

'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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Longer form, 11:1-45

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

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

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Jn 11:26

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

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

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

26 MARCH 2023

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus' own death and resurrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in baptism. Let us pray for all who are to be baptised this Easter.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 42:1-2

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.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You open for your people the way from death into life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. 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.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

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.

R. Thanks be to God



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.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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,

and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?



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Fifth Sunday of Lent / A
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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 10.00am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Exposition: Wednesday and Saturday	8.30am
	Exposition: Monday - Friday	7.00pm - 12.00am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Terry Ferguson - Enea Menin - Trudi Fisher, Fr John De Luca, Les Riedling (Father of Fr Robert Riedling), Fr Ruben Elago.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Burzzese Family, Procopio Family, Fam Pustaj - Emily Eggleton, Kevin Williams, Thelma Herlihy, Delfin Gonzales, Lyal West, Fr Paul Gardiner SJ, Jacob Dzido, Janja Dzido, Josip Staresincic, Josipa Staresincic.

Rosters - 1/2 April

Cleaning Ministry:

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm Anton Fernando, Anne Fernando
Sun. 7.30am Lynette Rodrigues
Sun. 10.00am Anne Marie Lyons
Vartguess Markarian
Patrick Edouard-Betsy

Counters:

Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm Anne-Marie Hawkins, Eli Ogrizek
Sun. 7.30am Glenys Oxlee, Ron Della Vedova
Sun. 10.00am Danny Yu, Lorna Argal

MANDATUM - WASHING OF THE FEET

Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Blessed Eucharist and institution of the priesthood. We require 12 parishioners to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday 6th April**. If you can assist, please place your name on the form on the clipboard at the back of the church.



The rite of the Washing of the Feet, *Mandatum* (Latin for command), is a re-enactment of when Christ washed the feet of His Disciples, who would become the first priests.

NO HOLY MASS TUESDAY 28th MARCH

There will be no 9.15am Holy Mass this Tuesday 28th March.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a special way to help prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Take the opportunity this Lent to spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord. Adoration this week is 7pm - 12am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; Wednesday after choir practice and Friday 7.30pm-12am after Stations of The Cross.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Remember, Sunday, 2 April 2023, at 3:00am clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

The next Rydalmere Parish St Vincent De Paul meeting will be this **Tuesday 28th at 7.30pm** in the Parish meeting room. New members are much needed, please consider joining this ministry.

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Did you know? St Mary's Primary has its own twitter account? You can follow them here - @StMarysRydal The school posts photos, videos and news stories on Twitter - we currently have over 500 followers and are looking to break 600 soon- can you help and follow them on Twitter?



PROJECT COMPASSION

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 four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations. Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia - without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today 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 caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be held in the church **Fridays during Lent at 7.00pm.** Adoration will be from 7.30pm to midnight.

MONDAY MASSES

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 3rd April at 9.15am and Easter Monday, 10th April at 9.15am.

RYDALMEN

Our men's group next gathers on Thursday 30th **March at 7.15pm for 7.30pm** start in the Parish meeting room. We will continue our Lenten study based on the Diocese of Wollongong's "Triumph" program. Contact details: shane.young@ozemail.com.au, 0432 815 165.



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY TALK

There are 3 talks and a short activity & light snacks will be served.

What : Theology of the Body

When : **1 April 2023**

Day : Saturday

Where : Parish Hall

Time : **6:00pm** (after 5:30 Sat. Vigil mass)

Talk 1 - You are a gift - (aimed to let the participants realise their bodies are sacred, they are a gift of authentic masculinity and authentic femininity).

Talk 2 - God's plan for sex - (aimed to give them an understanding of what was God's plan for sex and how all sexual sin falls outside of God's plan)

Talk 3 - Redemption and Catholic Guide to dating (aimed at helping them realise God's mercy and some tips for Catholic dating)

CYP GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK: 7 APRIL

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information & to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR FR PETER

A farewell luncheon for Fr Peter will be held on **Sunday May 21st at 12.30pm.** Lunch will be catered, and the cost will include a donation towards a gift for Fr Peter. Further details to follow. Please save the date for the moment. Contact Glenys Oxlee 0488 228 633 or glmaox@ozemail.com.au.

Holy Week & Easter Programme

CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper - **7.30pm**
Adoration till midnight, concluding with Night Prayer

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - **10.00am**
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - **3.00pm**

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass - **7.30pm**

Easter Sunday

7.30am and 10.00am

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Monday to Wednesday Good Friday

After 9.15am Mass
After Stations of the Cross
After Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

4.00pm - 5.00 pm



Please note there will be **NO Mass on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday mornings.**