



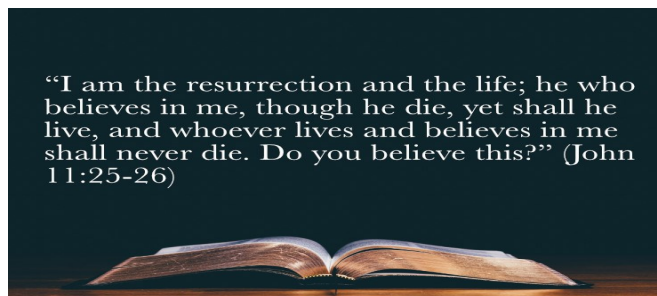
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## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A) - 26 MARCH 2023**

### **FIRST READING**

**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.



### **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**

**Romans 8:8-1**

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 (Shorter form) John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45**

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 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.

**Dear Parish family,**

From Old Testament times, there was a sense that God is the source of life and its renewal. Through the prophet Ezekiel, God promises to open the graves of the people, raising them to life and leading them back to the soil of Israel. This was the hope which sustained the people as they were taken into captivity in Babylon, and eventually it was realized.

Now, it becomes clear that the gift of God's Spirit, freely given to us by Christ, gives our lives a deeper, in fact eternal, value which nothing, not even death, can overcome.

Jesus reminds Martha in the Gospel that "if anyone believes in me, even though he dies, he will live". A paradoxical claim perhaps, but we have seen in the gospel passages offered to us over the last two weeks that Jesus was the source of a new kind of water for the Samaritan woman which never runs out, and the gift of sight to the man born blind – all signs that point to the promise of eternal life, if only we have faith in Jesus.

What about us? Do we believe that Jesus is truly the Son of God, and of Mary? Do we believe he forgives our sins? Do we believe that he offers eternal life?

We support in particular Melissa and Jackie, who are offered the gifts of everlasting water, and new light as given by Christ to the Samaritan Woman and the man born blind respectively, leading to the promise new life this Easter.

Have a blessed week.

*Fr Ben Brooks*



## **Second Rite of Reconciliation**

**7.30pm, Tuesday, 28th March, St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay**

## ***Making the most of Lent.....***

**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** Individual Confessions on Saturdays, Church of the Apostles, 10.00am - 11.00am or Sacred Heart Church, Newstead, 5.15pm-5.45pm

**Friday Holy Hour** Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church, Newstead on the Fridays of Lent. Make this a focus for your Lenten prayer and renewal.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** is a way to make your Lenten efforts practical in assisting those most in need. Make sure every home has one of the boxes or a set of envelopes.



daylight saving time ends

## **DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

With Daylight Saving ending next Sunday, 2nd April, the Sunday morning Mass at St Patrick's College Chapel will still be celebrated at 9.00am.

The Sunday evening Mass at the Church of the Apostles will be celebrated at 5.30pm until the end of September.

## **A VOCATION VIEW**

The institution of the Diaconate is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational, or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today.

## **YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY**

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially **Ruby Di Giammarino** (Enrico and Simone) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Myra Conway, Kathy Aldred, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Danielle Evans, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Pauline Heazlewood, Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Elizabeth Howell, Ellen O'Dea, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Nanette Gunton and Grazia Acquarola who have died recently, Elizabeth Heckscher, Peter Smith, Philip Smith, Adrian La Palombara, Darryl Walsh, Matthew Wilmshurst, Christopher Burgess, Jan Berlese, Nina Brzeski, Michael Saunders, Leslie Phillips, Laurence Geard, Shane Welch, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY:** As the COVID virus continues to affect our lives, we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

**ONE HOUR WITH JESUS** Please note: **No One Hour with Jesus on Sunday 2nd April at the Carmelite Monastery.** The next afternoon will be on Sunday 7th May.

**MORNING MEDITATION** at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am.** Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: phone 6334 1082

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be celebrated on **Sunday 16th April** at 2.30pm in Church of the Apostles.

**FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

**ROSARY:** is recited every Monday at 7:30pm in the comfort of your own home. From **Monday 17th April**, Monday night Rosary will re-commence in Church of the Apostles. Enquiries: Jan (0409 175 940) or Adrian & Liz (0407 074 693)

**THE CARMEL SHOP:** 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm

**St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses next weekend.**

## PALM SUNDAY VIGIL PILGRIMAGE

### SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023

2:30pm Start - St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay  
5.15pm Finish - Sacred Heart Church, Newstead  
Sacrament of Reconciliation available  
6pm - Vigil Mass

For further information and  
Registration, scan here



Registrations close 12 noon on Wednesday 29 March, 2023

**Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:**

Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish  
BSB: 067 000; Account No: 1031 6153.  
Reference: "your surname"

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
6.30pm	Apostles (Oct—March)	
5.30pm	Apostles (2nd April—24th September)	

### WEEKDAY MASSES 29th March—1st April

#### 7.30am Monday to Friday at Carmel

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	12noon	Invermay
Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	9am	Carmel

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	10.00am - 11.00am	Apostles
	5.15pm - 5.45pm	Newstead

## PALM SUNDAY VIGIL PILGRIMAGE

### Saturday 1st April

Just a reminder that registrations are still open for our Launceston Parish - Palm Sunday Vigil Pilgrimage.

**The Pilgrimage will be departing from St Finn Barr's Church at Invermay at 2:30 pm.**

Palm Sunday readings will be our theme.

**Registrations will close off on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, so if you wish to join us on the pilgrimage and participate in this special outdoors Parish event, please register online via the QR code on the Church Bulletin or contact the Parish Office during office hours for assistance with registrations.

Come along and join our Launceston Catholic Parish community for our premier pilgrimage event next Saturday, and challenge yourself physically to not only complete the pilgrimage journey walk through our lovely parks and reserves but also make some time for personal prayer and reflection during the walk and Vigil Mass.

Hope to see as many of you there as possible, it will be a unique parish event.

**A cancellation notice will be posted on the Parish Facebook page on Fri 31/3, only if the weather forecast indicates rain or heavy showers on the Saturday**

## PALM SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE

### Volunteers needed

We are looking for assistant volunteers for our pilgrimage event, both walking participants and those that cannot walk due to mobility issues.

We are seeking another **first aid person** [these persons can walk as well if they wish], **route marshals** (2 preferably) for road crossing assistance, **catering assistants** for refreshments (1-2) [these persons can walk as well if they wish].

**Please note:** a current Police Check and Working with Vulnerable People registration will be required to comply with the Archdiocese of Hobart - Safe Communities Policy for these roles.

**Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.**



## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.



### PROJECT COMPASSION

*For All Future Generations*

Project 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, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Boxes and envelopes are available in the Church.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

### REFLECTION DAY

**"EXPLORING OUR IMAGES OF GOD"**

**Saturday 6th May, 2023**

**10am-3pm**

**At the Emmanuel Centre, Newstead**

**Facilitators: Belinda Chapman and**

**Maureen O'Halloran**

**Cost: \$40 (BYO Lunch)**

**Please book by 28th April**

**Belinda: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com**

**Maureen: 0400 038 095**

### GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

**Monday 27th: Matthew 1:16,18-21,24**

**Tuesday 28th: John 5:1-3,5-16**

**Wednesday 29th: John 5:17-30**

**Thursday 30th: John 5:31-47**

**Friday 31st: John 7:1-2,10,25-30**

**Saturday 1st: Luke 1:26-38**

### NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

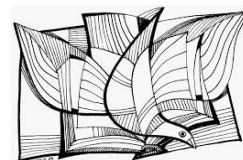
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

**Psalms 21:8-9,17-20,23-24**

**Philippians 2:6-11**

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



*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*

## Children's Corner

Fill in the missing word on each strip of cloth to find out what the letters in each box spell.

Jesus' good \_\_\_\_\_ r \_ \_ n \_ Lazarus was very sick.

Martha and M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ were sad when their brother died.

"Lazarus will \_ \_ \_ v \_ again", said Jesus.

Jesus went to the opened \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b and prayed.

Lazarus walked out of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s tomb alive.



### HOLY THURSDAY 6th April

**7.30pm: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
Church of the Apostles  
Carmelite Monastery

### GOOD FRIDAY 7th April

**10.30am: STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Sacred Heart Church, Newstead

**3.00pm: COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION**  
Church of the Apostles  
Carmelite Monastery

### HOLY SATURDAY 8th April

**7.30pm: EASTER VIGIL**  
Church of the Apostles

**11.00pm: EASTER VIGIL**  
Carmelite Monastery

### EASTER SUNDAY 9th April

**8.30am: Carmelite Monastery**

**9.00am: St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay**

**9.00am: St Patrick's College Chapel, Prospect**

**10.30am: Church of the Apostles**

**5.30pm: Church of the Apostles**