



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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form, 11:1-45

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GOD'S PLEDGE TO US

Lent is always an invitation to travel on the path of conversion. We are called to do our part and yet the work is not solely ours. One of the threads uniting today's readings is the encouragement provided by God's pledge to work with us as we journey towards the new life of Easter.

Ezekiel wrote to a dispirited and discouraged people far from where they wanted to be. In exile they felt powerless to change their situation and wondered whether God still had the power, or desire, to save them. Ezekiel has no doubts that God will bring them back from the grave to new life.

In writing to the Christians of Rome, Paul is led to reflect on the nature of conversion and the Christian life from two perspectives. From our perspective, we are challenged to open our hearts to what is of spiritual and lasting value. Lest we become disheartened by our weakness, Paul reminds us of the critical role God plays in our coming to spiritual maturity. The gift of the Spirit within us is a sign of God's pledge to enliven us so that we may share in the new life of Jesus' resurrection.

The moving story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead is a powerful reminder to us all that just as Jesus commanded, 'Unbind him, let him go free,' so it is with us. The Lord is still working with us to liberate what is bound, and to bring to life that which is not fully alive.



Christopher Monaghan CP

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129. R. v. 7

R. 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.**

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 11:25, 26

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 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I am the resurrection and the life.

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,

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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

Weekday Mass: Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

CCC Mass: Sunday at 11:30am (English/Cantonese)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 4pm-5pm

First Friday Devotion: Monthly at 4pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion: Monthly at 9am

Exposition and Benediction: First weekend of the month at all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

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Fifth Sunday of Lent/Year A

26th March 2023

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Death Anniversary: Nicola & Sapienza Tedesco, Giovanni, Agata & Samuel Laguzza, Manuel Wong

Deceased: Peter McNamara, Cassie Kempnich, Milly Farrell, Francis Murray; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott & Stewart families; Geoff and Patricia Clarke; Ron & Jan Brayan; John, Bonnie Bowdern & family; & all souls in purgatory.

Sick: Elizabeth Uy Tan, Lyn Crown, Burkardt Foertsch, Graham Rumble, Ben Isaacs, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw



HOLY WEEK LITURGY AND MASS TIMES:

Tue 28th Mar	6:00pm	2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Thu 30th Mar	6:00pm	Parish Lenten Group
Fri 31st Mar	5:30pm	Stations of the Cross
Sun 2nd Apr	Usual Mass Times	Palm Sunday
Thu 6th Apr	10:30am 6:00pm	Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 7th Apr	10:00am 3:00pm	Good Friday - Stations of the Cross The Lord's Passion (Holy Land Appeal)
Sat 8th Apr	10:00am 6:00pm	EASTER BASKET BLESSING (see poster) Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
Sun 9th Apr	Usual Mass Times	Easter Sunday
Mon 10th Apr	9:00am	Easter Monday Mass & Divine Mercy Novena



LENT
2023

PARISH NEWS:

- **Next weekend is PALM SUNDAY.** This marks the beginning of Holy Week.
- **Collect a copy of our Holy Week 2023 program as you leave the church. Thank you.**
- **Next Tuesday, 28th Mar 6pm, is our Lenten 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. ALL WELCOME.**
- We welcome Isabella Maddocks into the family of God. Congratulations on your Baptism!
- **Next Baptism Info Evening:** Tuesday, 4th Apr at 8pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room.
- **At the Vigil Mass this weekend, we welcome back Rahul, Alex, Ewan and Jina, our RCIA participants, for their 3rd Rite of Scrutiny as we present them with 'The Lord's Prayer.'** Please include them in your prayers as their reception into the Catholic church draws near.
- **We thank Paul Porta, for his involvement and support to our Parish Finance Committee.** Paul has been a member of the finance committee for many years.
- **WE RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER OF GRATITUDE** from the Head Teacher of Pere Achte Primary School, Uganda. Visit: <https://www.stkevinseastwood.org.au/parish-news/> to read.
- **We will have Exposition and Benediction at the end of each Mass next weekend.**
- **We will have First Saturday Mass and Devotion on 1st April at 9am. All welcome.**
- **Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Men of St Kevin's, you are warmly invited to join a group of fellow parishioners in the Haseler Centre (parish hall) on Saturday April 1, 7am- 8:30am.
- **FOSK (Friends of St Kevin's)** will be serving morning tea outside the Church on Sunday 2nd April. Please join us after the 9:30am Mass. All welcome.
- **Good Friday ceremonies include music of The Passion** - including extracts from Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary." Phone Suzanne on 9874 2809 if you would like to take part and sing.
- **On Good Friday, we will have our Holy Land Appeal.** Your donation will help support the missionary work of the Church and help preserve the sacred places in the Holy Land.
- **Easter Food Basket Blessing, Sat 8th Apr at 10am in the Church.** Blessing of the food for Easter breakfast is one of the most enduring Polish traditions. Parishioners are welcome to bring their baskets containing samples of food that they would like to serve on Easter. The baskets will be lined up on a table in front of the altar. The priest will say a prayer to bless the baskets & sprinkle them with Holy Water. See poster for details or visit the parish website.
- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM dates now available on the parish website.**

Retreat for Engaged and Married Couples: 'When Love Gets Boring,' with Fr Mirco Integlia happening on Sat 1st April, 2pm-4pm, parish hall. Fr Mirco is a chaplain and lecturer in Philosophy at ACU. COST: FREE. Donations welcome. Light refreshments available. For catering purposes, register by Email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au or Ph 9874 2533.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or E: safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.