

# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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**26 March 2023 - 5th Sunday of Lent (Year A)**

## Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

7:30am Morning Prayer

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir

6:00pm Mass

### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer

6:30am Mass

11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)

Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon

12:30pm Mass

### SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer

8:00am Mass

8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)

9:30am Mass (Old Rite)

5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

### WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation

Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary

Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA

Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

### MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

### OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

**Playgroup:** Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm

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## Life in the Spirit

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD stories about people who have had near death experiences. Almost without exception they change their lives. They see themselves as having a second chance. They change their priorities. They do things differently. They live better. Wouldn't it be awesome to get a second go at our lives?! To have an opportunity to live life better? To get a second chance at fixing things and doing things right?



Of course a person doesn't need to have a near death experience to change their life but it seems like outside of these life-changing events it is most difficult for most of us to change significantly. We stay in our rut. We do what we do. We can tinker with our lives at the edges, but we are not up for a wholesale change of life.

We all live at two levels – the physical and the spiritual, but here's the thing: how we are spiritually, affects every other part of our lives. If our spiritual life is dead and uninspiring then all the rest of our life will be dull and sedentary. Maybe we go to Mass on Sunday, and then maybe we go back again the next Sunday. There is nothing alive and vibrant. There is nothing spiritual feeding into the rest of our lives, causing it to be fruitful, to flourish, to thrive.

Well, maybe today's scriptures can help with that.

In the first reading God tells us, "I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live". In the second reading, St Paul talks about God giving life to us "through his Spirit living in us."

All these readings suggest that God can, in fact wants to, bring us into a vibrant spiritual life, by placing his Spirit into us. And that would be like Lazarus coming from his grave into a rebirth.

Some people might say, but isn't this what happened at baptism? – a death to the world, and a re-birth into the Spirit. If we were already reborn in the Spirit, why have we ended up in this spiritual desert?

The best answer I can give you is that we are a bit like the Israelites: they were born as the Chosen People and led into the Promised Land, but they lived surrounded by people that worshipped other gods and over time their faith got more and more diluted. Most of us were baptised as infants and we have grown up surrounded by people and cultures that encourage us away from a serious living of our faith. Many of us look a lot like everyone around us.

That is not okay! Christianity is entirely countercultural, and it always has been. Our core teachings demand forgiveness, self-giving charity, humility, the exact opposite of what the rest of the world sells and encourages. If we look the same, quite simply, we are not doing it right! This lacks all the vibrancy and energy that comes with life in the Spirit.

This Lent, let us ask God for a second chance. Let us consider making the most radical change we could make – embracing the "life in the Spirit". All we need to do is pray for it and God will do the rest.

*Wishing you a blessed Lenten season,*

*Deacon David*

# LITURGY GUIDE

## ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Procession From ashes to the living font



1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font your
2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and cha - ri - ty your
3. Our graves split o - pen, bring us back, your
4. From ash - es to the liv - ing font, your



1. Church must jour - ney, Lord, bap - tised in grace, in
2. voice speaks deep with - in, re - turn - ing us to
3. pro - mise to pro - claim; to dark - ened tombs call
4. Church must jour - ney still, through cross and tomb to



1. grace re - newed by your most ho - ly word.
2. ways of truth and turn - ing us from sin.
3. out, "A - rise!" and glo - ri - fy your name.
4. Eas - ter joy, in Spir - it - fire ful - filled.

Text: Alan J. Jommerding, b. 1956; © 1994 World Library Publications, Inc.  
Selected verses for Lent Sunday V  
Tune: ST. FLAVIAN 86.86; adapt. from John Day, *Psalms*, 1562.

