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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A 25 - 26 March 2023

REFLECTION

As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation.

The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities. All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness. Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life.

Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God.

by Dianne Bergant CSA



PARISH CALENDAR.

Sat 25 Mar 5.30pm: First Communion
 Thu 30 Mar 10am: Cathedral Working Bee
 Fri 24 & 31 March 5pm: Lenten reflections
 Fri 24 & 31 Mar 6pm: Stations of the Cross
 Sat 1 & Sun 2 Apr: Palm Sunday
 Sat 8 & Sun 9 Apr: **EASTER** - refer to timetable on opposite page.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST COMMUNION First Communion will take place at 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 25 March in the Cathedral. Please keep all of our candidates in your prayers.

31 CLUB REMINDER 27 March - 2 April. Please pray for vocations

CATHEDRAL LENTEN REFLECTIONS You are all invited to an evening of Lenten Reflections with Frs Francis and Jithin in the Cathedral gathering space on **Fridays of Lent**. Our reflections will be centred on the Scripture texts for this season of Lent. Come with a copy of the Bible. Time is **5.00pm** (this will then be followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place in the Cathedral every **Friday of Lent at 6pm**.

EXPOSITION AND FRIDAY MASS From Friday 10 March Exposition and reconciliation will commence from **10 to 11am** and will be followed by **Mass at 11.00am**. Please note this change for future Friday's.

ROSTERS for welcomers, readers and commentators in the Cathedral continue until Easter when we will call for volunteers once again. The new roster will commence on **15-16 April**. If you believe this is a way you can provide a service to our Parish Community please call Clare on 5144 4100. Training will be provided for all volunteers later this year.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION will be held at every weekend Mass in the Cathedral from now on. Please offer at the Mass if you would like to take up the offertory procession. **If there are no volunteers can the welcomers at each Mass ask someone to do this.** Our First Communion children will do this on Saturday evening.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Mackenna & Finn Evans** children of Jae & Mitch, **Piper Schuback** daughter of Lee & Rachel, **Ashton Carubia** son of Luke & Leah and **Savannah & Sienna Martin** daughters of Kane & Bree. Congratulations to the families from us all.

FIRST COMMUNION this **Saturday 25 March at 5.30pm Mass** we will be welcoming **35** children for First Communion. We welcome them and all their families and friends into our parish community. Thank you to Fr Francis, Fr Jithin, teachers from our Catholic Primary Schools who have been preparing the children for their First Communion. As we would like to celebrate this joyous occasion we will have a light supper. Please stay and help us welcome these children, their families and friends. Kindly bring a plate to share. Keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Our children making their First Communion this weekend are:

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| Harper Bicknell | Jemma Burley |
| Adele Bowman | Lidia Bowman |
| Angel Crockford | River Cordwell |
| William Driscoll | Piper Hanratty |
| Paige Fischer | Chase Shaw |
| Leonardo Gleeson | Rose Gleeson |
| Erin Healy | Hunter Lange |
| Isaac Lazzaro | Trent Lyon |
| Clay McGregor | Haylei Michalik |
| Thomas Morrison | Myah Paterson |
| Elijah Sanchez | Rhys Wakeham |
| Xavier Useni-Vowell | William Bendall |
| Bella Smyth | Amber Smyth |
| Olivia Olejniczak | Zoe Driscoll |
| Connor Richardson | Cooper Richardson |
| Josh Mackenzie | |

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) each weekend between the third and fifth Sundays of Lent our RCIA catechumen and candidates will be undertaking scrutinies at Mass. Please keep **Shari, Faye, Kirby, Sam and Adam** in your prayers as they journey to Easter.

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,
 we give you thanks and praise for our
 Cathedral Parish of Sale,
 for your people and your Creation.
 Nourish us by your daily
 Word and Eucharist.
 Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
 Strengthen us with the spirit
 of your mercy and grace.
 Make us grateful for your gifts as we
 journey through our lives together.
 May we be a welcoming and
 serving community,
 always discerning and
 doing your will for one another.
 We make this prayer through
 Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

SERRA CLUB there will be no April meeting of the Serra Club. Back to regularly scheduled meetings in May.

