

JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

The Resurrection is central to the Christian faith. Yet it is probably one of the most misunderstood doctrines. What does it mean to say Jesus is risen? What does Jesus' resurrection mean for us?

In today's gospel we are presented with the story of the raising of Lazarus, which is intended to point towards our Easter celebrations of the resurrection of Jesus. It is also intended to stress the unique character of Jesus' resurrection.

The writers of the New Testament make clear that Jesus' resurrection was not like the raising of Lazarus, a resuscitation of a dead body. The gospels have several stories of Jesus resuscitating the dead: Lazarus (John 11:1-44); the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5:21-43); and the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17). What makes these people's experiences fundamentally different from that of the resurrected Jesus is that all three were raised and would live on for a while; but would eventually die again.

By contrast, Jesus would never die again and his risen life would be very different from the manner or nature of life he had lived for more than three decades among his family, friends and followers. After his resurrection, Jesus could walk through walls (John 20:19). He was not immediately recognised by some of his closest disciples. He seems to have "appeared" to numerous different people in differing situations. He could walk along with disciples on the road to Emmaus and, then, simply "vanish" (Luke 24:31).

It is also true to say that, after the Resurrection, Jesus was the same person whom his disciples had known and loved. They recognised his voice. They touched him. They shared meals with him. Much of this serves the gospel writers' concern to emphasise the physical character of Jesus' appearances. Still it bears testimony to the corporeality of the disciples' experience. Jesus' resurrection was that of a human being, not just some disembodied spirit.

Of course, the resurrection of Jesus is but a portent of what God has in store for all who believe – as Jesus says in today's gospel, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26).

It is remarkable that all the early Christian texts known to us signal that the ultimate hope of the earliest Christians was the resurrection of the body. For those first Christians and for us, Jesus' resurrection was only part one of an eschatological drama that must await a future fulfilment with the second coming of Christ, when all who believe will be raised and transformed into a new reality where there will be no suffering or death. We will live on.

The story of Lazarus points towards this future!



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26th March, 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

Year A

Violet

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

2nd April, 2023

Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

Year A

Red

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

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Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - (1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing) Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

Parish Meetings	
Parish Pastoral Council	Tuesday, 11th April in Parish Centre at 6.45pm
Vinnies	Wednesday, 29th March in Parish Centre at 7.00pm



Funeral Notice

The Funeral service for Kaye Ballantyne will be held at Unity Chapel, 8 Bronzewing Street, Huntingdale on Monday 27th March at 10.00am.



Stations of the Cross

7.00pm
Every Friday during Lent

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Linus Ayu, Emmanuel Malagui

Death Anniversary

Hazel Bunyan, Pamela D'Souza, Shirley Giddens, Jeff Partington, Monica Partington

Deceased

Narcisa Amora, Mercidita Andilah, Edlberto Carillo, Cherry Daquipil, Doreen Langan, Oscar Langan, Elena Lim, Cecilia Loh, Dominic Loh, Lawrence Loh, Hazel Roberts, Jema Suarez

Our Sick

Ammini Jose, John Breag, Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine, Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra, Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly, Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen, Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira, Metilde Warui, Con Farano, Rene Priest, Mary Hazel Calupig, Margaret Evans, Erika Magness, Mavis Hall, Ian Ballantyne

Feast Days this Week

Mar 27	Mon	St John of Egypt
Apr 1	Sat	St Ceallach

Rosters for 25/26 March, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Volunteer	Angel Donina	Volunteer	Faye Mitchell Ludette Van Der Spil	Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Dashell Van Ingen, Angel Villan Carl Agus, Maria Donina
Sunday 7.30am	Jennifer Barnes Jackie Hall	Ann Ralston	Inoka Ratnasekera	Aruna Ratnasekera	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw Scott Tido, Shania Tido
Sunday 9.30am	Silvana & Andy Sciorilli	Maureen Byrne	Ben Gradisen	Phillip Magness	Francisco Aung Michael Ayeni	Juan Carlos Borlongan, Leslie Dcruz Florian Christstar, Emily Crestani Angel Garavillas, Gabino Htoo
Tellers this week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes				Tellers next week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl le Guay		