Introit 11:00am

Judica me Deus

Ps. 42: 1,2,3

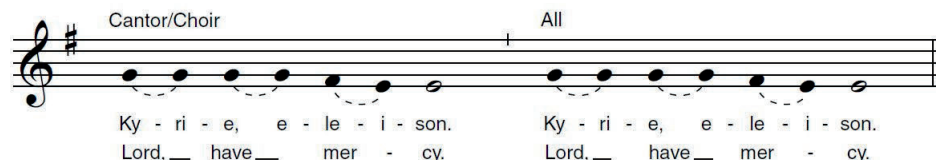
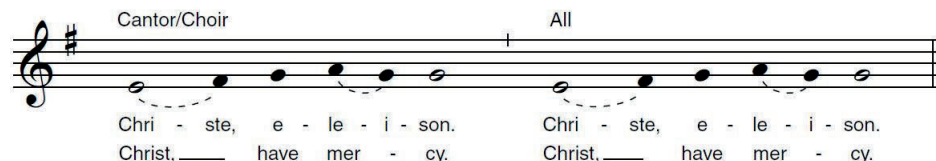
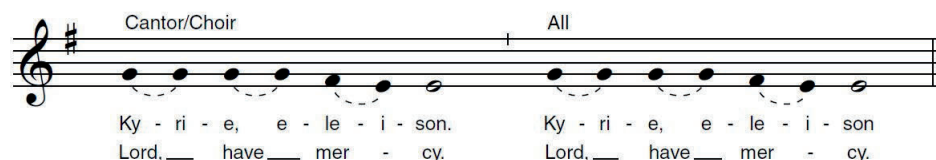
**Translation:** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly nation; from the wicked and deceitful deliver me, for you are my God and my strength. V. Send forth your light and your truth; these have become my guide and brought me to your holy mountain and to your dwelling place.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Kyrie

Belmont Mass

C.Walker



Kyrie 11:00am

Mass in the Dorian Mode

A. Lotti

5th Sunday of Lent (Year A)



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases

- He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.
- The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.
- I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.
- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord.
- Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

to the point

The healing of the blind man is not complete until his physical sight becomes spiritual insight and he confesses that Jesus is 'the Son of Man.' Belief in Jesus comes to fuller expression when he 'worshipped him' as Lord. Ideally, Lent sharpens our own vision of Jesus and challenges us to more authentic worship.

Connecting the Gospel

to baptism

Baptism is a ritual sign of coming to belief and admits one to full participation in worship. Initiation always leads to worship.

to Catholic experience

It is not enough just to be at worship. We must come with insight (faith) and participate fully, actively, and consciously.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Collect

Let us pray.

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

The Lord says this: I am 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129(130)



## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

*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.

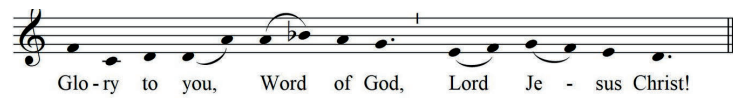
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

G. Cox

*The cantor, alone, intones the Gospel Acclamation All repeat*



*Cantor:* I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

**R. Glory to you**

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:3-7, 17-45

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

The sisters Martha and Mary 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 '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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Homily

### 6:00pm Vigil Mass - Rite of the Third Scrutiny

After the Homily, the priest invites those preparing for baptism and reception into the Catholic Church at Easter, to come forward.

## Profession of Faith

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including  
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

## PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

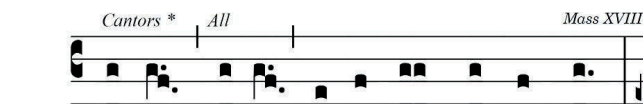


Motet 11:00am I am the resurrection A. Milner

I am the resurrection and the life saith the Lord:  
whosoever believeth in me, yea, though they were dead,  
yet shall they live: and whosoever liveth and  
believeth in me shall not die forever.

## Sanctus

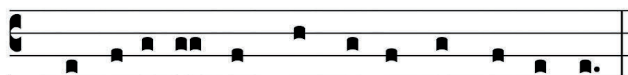
## Missal Tone



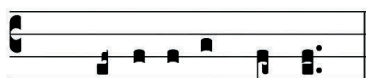
HO - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-sán-na in the high-est.



