

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Rage against Death

This Gospel tells us that Our Lord was moved with compassion in an almost violent way, raging against the seeming finality of death. The raising of Lazarus was a demonstration of his power to rob death of its supposed supremacy. But, Our Lord did not set Lazarus completely free! You may think that to be raised from the dead was not a bad start, but Lazarus was still shuffling: bound, constrained, constricted by the past. To those gathered around the tomb Jesus issued the command: 'Set him free, unbind him.' It was the collective effort of others which enabled Lazarus to walk as a liberated son of God.

You may find yourself commanded by the Lord to help unbind a person who has had a deadening experience which has drained them of life. We get the courage to respond because it is the command of the One who definitively conquered death. We could pause for a moment to resolve to help liberate others already helped by the grace of Him whom we believe to be *the Resurrection and the Life*.

Liturgy Help

Please pray for our sick:

Joe Abela
Antonio Borja
Delfina Borja
Florence Bowell
Leigh Anne Burkett
Angelo Cecchellero
John Church
Iole Cicolini
Elaine Clift
Emmanuel Corpuz
Juliet and Rommel Estabillo
Rima Faatamala
Helen Fraser
Cora Fulcher
David Goldsmith
Corazon Guemo
Gary Grady
Antonietta Laria
Sophy Lawless
Baby Atlas Lozev
Marcos
Gywen McIntyre
Patricia McMahon
Anna Nguyen
Loretta & Geoff Percival
Regina Paredes
Trishy Mary Rankin
Nathan Reynolds
Ben Sealey
Rosario B Surmielida
Ljubica Vricic
Eve Ward
Olesia (Jacyson) Warren

May they rest in peace:

Anthony McGlynn
Gianna Marchiori
Anne McTernan (Michelago)
Michael Freebody
Gaetano Nesci
Nikkita Drazevich
Philip Thwaytes (England)

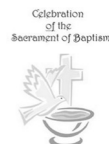


Anniversary of Death:

Rita Notte (1yr)
Maurice Bobbin
Reg Halliburton

Baptisms:

Kai Tse
William Crowe
Samuel Inglis



Parish Finance Committee

Elenore Karpfen Chair
Selina Stanford
Scott Corr
Anne Alexander
Father Tony Percy

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday
9am Mass
5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday
9.00am Mass
Sunday 5.00pm Mass

Monday
5.30pm Mass

Tuesday
5.30pm Mass

Wednesday
12noon Mass & 5.30pm

Thursday
5.30pm Mass

Friday
12noon Mass
11.00am-11.55am Exposition
and Adoration
5.30pm Mass

See notice for Friday services during Lent

Baptisms
St Raphael's Church
Sundays 10.30am

Marriages
by appointment

Confession
see page 2 of bulletin

Michelago
2nd Saturday of the month 5.30pm

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

25 & 26 March 2023

Entrance Antiphon

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.

First Reading Ezek 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

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

(R.) **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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

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.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 11:1-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Liturgy Help

Readings for Palm Sunday
Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your feedback on last year's parish financial results and the parish budget 2023. The **Parish Finance Committee** (PFC) met again on Tuesday night. We have identified that we need two more members with experience in maintenance and experience in property. Your help is needed.

Nominations close on **Wednesday 29 March 2023** for the **Parish Pastoral Council**. As previously mentioned, the PPC will focus its attention in and around *good community, good preaching and teaching, good music*. These three areas of parish community life have been identified by many researchers as the key to renewal and stability.

Meetings will be punchy and focused (no more than 6 a year). PPC members will need to keep the simple strategy before their eyes and be committed to practical efforts to make our parish **dynamically faithful** in presenting Jesus to those who are searching for meaning in the 21st Century.

One of the ingredients of good community is **good communication**. It would be good for you to consider parishioners who you think have a gift in this area, especially in the modern means of communication. Younger members of the parish should consider seriously how they might contribute.

The back-end of Lent is upon us. Today's Gospel proclaims the resuscitation – not resurrection – of Lazarus. It is a powerful sign – the last of the seven signs in the **Book of Signs in the Gospel of John**.

We let the love of God enter our life – and our death, at a time and place known only to God:

By embracing in his human heart the Father's love for humanity, Jesus 'loved them to the end,' for 'greater love has no one than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend.'

Indeed, out of love for his Father and for us, whom the Father wants to save, Jesus freely accepted his Passion and Death (CCC 609).

We ask you Holy Spirit to arouse within each one of us a renewed *reverence* and *love* for Jesus, who loves us to the end. May the final few days of Lent facilitate a renewed encounter with the Lord.

Father Tony

Vocations Discernment night for priestly and religious vocations will be held on Thursday 6th April at St. Brigid's Presbytery 5:30pm, a paschal lamb dinner, followed by the Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, with quiet time with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Rsvp essential contact Fr Emil on emil.milat@cg.org.au



Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross – 10.30am
Adoration – 11.00am
Mass – 12.00pm
Mass - 5.30pm
Stations of the Cross – 6.00pm

CONFESSION TIMES DURING LENT

Monday	6pm
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	9.30am-10am

ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - The balance we collected for 2022 was **\$6149**

Many thanks for your continuing generosity!
The receptacle for the coins is now near the offertory table.

We are collecting for Respite for Queanbeyan for February and March.

- ◆ **REMINDER** - Daylight savings ends next Sunday 2nd April. Remember to wind your clocks back an hour.
- ◆ **Parish office hours** - as from the Monday 27th March, the parish office will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am - 1pm.
- ◆ **Working Bee** - Thank you to everyone who helped with the working bee.
- ◆ **Pilgrimage to Inner Peace** - Christian meditation is a great way to grow your personal relationship with Jesus during Lent. You are very welcome to join us at the foot of the cross in St Raphael's church each Tuesday at 7pm. Contact Tony Carey 0455 231 057 for details or just come along.
- ◆ **SVDP** - Vinnie's has a 10 cent recycling bin in the presbytery garage (for bottles and cans). Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Donations of Cordial, Juice, Noodle, washing liquid, fabric softener, dishwashing liquid & toilet paper are still greatly appreciated. These can be left in the alcove in the church.
- ◆ **Caritas** - Project compassion boxes and envelopes are available in the church. *Caritas Australia 2023 Project Compassion Appeal is available in your Parish Qkr! App under ACG Special Appeals.*
- ◆ **CHRISM MASS** – Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 3 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.
- ◆ **Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees: Permanent Protection for All**
The St Vincent de Paul Society supports many refugees and asylum seekers who've been on temporary visas for a decade. **Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees: Garema Place ACT 1.00 pm on Sunday 2 April 2023.**
- ◆ **Roster for Easter services** - we need an Acolyte for Holy Thursday Mass, Easter Sunday 5pm Mass and also Eucharistic ministers for Good Friday.

EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICE TIMES

Holy Thursday, 6th April at 6.30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until 9.00pm

Good Friday, 7th April at 11am

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, 7th April at 3pm

The Lord's Passion

Saturday, 8th April at 6.00pm

Easter Vigil

Sunday, 9th April at 8am, 10am & 5pm

The Lord's Resurrection!