



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.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation. The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities.

All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness. Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

26 March 2023

First Reading Ez 37:12-14

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

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

1. 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.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)
3. 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.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:8-11

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 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.*

Gospel Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45 or shorter form Jn 11:1-45

I am the resurrection, and the life.

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*

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick and housebound in our Parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe D'Agostino

ANNIVERSARIES

Leonarda Di Gregorio(1 month), Jihan Khallouf, Michael Deren, Maria Assunta Muscat, Vincenzo D'Agostino, Jeff Zammit, Rocco Cesile, Souhaila & Habib Kizana

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) For further information, please contact Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or remain anonymous

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Account Name: St Peter's Church Account BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 53530 4676. Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. ASmith T/G 500

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

There are still some envelope boxes and letters with receipts to be collected. To save on postage please take the time to collect yours.

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations towards our Altar Easter flowers would be appreciated.

LENTEN 'THANK YOU'

Thank you to all who led, participated in or helped during our recent Lenten Programs.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS PALM SUNDAY

Wind your clocks back 1 hour next Saturday night before you go to bed.

CONGRATULATIONS

Maria & Tony Galle

on the occasion of their

70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

May God continue to bless them

PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 31st March

7.00pm – Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass

8.30pm-11.30pm – Healing Eucharistic Adoration

PALMS

If anyone has Palms for Palm Sunday (next weekend), please bring them to the Church by next Friday morning, 31st March, or contact the Parish Office if they need to be collected.

NO MORNING MASS – 1ST APRIL 2023

There will be no 9.15am Morning Mass on Saturday, 1st April due to the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral which commences at 10.00am. All welcome to attend.

LENTEN PENANCE WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have Lenten Penance with Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, 5th April (no Mass) at 7.00pm. Priests will be available for individual Confessions.

TRUE NORTH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – ST MONICA'S, MOONEE PONDS

Meets every 3rd Sunday of the month from 6.30pm-8.30pm (after 5.30pm Mass) in the Symons Centre, 820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds. Ages 18-35 welcome. For more information, please email truenorth90stable@gmail.com

At the 10.30am Mass this weekend, a representative from True North will give a talk after Communion.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2023 "For All Future Generations" 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, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

2023 LENTEN CALENDAR

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – 2ND April

Normal weekend timetable (Blessing of the Palms, Procession & Mass)

HOLY WEEK

Monday of Holy Week – 3rd April

9.15am - Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week – 4th April

9.15am - Mass.

Wednesday of Holy Week – 5th April

9.15am Morning Mass

7.00pm – Lenten Penance with Eucharistic Adoration – no Mass (*Priests will be available for individual Confessions*)

HOLY THURSDAY – 6th April

7.00pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

8.30pm – Altar of Repose & Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – 7th April

10.30 am - Way of the Cross

3.00pm - Solemn celebration of The Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY – 8th April

7.00pm The Easter Vigil Mass – Blessing of Fire, Paschal Candle & Baptismal Water followed by solemn Mass of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY – 9th April

8.30am Mass (English/Italian)

10.30am Mass (English)

No 5.00pm Mass on Easter Sunday however there will be 7.00pm Divine Mercy Novena followed by Mass on Easter Sunday

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR EASTER TRIDUUM MASSES - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Readers, Ext. Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Greeters, Car Parking Attendants, Sacristans, Singers, Cleaners are needed for all 3 Masses. Please fill in your details on the clipboard in the Narthex or email the Parish Office with your availability.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Administration: Stephanie Wood, Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

MONDAY 3 APRIL

2024 Prep Enrolments due by 4.00pm

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL

End of Term 1 at 1.30pm

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.