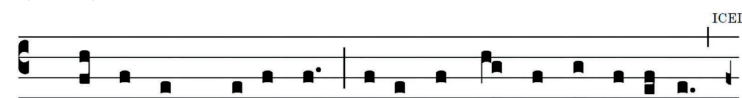
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-sán-na in the high-est.

## Mystery of Faith

## Missal Tone



S Ave us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Re-sur-rection,



you have set us free.

## Amen



A - men

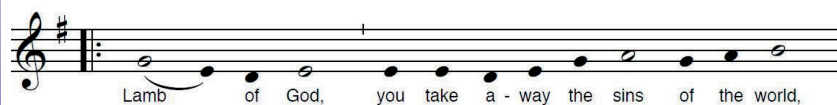
## COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

### Agnus Dei

### Belmont Mass

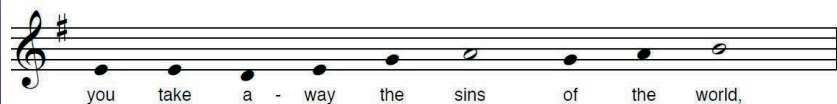
### C. Walker



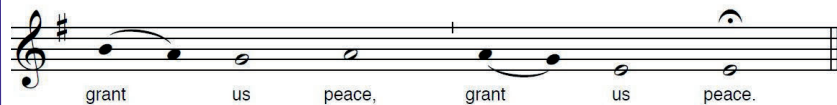
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sins of the world,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Agnus Dei

## Mass in the Dorian Mode

## A. Lotti



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Communion Antiphon

11:00am Mass

Videns Dominus

Jn 11

Antiphon: When the Lord saw the sisters of Lazarus in tears near the tomb, he wept in the presence of the Jews and cried: "Lazarus, come forth." And out he came, hands and feet bound, the man who had been dead for four days.

## Communion Hymn

Grant to us, O Lord

**Antiphon**

Grant to us, O Lord, a heart re - newed;  
re - cre - ate in us your own Spi - rit, Lord!

**Verses**

1. Be - hold, the days are com - ing, says the Lord our God, *Ant.*  
1, when I will make a new co - ve - nant with the house of Is - ra - el.

2. Deep with - in their be - ing I will im - plant my law; *Ant.*  
2. I will write it in their hearts.

3. I will be their God, and they shall be my peo - ple. *Ant.*

4. And for all their faults I will grant for - give - ness; *Ant.*  
4. nev - er - more will I re - mem - ber their sins.

Text: Antiphon based on Ezekiel 36:36; Verses based on Jeremiah 31:31-4, Lucien Deiss CSSp, 1921-2007.  
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## Next Week's Readings

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### Readings:

Is 50:4-7 I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Ps 21 R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Mt 26:14-27:66 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



## 8:00am Mass Propers

### 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.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 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 ear 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 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.

### 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.

R. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Communion Antiphon

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

# HOLY WEEK - SACRED MUSIC



## St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta MUSIC FOR CHORAL LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK 2023

### Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2023

Antiphon

Processional Hymn

On Entering the Cathedral

Offertory Motet

Agnus Dei

Communion Hymn

Thanksgiving motet

### 11.00am Blessing & Procession of Palms, Solemn Mass

Hosanna to the Son of David

All Glory, Laud and honour

Ingrediente Domino in sancte civitatem

Praise to thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Morley Agnus Dei

Glory be to Jesus

Praise to thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Th. Weelkes

ST. THEODOLPH

Chant mode 2

H. Schütz

Th. Morley

CASWALL

H. Schütz

### Holy Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023

### 7.30 pm Office of Tenebrae (Liturgy of Light & Shadows)

Responsory Motets: Versa est in luctum – Lobo

Amica mea vinea – Palestrina; I am the resurrection -Milton

Christus factus est – N.Zingarelli; Benedictus – Tone & Fauxbourdon.

