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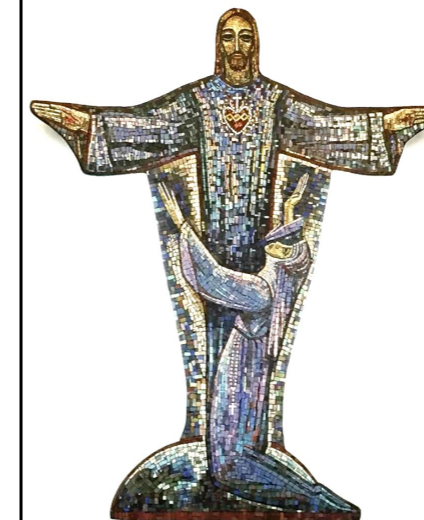
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5th Sunday of Lent
26TH MARCH 2023
YEAR A

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Monday: 9:15am
Tuesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am
Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Saturday: 8:30am

PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS'

MONTHLY INTENTION: MARCH

For victim of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

FIRST FRIDAY:

11:00am: Maltese Mass

07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursdays-Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30 am - 2:30pm

4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm- Divine Mercy Devotions

1st Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm- midnight

VESPERS- SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:15 pm - 5:45pm

RCIA SESSIONS- SUNDAY MORNINGS

9am Mass followed by Session 10 am -11am

DEVOTIONS:

♦ Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour)

Wednesday: after morning Mass

Wednesday: 6:00pm before 7:00pm Mass (Marian Movement Cenacle)

♦ Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus:

Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm

♦ Divine Mercy Devotions

4th Sunday of the month: 1.00pm - 3.00pm, 3.00pm - Holy Mass

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

RECONCILIATION:

Tues - Fri 8.30 - 8.55am

Sat - 9am - 9.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526- option 3 or 0412 625 187 - any time



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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

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) 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 ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
- If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **(R.)**
- 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.) **(R.)**
- Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.' 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.

MEDITATION:

What is the significance of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead? It is more than a miraculous event. It is a "sign" of God's promise to raise up all who have died in Christ to everlasting life. That is why Jesus asked Martha if she believed in the resurrection from the dead. The Christian creed, which is the profession of our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and in the saving power of God, culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and in life everlasting. This is our faith and our hope. God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit that we may be made alive in Christ. Even now we can experience the power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in our personal lives. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to change and transform us into men and women of faith, hope, and love. Do you believe that the power of Jesus' resurrection is at work in your life today? Let the Holy Spirit strengthen within you the life and joy of God and the hope of heaven. Do you find joy and hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ? **Lord Jesus Christ, you have ransomed us with your blood and restored us to life with the Father in heaven. May your resurrection be our hope as we long for the day when we will see you face to face in glory.**

PALMS BRANCHES FOR PALM SUNDAY

We are seeking donations of palms branches for our procession and blessing for **Palm Sunday on 02 April.**

Deliveries of palms to be left in the foyer of the church on **Friday 31 March & Saturday 01 April. Thank you.**



TUESDAY - following 9:00am Mass
FRIDAY - following 7:00pm Mass
FRIDAYS IN LENT

ROSARY- 6:30pm
HOLY MASS - 7:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:30pm following 7pm Mass
LENTEN MORNING DEVOTIONS

Following All Morning Mass (excluding Tuesday & Wednesday)

During the period of Lent, all are invited to join in our special Lenten devotions after the morning Mass. We will be reciting the **chaplet of Divine Mercy** and the **Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Christ.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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OUR
PARISH
PRAYER

Father, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of this parish so that inspired by Your word, nourished at Your table and graced by Your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building up of Your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **Amen**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

02 APRIL 2023
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
(Year A)

Is 50:4 - 7; Phil 2:6 - 11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66



Praying
with
Scripture
During
Lent

SCRIPTURE STUDY

You are invited to experience the joy of **"the Word of God"** in a weekly Lenten discussion on Thursdays at **7:00pm** at St. Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre.
For further queries, contact Gwen on 9632 9097

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAYS 9:30am to 2:30pm

The Lord invites us to take some time out of our busy lives to spend some time with Him in quiet adoration, prayer and reflection. If you can spare 1/2 hour or more, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed after morning Mass every Thursday until 2:30pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME**



RCIA- CELEBRATION OF THE SCRUTINIES

It is with great joy to announce four adults will celebrate the SCRUTINIES of the Elect on the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent at 10:30am Mass. Please in your charity pray that they will receive the grace of Purification and Enlightenment and be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.



EASTER CANDLES

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We request our Parishioners to support our Parish Piety Corner Shop with their generous purchase of a variety of available products. These items are perfect for your own personal needs or as a treasured gift to share with others. Purchases may be done from the Parish Office as well during working hours. **Thank you.**



Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

25 & 26 March 2023

"Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding"(Jer3:15) Please support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community. **Our Parish quota is approx \$8000 for this Appeal so we request our Parishioners for their generous contributions.** Help form the future of our Church and please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal via envelopes or @yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

26 MARCH 2023

1:00 – 1:30pm Silent Adoration
1:30 – 3:00pm Devotions
3:00 pm **Special Holy Mass**
All are welcome to come and pray with us.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 14 March** until **Friday, 28 April 2023.**



Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or available at our Parish Office during working hours. **(Enrolment Fee \$50 per child).**

Parents Night: Wednesday, 26 April at 7pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre

Sacrament of Reconciliation program is divided into two groups taught by Monique Kairouz & assisted by Fr. Jeremy Santoso.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

All preparation sessions will be held on **WEDNESDAYS** with two time slots to choose from: **5:30 - 6:30pm or 7:00 - 8:00pm**

Session 1: 03 MAY

Session 2: 10 MAY

Session 3: 17 MAY

Session 4: 24 MAY

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre



Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Monday, 29 May 2023 at 6:00pm inside the Church.

Holy Week 2023



PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

SATURDAY (01 April) - 6:00pm - Vigil

SUNDAY (02 April) - 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm

(Blessings of palms and olive branches at all Masses)

MONDAY (03 April) - 9:15am

TUESDAY (04 April) - 9:00am & 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY (05 April) - 9:00am {NO 7:00pm Mass}

Thursday of Holy Week **(06 April) - No Morning Mass**

Thursday of the LORD'S SUPPER - 7:00pm

Friday of the PASSION of the LORD

Good Friday (07 April)

Stations of the Cross - 10:00am

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm

Holy Saturday (08 April) - No Morning Mass

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (08 April) - 6:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD
(09 April) - 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm



FAREWELL MASS OF FR. JANUSZ PAWLICHA

23 APRIL 2023 – 10:30AM

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Thank you Fr. Janusz for being such a wonderful example of God's Love. We have been fortunate to have an outstanding role model like you, who has managed this Parish with invaluable and inspired excellence. You have helped our Church and community to grow spiritually and have given so much to this Parish and done much for it. Your contributions and dedication will always serve as an inspiration to others.

May our Triune God and our Blessed Mother guide and protect Fr. Janusz always. We pray that the Lord will bless you abundantly as you journey towards the next chapter in your ministerial life and that the Holy Spirit will guide you in your pastoral duties .

A farewell Mass for Fr. Janusz will be held on Sunday 23 April at 10:30am followed by a Parish Brunch in the Parish Hall. All are welcome and we request you to kindly bring a dish to share.

For those who wish to contribute towards a farewell monetary gift for Fr. Janusz, please contact Priscilla Newman, Gwen D'Silva or the Parish Office during office hours.