PG ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS if you are a planned giver **PLEASE COLLECT YOUR ENVELOPES &/OR RECEIPTS** as it costs a considerable sum to post these. They are at all Churches. The Cathedral ones have been on the table at the entry for two weeks now. We will only be posting the **planned giving envelopes with receipts** to givers. For givers who give electronically your receipt can be collected from the parish office.

STRATFORD ECUMENICAL SERVICE Palm Sunday Walk for Witness **2 April commencing at St Andrew's Uniting Church at 11 am**, walking or driving to St Patrick's Catholic Church and then onto the Holy Trinity Anglican Church. There will be a short prayer service at each Church and we will finish with morning tea at the Anglican Church. All welcome. BYO palms.

CATHEDRAL WORKING BEE there will be a working bee in the Cathedral at **10am on Thursday 30 March**. Please come along and help if you can. Please bring any tools that may help.

SIGN UP SHEETS for Palm Sunday and Easter Week Ceremonies will be in the Cathedral from this weekend.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
 At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10-11am before Mass. **At Other times:** Available on request
Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.
MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$2,274.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A
25 - 26 March 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 25 March	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
<i>First Communion</i>	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 26 March	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 27 March	NO	MASS
Tuesday 28 March		
<i>Tom Read's Funeral</i>	1.00pm	Cathedral
Wednesday 29 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 30 March	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>Parish Lenten Reconciliation</i>	6.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 31 March		
<i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i>	10.00am	Cathedral
<i>Mass</i>	11.00am	Cathedral
<i>Lenten Reflection</i>	5.00pm	Cathedral
<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	6.00pm	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 1 April	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 2 April	9.30am	Stratford
PALM SUNDAY	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 25 Mar 5.30pm	Sun 26 Mar 9.30am	Sun 26 Mar 5.30pm
Welcomer	Marietta Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Mary Chiller
Commentator	First Communion	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Veronica Stewart
Reader	First Communion	Margaret Shirreffs	Lyn Althaus
Counter	Theo & Sandra S		

Date & Time	Sat 1 Apr 5.30pm	Sun 2 Apr 9.30am PALM SUNDAY	Sun 2 Apr 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Marie & Nick Centra	Claire Everard
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Brenda Burditt	Susan Mattson	Brenda Bowden
Counters	John Dykun & John Vermaelen (from 10am Tuesday 4 April)		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Tom Read** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Mary Georgina Lee**. We pray for those who are sick **Hurbert Somasiri, Rebecca Duck, Maureen Cunningham, Jacobus Toonen, Andrew Lyon, Madeleine Evans, John Schroeder, Jim Clottin, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Robert Bailey, Helen O'Kane, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin** and

**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
EASTER MASS TIMETABLE**

Thursday 30 March: 6.00pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation - Cathedral

Saturday 1 April: 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
5.30pm Mass - Cathedral
5.30pm Mass - Rosedale

Sunday 2 April: 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
Palm Sunday 9.30am Mass - Stratford
5.30pm Mass - Cathedral

Monday 3 April: **NO MASS**

Tuesday 4 April: 11.00am **Mass of the Oils** - Cathedral

Wednesday 5 April: 9.30am **Mass** - Cathedral
7.30pm **Service of Shadows** - St Mary's Cathedral

Thursday 6 April: Cathedral
Holy Thursday 7.30pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Friday 7 April: 9.30am **Stations of the Cross** - Cathedral
Good Friday 9.30am **Stations of the Cross** - Stratford
9.30am **Stations of the Cross** - Rosedale
10.30am **Walk of the Cross** to St Paul's Cathedral
3.00pm **Service of the Lord's Passion** - Cathedral

Saturday 8 April: 7.30pm **Easter Vigil** - Cathedral

Sunday 9 April: 9.00am Mass - Loch Sport
Easter Sunday 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
9.30am Mass - Stratford
11.15am Mass - Seaspray



NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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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:

A reading from the prophet 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.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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. **(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.)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the 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.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

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:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

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. 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.'

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.'

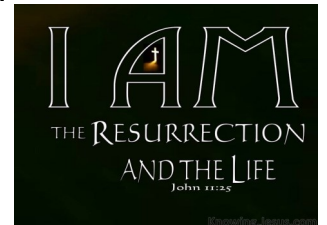
When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he had believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Friday 10 - 11am Saturday following Mass 10 - 10.30am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: **Isaiah 50:4-7**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 2:6-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 26:14-27:66**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.