### Holy Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April,

Entrance Hymn

Introit

Kyrie/ Gloria/Agnus Dei

Procession of Oils

Offertory motet

Communion Hymn

Post Communion

Recessional Hymn

### 7.30pm Solemn Mass of the Holy Chrism

The Kingdom of God

Dilexisti justitiam

Mass of "Christ the Redeemer"

O redeemer hear our singing

Inveni David

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts

Christ has no body now (Teresa of Avila)

Priestly people, sing your praise

HANOVER

Chant mode 8

B. Kirkpatrick

Chant arr. Cox

P.L. da Palestrina

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

D. Ogden

SANCTA SOPHIA

### Holy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

Processional Hymn

Introit

Kyrie /Agnus Dei

Gloria

Mandatum

Communion Hymn

Motet

Proc'n to Altar of Repose

### 7.30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

When I survey the wondrous cross

Nos autem - (Schola)

Chant Mass XVII/ad lib II/ polyphony

Missa "Stelliferi"

Mandatum Chants & Hymn: "Faith, hope and love" S. Dean

An upper room

Ave verum corpus

Tantum ergo (sung by the Choir)

ROCKINGHAM

Chant Mode IV

L. Viadana

Chant Mass XIII

O WALLY WALLY

C. Mawby

De severac

### Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

Good Friday

### 9.30am Sung Lauds 10.00am Stations of the Cross

### 3.00pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ (St John)

Veneration of the Cross Miserere Mei, Deus

Crucifixus

Jesus remember me (Taize) + Reproaches

Amica mea vinea

Psalm 21: My God, my God,

My loving Saviour

Chant (English)

G. Allegri

A. Lotti

Plainsong / Victoria

Palestrina

Chant

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Communion Motets

Thanksgiving Hymn

### Holy Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

Gloria /Agnus Dei

Gospel Acclamation

Offertory/Communion

Thanksgiving Motet

Postlude

### 7.00pm The Easter Vigil

Mass of the Resurrection

Great Easter Alleluia

Through the Red Sea/By your kingly power

Psalm 150 – O Praise God in his holiness

Fiat Lux

R. de Bruyn

Chant (Solemn tone)

STRAF ICH MICH;

Stanford

Th. Dubois

### Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

Entrance Hymn

Introit

Kyrie /Gloria/Agnus Dei

Sequence

Easter Alleluia

Prep'n of Gifts

Hymn

Thanksgiving motet:

Postlude

### 11.00am Solemn Pontifical Mass of Easter (with Choir & Orchestra)

That Easter day with joy was bright

Resurrexi

Mass in G

Christians, praise the paschal victim

Lauds Chant Mode VI (+ choral extension)

Jesus Christ is Risen today

Christ the Lord is risen again (11.am only)

Surrexit Christus hodie

Carillon

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Gregorian Chant

F. Schubert

Chant (English)

J. Taverner

EASTER HYMN

CHRISTUS IST ERSTANDEN

S. Scheidt

H. Mulet



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## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Check for exceptions. Family members and guests are requested to be present at the Cathedral at least fifteen minutes before the usual commencement time of 12:45pm.

**Weddings** are by appointment only.

**At least six months' notice is necessary.**  
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

**First Eucharist and Confirmation**  
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

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## Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday**. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!



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## St Patrick's Parish Celebration

Last Sunday we celebrated St Patrick's Day in sweltering conditions. I'm sure the Irish weather would have been well received. But, not to be put off by this, we had a large turnout to join us in the celebrations.

Thank you to all who supported us in raising funds for the pilgrims to attend WYD later this year.

Thank you to all who helped with the organisation and distribution of the day. Some played a bigger role than others, but at the end of it, all played an important role ensuring a successful day.

