenorchy
 • Every Friday at 3.00pm

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week:	27 March
	Chris Foale
Next Week :	3 April
	Mary Parsissons Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$494.45
Quest Tap & Go:	\$130.00
Loose Plate	\$730.70
Direct Deposit:	\$590.00
TOTAL:	\$1,945.15
Weekly Budget: \$2500.00	
Difference:	-\$554.85