

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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GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. 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.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. 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.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, 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

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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.

Good Friday Night Walk

Young people and families are warmly invited to join an evening pilgrimage walk through the heart of the city. As we journey together into the stillness of the night, we will pause to reflect on the significance of this sacred day and create space for hope, even in moments of darkness.

Date: Friday 3 April 2026

Time: 7:30pm start until late (approx. 11:30pm)

Location: Beginning at Mary MacKillop Plaza (next to St Francis Xavier Cathedral) and concluding at St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Walking Distance: Approximately 6-6.5km

What to Expect: Three moments of contemporary prayer, reflection, and worship – at the beginning, midpoint, and end of the pilgrimage.

Free Registration using the QR Code or thru: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIYHL>

Hosted by the **Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA)**, this all-ages pilgrimage weaves together prayer, scripture, music and reflective moments inspired by the faith and leadership of young people across the Archdiocese. We invite everyone – young people, families, and the wider community – to step into this shared journey. Together, we will honour the solemn beauty of Good Friday, lift up the voices and presence of our young people, and deepen our reflection on the mystery and hope of Easter.

Emergency Evacuation Diagrams are installed at the following locations of the church. We encourage everyone to take a moment to familiarize themselves. Your awareness helps maintain a safe environment for all.
East Entrance Foyer . West Entrance Foyer . Front Entrance (right –hand side) . Sunday School Area (back door) . Sacristy .



Parish Bulletin

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

21 / 22 March 2026

*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 baptized this Easter.

**Stations of the Cross
during the Season of Lent**

Every Friday evening:
20th, 27th February; and 6th,
13th, 20th, 27th March
Service at 7.00pm (Confession
at 6.30pm)

Brief Stations of the Cross

Every Lenten Sunday after
Morning Mass

**Children Reconciliation
Ceremony**

Tuesday 24th March at 7.00pm

**CHRISM MASS
at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral**

Monday 30th March 2026,
6.00pm
This Mass celebrate the blessing
of holy oils used for sacraments
throughout the year.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 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.

The word of the Lord

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-11

*If the Spirit of him who raised
Jesus from the dead is living in
you, the 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.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 129

Response:
*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**

Holy Week
— 2026 Mass Times —
At St Joseph's Parish Tranmere

Palm Sunday 29th March
9.30am Mass

Holy Thursday 2nd April
6.30pm Mass of the Last Supper
Private adoration until midnight
(No Morning Mass)

Good Friday 3rd April
11.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 4th April
6.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 5th April
9.30am Mass of the Resurrection

Confessions on Tuesday 31st March
8.30am & 9.45am

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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

St. Joseph's Primary School

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Vinnies Assistance Hotline

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

ROSTERS 28/29 Mar 2026 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Bridgette Barrett Henry D'Assumpcao Thilini Silva
Children's Liturgy	Tania Loro Montin Angela Mealey
Count team	Julie Priem Leo Priem Anne Dudzinski George Dudzinski
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Francesca Ciancio 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	



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<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate>

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.



Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.



Please remember in your prayers

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

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:
Nora Fe Anciano

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.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	14/15 Mar 2026
Open Plate	\$392.65
Planned Giving	\$382.20
PARISH TOTAL	\$774.85
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$714.10

The Knights of the Southern Cross SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sunday 22 Mar 2026 after 9:30am Mass

Thank you for your support!



Parish Children's Liturgy

At St Joseph's Church Parish Tranmere, we have a very dedicated team of catechists who teach Children's Liturgy at every Sunday morning mass. We would love to see more children benefit from attending this program. All children between the ages of 3-10 are welcome. For more information, please contact the parish office.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Morning Reflection with Fr Tom

"Dying and Rising with Christ – Praying the Triduum"

Join us for our next Morning Reflection with Fr Tom McDounough CP on the 28th of March at The Monastery.

As the title suggests, we immerse ourselves in the attitudes, prayers and joys of being totally alive in Christ.

We remember that Easter is not a weekend, but seven weeks of celebration and the beginning of Heaven on Earth.

Doors open at 9:00am. Morning tea will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring a packed lunch to enjoy in The Monastery Gardens. Bookings essential - please contact The Monastery office to book, email confer-ence@themonastery.net.au or call 8338 8700 *Suggested donation of \$25.00

Theology at the Bar

Faith, ideas & conversation. Come along, all welcome!

Interstate Guest speaker: Fr Jerome Santamaria (from Melbourne).

Date: Wed 15th April.

Location: Ern Malley Bar, Magill Rd Stepney SA.

Time: 6:30pm start, for 7pm talk.

Snacks, toasties and drinks available at the bar



A Bible Study Tour and Pilgrimage to Places that St Paul Visited

After this Christmas 2026 and into January 2027, from 30 December to 17 January, Fr Michael Trainor is hosting a study tour and pilgrimage to Greece (including Crete) and Turkey, to places that St Paul visited. The tour will soak in these ancient sites while exposing you to St Paul, the letters he wrote and the reason he was so influential to the first generations of Jesus followers. For more information or to register your interest (without obligation), please email him at blstadelaide@gmail.com.

Teilhard: Visionary Scientist

Glenelg Parish is delighted to screen a film on the life of Fr Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ, Jesuit priest and paleontologist. Teilhard combined his deeply held Catholic faith with his passion for evolutionary science. The wonder of creation continued to inspire and enlighten him. This heart-stirring film on Teilhard's life shows a relentless pursuit for truth wherever it is to be found.

At St Mary's Hall, High Street, Glenelg at 7pm on Friday 27 March.

Tea/coffee available at interval.

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/153537576?fl=pl&fe=cm>

Clearview-Kilburn Catholic Parish - Family Bingo Night

Come join us for a fun-filled evening of Bingo at St Gabriel's Primary School Gymnasium on Friday March 27 at 6pm. This is a night of excitement, friendly competition and lots of prizes. Sausage sizzle, drinks and ice cream will be available for purchase. Book your tickets via Humanitix by using the link <https://events.humanitix.com/ckcp-familybingonight2026> or QR code by Monday March 23.

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast

Dear brethren in our Lord Jesus Christ, You, your family and friends are invited to join us to celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday feast as Jesus requested, on Sunday April 12 2026, (the Sunday after Easter Sunday)

At Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 14 Barker Rd Prospect.

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

For Divine Mercy materials, please contact Divine Mercy Publications in Melbourne.

Don't forget to bring your rosary beads, prayer cards, books, etc, so Fr can bless them.

Please take a flyer or three from the cathedral entrances and spread the good news.

Car parking available.

ENQUIRIES: Mario Forte 0412 700 300; Lothar Bukojemski 0422 982 860;

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The Kids' Bulletin

www.thekidsbulletin.com

An Ezekiel Puzzle

In today's first reading God tells His people what He is going to do.

Match the tombstones with the shapes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.



I will _____
and _____

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!



Answer to Ezekiel Puzzle: I will OPEN YOUR GRAVES and HAVE YOU RISE FROM THEM.