## Journey to WYD 2023 - A note from the pilgrims...

Last weekend we had a wonderful opportunity to meet a large number of parishioners. We would like to take this moment to thank you all for your generosity in supporting our fundraising. We still have a way to go but with your support, the load is much lighter. You will be seeing more of us over the next few weeks as we are selling raffle tickets. Prizes are amazing - thanks to some very generous donors. These are available online as well. The link is <https://rafflelink.com.au/st-pats-wyd-affle>

Save the Date for **Saturday 29 April**. We will be hosting an evening of Trivia with a Silent Auction. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parishioners and see if you might be our parish's trivia champion! **Time: 7:30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there! Many thanks. *Caitlin, Kayleigh & Stacie*



## Holy Week Schedule

### Monday of Holy Week - 03 April

6:30am and 12:30pm Mass

11:15am – 12:20pm Exposition, Reconciliation, Angelus & Rosary

7:30pm Office of Tenebrae

### Tuesday of Holy Week - 04 April

6:30am and 12:30pm Mass

11:15am – 12:20pm Exposition, Reconciliation, Angelus & Rosary

### Wednesday of Holy Week - 05 April

6:30am and 12:30pm Mass

11:15am – 12:20pm Exposition, Reconciliation, Angelus & Rosary

7:30pm Chrism Mass

### Holy Thursday - 06 April

6:30am Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

7:30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper with the 'Mandatum'  
(Adoration until 11pm)

10:45pm Office of Compline (Night Prayer) followed by Benediction

### Good Friday - 07 April

9:00am Office of Readings

9:30am Solemn Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

10:00am Stations of the Cross

10:30am – 12:00noon First Rite of Reconciliation

3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

### Holy Saturday - 08 April

9:00am Office of Readings & Lauds (Morning Prayer)

7:00pm The Easter Vigil

### Sunday of the Resurrection - 09 April

8:00am Holy Mass (said Mass)

9:30am Holy Mass (singing led by cantor)

11:00am Solemn Holy Mass of Easter Sunday (music by Cathedral Choir)

6:00pm Holy Mass (singing led by cantor)



### RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday: 11:15am - 12:15pm

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am & 5.00pm - 5.30pm

(Tuesdays and Thursdays are an optimum time to visit)

## Lenten Groups & Stations of the Cross

**Stations of the Cross** - Each Friday @ 6:00pm in the Cloister/Cathedral.

**Lenten Groups** - Each Tuesday @ 9:30am for the duration of Lent in the parish office.

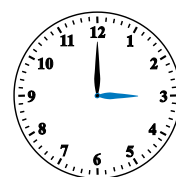
Also on **Saturdays @ 7:00pm** in the Cloister Function Room -  
*A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion* presented by Charbel Raish of Parousia Media.

## Toongabbie Legal Centre Raffle

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets next weekend, along with some merchandise. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 15 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets. TLC has helped over 12,000 people at this time.

## Daylight Saving ends

Please note that clocks go **back** one hour next Sunday morning, **02 April**.



## Good Shepherd Appeal

This weekend we, and every other parish across the diocese, will be launching Bishop Vincent's Good Shepherd Appeal. The focus of this appeal is the support of the Holy Spirit Seminary, located in Harris Park, and the seminarians who are in formation to be priests for our diocese in the years to come. There are currently eleven students in various stages of formation. Please be as generous as you can with your support. Donate online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or use one of the envelopes. Thank you for your support!

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# Prayer Intentions

## We pray for our beloved dead...

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them..."*

**Recently Deceased:** Aloma Pospischil, Robert Redoblado, Zakie Baysari, Joseph J Perrottet, Leslie Riedling, Nat Fedyk, Noble Flursheim, Amelin Tino, Amaflor Youngman, Fr Paul Trong Nguyen, Joe Howard, Emmanuel Combis, Margaret McCallum

**Deceased:** **Filomena Nubla**, Josefa Manubay, Lucy D'Mello, Cedric Cunningham, Purification Guillermu, Maria Villodelgado, YT & Deanna Hsu, Barbara Wood, Ma Maurice Briganza, Abe & Abe F Nozoula, Ab & Abe E Graciers, Madeline, Anthony, Patrick, Rosa, Raymond, David O'Connor, Franceska Sajn, Sr Stella, Zita Subasinghe, Gloria Wang, Margaret McCallum, McCallum & Foran families, Giuseppini Rechichi, Juliette Perrottet, Vittoria & Joseph Teuma, Helen Efimeo, Peter Burton

