

5th Sunday in Lent
26th March 2023

THE 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.

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.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

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.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

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.

Verse Before the Gospel:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45 (Abbreviated)

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.'

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.'

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 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.

Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke...

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**St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/
5pm 4th Sunday**
**St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led /
Mass 1st Sunday**

St Brendan's: 2nd April: Lay Led @ 9.30am

Communion Minister: A Ruddell

Commentator: C Finlay

Reader: B Allatt

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St Joseph's: 2nd April: Mass @ 10.30am

Family:

Minister:

Lay Leaders:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

St Brendan's: April Marg Allan & Dani Allan

St Joseph's: April J & M Melville

Counters: April: 3/10: L Darcy

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lance Ryan

**ANNIVERSARIES: Helen Cashman, Bernie
McGrath, Sr Geraldine Mugavin sgs, Jack O'Shea,
Leo Ryan, Terry McCarthy, Aileen McCarthy**

*We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those
who seek healing and wellness. May they feel
valued and supported especially...*

***Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn, Goldie Elsum,
Leo Embrey, Kathleen O'Donnell***



Dates to Remember:

EASTER MASS TIMES:

**Palm Sunday: Lay Led @ St Brendan's 9.30am
Mass @ St Joseph's 10.30am**

Holy Thursday: Mass @ St Brendan's 7.00pm

Good Friday Ceremony: @ St Brendan's 2.30pm

Easter Vigil: Mass St Brendan's

Saturday 8th April@ 7.00pm

Project Compassion: 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 three inspiring people and one community group who have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Priscilla, Thu and the Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413.

INVITATION: The Scott family warmly invite the communities of St Joseph's and St Brendan's to the BLESSING OF PLAQUE-MEMORIAL TO DYSON and DARRYL SCOTT, as a tribute to the new pathway at St Mary's Church on this Sunday, 26th at 11am Mass, followed by a light luncheon. All Welcome.

St Brendan's Community Book Club

The book club is up and running. The first book is

"I'll Leave You With This" by Kylie Ladd

The Colac Library has copies on order and Target have them for \$16.

The first meeting is 3rd April @7:30, in the school hall. Gracesyn 52331464, if you wish to join us.

Email from Fr Dan... Like to be with you all.
Happy St Joseph's day. Dan A.

ACRATH: Take the bitterness out of chocolate

Easter chocolate is already on the supermarket shelves, so let's recommit to using our chocolate dollars to buy slavery-free chocolate this year. It's also the right time to tell our families, friends and communities about the exploitation of children in chocolate production. You can find the Be Slavery Free Chocolate Scorecard at <https://www.beslaveryfree.com/chocolate>. The scorecard published in 2022 and updated before Easter, features most of your favourite brands and explains how they rate in several key areas child labour, payment of a living income.

Prayer to St Joseph, by Pope Francis

Blessed Joseph,
to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.



BULLETIN NOTICES

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
We pray for the people of Ukraine.
We pray for peace and the
laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
That your Spirit of comfort would
draw near to them.
We pray for those with power of war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your
precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince
of Peace. Amen

A special prayer initiative for the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate

Pope Francis will celebrate the 10th year of his pontificate on March 13, 2023. To highlight this milestone anniversary in a “viral” manner, the Digital Synod has launched a special online map featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him. Anyone who wishes to join the initiative will find an invitation on the website to pray one or more Hail Mary’s <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>. The map with the 'little candles' which represent the Hail Mary’s that are prayed for him will be sent to Pope Francis.

*Let us all pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis!
O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favourably on your servant Francis,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her
shepherd;
Grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE.

Just a reminder of this service, that is available and currently under used. The bus comes fortnightly on a Wednesday 10-11:30. Where? St Brendan’s carpark. Next dates are: 5/4 19/4