Rosters for 1/2 April, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Palm Sunday Roster		Colin Loh	Christy Ravanez Bridget Soh	Xyris Madrigal, Abigail Raganas Melanie Beacher, Athena Calupig Matthew Calupig, Angel Donina
Sunday 7.30am	Bette Lyra Vilma Lyra	Palm Sunday Roster		Larry Cavallo	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Callie Abogado, Michael Almen Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan
Sunday 9.30am	Karen Suarez Robert Szelezak	Palm Sunday Roster		Nigel Hayward	Anne Brink Jim Brink	Sanjay Jojo, Noel Justin Elain Labrador, Keanu Malagui-Hicks Nicole Oo, Walter Oo

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4th Sunday of Lent 25th & 26th March



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Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on Wednesday, 29th March at 7.00pm. This is God's gift to us to encounter His merciful love as we prepare for our celebration of Holy week and Easter.

The following parishes will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Kelmscott-Tuesday 28th March at 7pm and Armadale-Thursdays 30th March at 7pm.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 6th April

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 7th April

10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 8th April

7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass
(Not 6pm)

Easter Sunday 9th April

7.30am & 9.30am Mass

Reconciliation

After Good Friday Services
Holy Saturday 10.00 - 11.00am

Prayer of Desolata

An hour with Mary
Holy Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am

Easter Colours

We invite you to wear the liturgical colours for the Holy Week and Easter celebrations: Red for Palm Sunday and Good Friday, White for Holy Thursday and white or gold for Easter Sunday.

Flowers for Easter

Once again we seek your Generous support for our appeal to enhance the church for our Easter celebrations. There is a box in the foyer for your offering.



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Rosters for Holy Week and Easter

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, Commentators and Acolytes are sought for Palm Sunday and the Easter weekend services. Please place your name on the list in the foyer if you are able to assist in any of the wonderful liturgies of Holy Week.

Calling all Choristers

Practice for Easter services is on Mondays from 7pm to 8pm until Easter. Please join us in the Church via Corfield Street entrance. Everyone is welcome to join us. We really encourage new members to come along and join our happy crew. Thank you to all of our stalwart regulars who so generously give their time and effort to provide music for all of our services. For more information, please contact Brenda Parsons on 0414 098 705.



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Golden Age Club

There is no club day this week, as members will be enjoying lunch at Thornlie Club.



Youth Night

Thank you to all those who attended the youth event on the 11th of March. It was lovely to see new and regular faces. The next youth event will be on the 14th of April, from 7pm to 9pm. Registration and contact details are located in the foyer. Remember to RSVP your attendance by 7pm the day before. Can't wait to see you at our next event.

New Rosters - Greeters - Out Now

Volunteers, please make sure you have the latest roster so that you can attend on the dates allotted to you. The rosters are available in the church foyer. Remember to arrange your own swaps when necessary. Thank you to all those who continue to serve their parish through these various ministries and particularly to those who have offered their services for the first time. May God bless your generosity.

New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

The roster covering the period for April to July 2023, is soon to be drawn up. If you are aware that you will be away for any extended period during this time, please contact the Parish Office so new rosters may be ready for collection early April. Phone: 9398 2331 or email: secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au



Reach out. Give life.

As a Lenten commitment suggestion, Catholic Mission in partnership with the Spirituality Hub in Kirup, offers the opportunity to be part of a Living Rosary group in the tradition of Blessed Pauline Jaricot. Contact deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com or 0419 939 864 for more information about the group and how to participate in person or online via Zoom.

Caritas Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake that has devastated Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number rising daily is still in need of your help.



We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can continue to support and help the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.



Photo: Caritas network

Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

'CCR Together' is an evening of Praise & worship, teaching and fellowship. Our first event for 2023 is Friday, March 31, at Orana Primary School hall, Querrin Ave, Willetton, commencing at 7.30pm with Prayer & Praise. A presentation on a particular Christian theme will follow and the evening will conclude about 9.30pm with fellowship & a light supper. Healing prayer is available for those in need. All are welcome, especially those needing a touch from the Lord! Entry is free, though we do take up a collection to support the Renewal. Further info: Dan 0409 849 049.

Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

We invite ALL church workers to attend a safeguarding induction. The session will cover the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the importance of Safeguarding in the parish and the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer.



Please visit www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au, phone 9221 7762 or email safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au to register for a in person or online session.

Available dates and times are on the bulletin board.

On The Bulletin Board

Employment opportunities from the Archdiocese of Perth and other opportunities available.

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