**Anniversaries:** Juan Montesco, Ben Bautista, Pasquale Altamore, Frere A Levananu, John Baptist Lien Le, Crisanta Valdez, Ian Bronkhurst, Chad E Bool, Constancio Valdez, Leonor Quinalayo, Johannes & Maria Lelyveld, Teresa Rodrigues

**Perpetuals:** Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Pat & Jim Hartman, Royan & Andrews families, Don Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy, Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen & Sally Boujandy, Jack & June Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Watson Lee, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Hooper family, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Love family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

## We also pray for...

**Sick:** Flavia, Nancy Perry, James Murphy, Louie Wehbe, John Lowe, Baldo Polizzi, Marcel Melick, Peter Newman, Edward C, Vincent Rowan, Daniel & Alicia Altmann, Gerard Noonan, Ian Marshall, Lilian Hassin, Maria Davino, Rosa Rizak, Fatima, Cristofer Doughty, Barbera Hector, Nicole & Rita Slatter, Richard Gosling, Lester Dunnetio, Renish & Rita Pasanah, Ishander Singh, Poh Yeen Log, Maria Lipec, Mounira Epenian, William Peropert, John Fajaraao, Diosdada Penollar, Flor Ocampo, Christie Penollar, Merle Bailie, Teresita Zafiro, Joshua Peric, Fatima, Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

**Special Intentions:** **P. Henry, Raveen, Tian**, Xianora D'Mello, Kristine Mae Anne, Mr & Mrs A D'Mello, Naleen, Mary & Bernadette, Annabelle Perrottet, Celeste Perrottet, NSW Election, Pedro Romulo, Nikola Senjak, Rebecca Ramirez, Cresilda Gantuangco, Naleen, Tian, Raveen, Zuo Loong Hsu, Stephen Senjak, Patrick Newman, Nicole & Rita Slatter, Edward Border, Xueyun Lin's family, Brendan & Elise Missio, Adam, Matt & Luke Ward

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Christian family, the Body of Christ, these children who were recently baptised...



**Aribella Trevor**  
**Olivia Gaskell**  
**Juliette Balassone**  
**Owen Sini**

Please pray for these children and their families.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March



### *For Victims of Abuse*

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet  
dated 22 March*

"Chosen and loved by God, we are called to live "as is fitting among the saints" (Eph 5:3), to clothe ourselves with sentiments of goodness, humility, magnanimity, bearing the fruits of the Spirit."

## Saint of the Week

**27 March** - St John of Egypt (304-394), Hermit

At the age of 25, John left his home and became a monk. He lived under the tutelage of a wise hermit and when his master died, John decided to withdraw into a more remote cave on Mount Lycos. There he lived a very strict life, devoting himself to prayer and manual work. People started to visit him, since he was able to perform miracles, heal the sick and read people's hearts. He died in 394, at the age of 90.

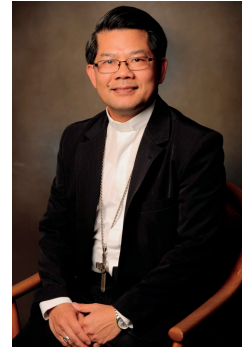


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## "Quote of the Week"

"Today, after much prayer and consultation, I formally announce the convocation of the Synod in the Diocese of Parramatta. This will be the first Synod in the history of our young Diocese. Like the national and universal synods, ours will be also held in two phases. The first assembly will be held from Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 October 2023 and the final assembly will be held near the middle of next year 2024."

**Bishop Vincent Long**  
Bishop of Parramatta  
*Letter to the Diocese*  
05 March 2023



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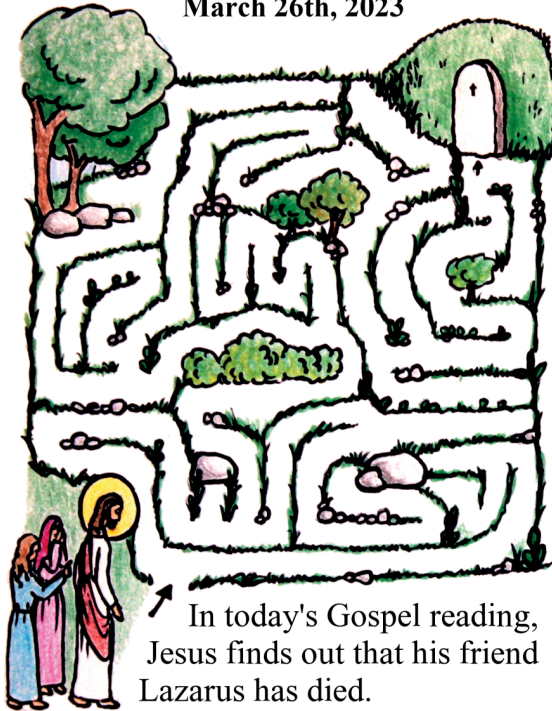


**You can also buy tickets via Raffle Link**  
**<https://rafflelink.com.au/st-pats-wyd-raffle>**



# The Kids' Bulletin

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!



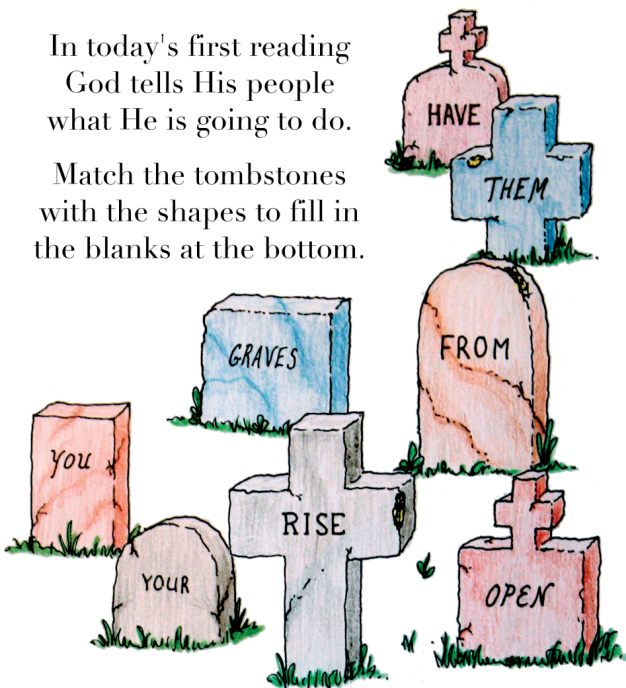
Answer to Ezekiel Puzzle: I will OPEN YOUR GRAVES and HAVE YOU RISE FROM THEM.

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## 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.



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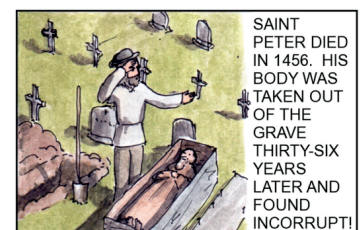
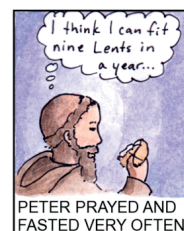
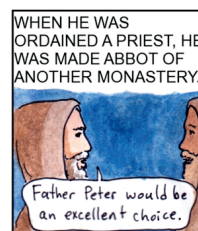


and \_\_\_\_\_



## Saint Peter de Regalado

March 30



GOD DOES NOT CALL EVERYONE TO A LIFE LIKE SAINT PETER REGALADO, BUT HE DOES WANT EVERYONE TO DO SOME PENANCE. IN LENT ESPECIALLY, WE SHOULD TRY TO GIVE UP SOME FOOD WE LIKE AND PRAY A LITTLE BIT MORE. GOD USES OUR SACRIFICES TO DO GOOD IN THE WORLD.

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