

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.  
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John 11:25,26

GOSPEL

John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45 (Shorter form)

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.’

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, ‘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.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A’s focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today’s Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John’s Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today’s reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders’ growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus’ obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus’s resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha’s sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus’s tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus’ death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus’ impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus’ own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus’s tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus’ tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin’s power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

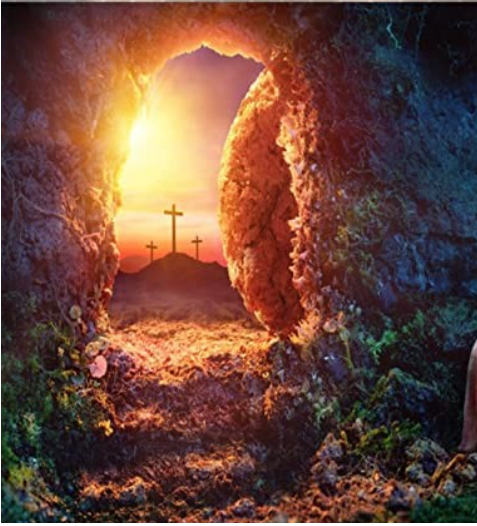


Parish Bulletin

5th Sunday of Lent

25 / 26 March 2023

*I am the  
resurrection  
and the life*



THE RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE.

The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus’ own death and resurrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in baptism.

Let us pray for all who are  
to be baptised this Easter.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON  
Ps 42:1-2

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.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING  
Ezekiel 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.

PSALM 129  
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 count 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  
Romans 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.



Pope Francis  
@pontifex

*Let us ask the grace to be surprised  
every day by God’s gifts and to see the  
various circumstances of life, even the  
ones that are the most difficult to accept,  
as occasions to do good,  
as Jesus did with the blind man.*



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Weekdays: Michael Pierce  
Sundays: Terence Yeow  
& Roger Worth

**Mass Times**  
Sunday 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

**Confessions**  
Saturday 6:00 pm

**Rosary**  
Tues to Fri 8:45am

**Adoration of the Eucharist**  
Friday before Mass 8:30am

**Novena to St. Joseph**  
Wednesday after Mass

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1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters for 1/2 April 2023 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
Time	Commentator / Readers
6:30pm	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio Giulia Guiliani
9:30am	Sandra Mazzarolo Aloysius Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children’s Liturgy	Nickie and Anne
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit, Christina Wong, Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	18/19 MARCH
First Collection	\$587.80
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$2805.50
Open Plate	\$426.55
TOTAL	\$3819.85

**Easter Liturgies 2023**

**Thursday 6th April**  
7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper  
Private adoration until 10:00pm

**Friday 7th April**  
11:00am Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord’s  
Passion

**Saturday 8th April**  
6:30pm Easter Vigil

**Sunday 9th April**  
9:30am Mass of the Resurrection

**Confessions**  
**Tuesday 4th April**  
8:30am & 9:45am  
**Wednesday 5th April**  
8.30am & 9.45am

*Let's pray together*

**Please remember  
in your prayers**

We pray for those listed and  
all the deceased relatives and  
friends of our Parishioners.

**Recently  
Deceased:** Kath Shirley

**Anniversary of death:**  
Disma and Angela De Valentin

*Eternal rest grant to them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon them; present them  
to God the Most High.*

**Sick:**  
We pray for the sick and  
housebound of our Parish  
and our relatives and friends  
who are unwell.

**Ministry of Holy Communion  
for the Sick and Homebound**

St. Joseph’s church Tranmere is  
committed to pay special attention to  
our parishioners. The faithful who are  
ill or housebound are deprived of their  
rightful and accustomed place in the  
Eucharistic community.

In bringing communion to them the  
Minister of Communion represents  
Christ and manifests faith and charity  
on behalf of the whole community  
toward those who cannot be present  
at the Eucharist. For the sick the  
reception of communion is not only a  
privilege but also a sign of support  
and concern shown by the Catholic  
community for its members who are ill  
or housebound. If the sick wish to  
celebrate the sacrament of penance,  
encourage them or the family to be in  
contact with the parish priest.

If you are feeling comfort in asking  
this assistance from the Parish Priest  
or anyone from the parish, please let  
the Parish office know your interest.

**KIDS  
CORNER**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 26th, 2023**

In today's Gospel reading,  
Jesus finds out that his friend  
Lazarus has died.  
Can you find your way through the  
maze to the tomb where Jesus will  
raise him from the dead?

**God Raises People  
from the Dead!**

In today's Old Testament  
reading God promised His  
people that He would raise  
them from their graves. In the  
Gospel story Jesus raised His  
friend Lazarus from the dead. At the end of time  
God will raise everyone from the dead.

God does not like death. We all have to die  
because we are sinful, but God wants to raise us  
from the dead, like Lazarus.

Did you know that there is something worse than  
dying? Sinning is worse than dying, because when  
you commit a mortal sin you kill God's life in your  
soul. When you die you know that your body will  
rise again, but if you are not sorry for any serious  
sins then your soul will go to Hell because it doesn't  
have God's life in it. In Lent  
we should try to get rid of  
all the sin in our souls by  
going to Confession so  
that our souls will have  
God's life in them and be  
ready to celebrate Jesus'  
resurrection at Easter!

**Parish Announcements**

**CONDOLENCES TO FR ROY**  
We extend our sincere condolences to Fr Roy and his family for the  
loss of his dear father last week. May God grant you all peace in  
the knowledge that your father is resting in heaven.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE - Sunday 26 March**  
The Knights of the Southern Cross will be having a Sausage Sizzle  
after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 26 March. Cost is \$2.50/sausage. All  
Welcome.

**LENTEN SEASON**  
**Stations of the Cross** every Friday after Mass. (If you wish to be  
involved, please see roster at the church entrance).

**HUBS OF LOVE - PREGNANCY HELP AUSTRALIA**  
One way you can support PHA provide services to help women  
choose life is by taking this “40 Days of Prayer and Fasting Book” so  
they can continue with their mission. Find the books at the church  
entrance and place your donation on the slip provided.

**Türkiye-Syria Earthquake Disaster**  
A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has  
unleashed devastation on Türkiye and  
Syria. Over 50,000 people have been  
killed, with many more injured and left  
homeless. After 12 years of war, Syria is at  
breaking point and desperately needs  
assistance.  
We must act NOW and help those affected  
by this catastrophe.  
Visit: [www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey](http://www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey) or  
call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

**Archdiocese Events**

**CHRISM MASS**  
We welcome all to celebrate Mass of the Oils on Monday  
April 3 at St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral at 6pm.  
Please note NO onsite car parking will be available. If you would  
like more information regarding this event, please contact the  
Events Office on P: 8210 8220.

**Marian Procession – save the date**  
The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 21  
beginning at the Pioneer Women’s Memorial Gardens (next to the  
Torrens Parade Ground on King William Rd) procession up King  
William St into Victoria Square. This year, we celebrate the Feast of  
the Visitation in line with the 2023 World Youth Day theme. The  
Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with  
their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from  
1.30pm. Unless there is a severe weather warning the procession  
will take place however it will conclude in St Francis Xavier’s  
Cathedral rather than Victoria Square. For more information,  
please contact the Events Office on P: 8210 8220.

Mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government  
Although the mandates have been lifted, we highly recommend you  
continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.  
**Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety**