

## Sunday Readings

Year A

### First Reading - Ez 37:12-14

#### A reading from the prophet Ezeiel

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.

### Second Reading - Rom 8:8-11

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

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*A house of welcome to all and a place of service to all*

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

April 02, 2017

### The living Christ

The Resurrection is central to the Christian faith. Yet it is probably one of the most misunderstood doctrines. What does it mean to say Jesus is risen? What does Jesus' resurrection mean for us?

In today's gospel we are presented with the story of the raising of Lazarus, which is intended to point towards our Easter celebrations of the resurrection of Jesus. It is also intended to stress the unique character of Jesus' resurrection.

The writers of the New Testament make clear that Jesus' resurrection was not like the raising of Lazarus, a resuscitation of a dead body. The gospels have several stories of Jesus resuscitating the dead: Lazarus (John 11:1-44); the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5:21-43); and the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17). What makes these people's experiences fundamentally different from that of the resurrected Jesus is that all three were raised and would live on for a while; but would eventually die again.

By contrast, Jesus would never die again and his risen life would be very different from the manner or nature of life he had lived for more than three decades among his family, friends and followers. After his resurrection, Jesus could walk through walls (John 20:19). He was not immediately recognised by some of his closest disciples. He seems to have "appeared" to numerous different people in differing situations. He could walk along with disciples on the road to Emmaus and, then, simply "vanish" (Luke 24:31).

Nevertheless, it is also true to say that, after the Resurrection, Jesus was the same person whom his disciples had known and loved. They recognised his voice. They touched him. They shared meals with him. Much of this serves the gospel writers' concern to emphasise the

#### Weekly Mass Times:

Monday:	7.00 am	Tuesday:	5.30 pm	Wednesday:	8.00 am
Thursday:	7.00 am	Friday:	5.30 pm	Saturday:	8.30 am
Saturday:	Vigil 6.30 pm (Novena 6.00 pm)				
Sunday:	8.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am & 6.00 pm				

Reconciliation: Saturday: 11.00am - 12.00 noon and 5.00pm - 6.00pm



Fr. Phong Nguyen  
Parish Priest



Fr. Garner Vergara  
Assistant Priest



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Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce  
Parish Deacon

physical character of Jesus' appearances. Still it bears testimony to the corporeality of the disciples' experience. The Risen Jesus was no mere vaporous ghost (Luke 24:37). Jesus' resurrection was that of a human being, not just some disembodied spirit.

Of course, the resurrection of Jesus is but a portent of what God has in store for all who believe – as Jesus says in today's gospel, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26).

It is remarkable that all the early Christian texts known to us signal that the ultimate hope of the earliest Christians was the resurrection of the body. For those first Christians and for us, Jesus' resurrection was only part one of an eschatological drama that must await a future fulfilment with the second coming of Christ, when all who believe will be raised and transformed into a new reality where there will be no suffering or death. We will live on.

The story of Lazarus points towards this future!

Ian J Elmer

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#### Baptisms:

We welcome Joseph Domenic D' Uva, Layla Grace Harding, Evie Grace Neale, into our Parish Community.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Deaths:** Please pray for Teresa de Souza who passed away recently.

#### Anniversaries:

Please pray for Alice Daly, Sarah Montague, Raymond Camilleri, Raymond Nonis, Sara Victoria, Robert Heng, Christopher Lee whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## for 9TH APRIL

	NEXT WEEK				
Bulletin:	Olivia'skandar				
Flowers:	Palm Sunday				
Counter:	1. M Sefton	2. A Munro	3. M Sequeira		

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
<b>Greeters</b>	G Tloczek T Tloczek	B martin E Temmen	A Faleiro S Hedley	E Connolly A Ford	A Christophe B D' Mello
<b>Acolytes</b>	D Ng	B King	C Dowsett	S McMahon	S Carrello
<b>Altar Servers</b>	R Gill S Gill J Grosse	A Flexman M Roach	L ShandleyJ S ShandleyJ P Sunarko	N Andrews D Atmadjaja T Carbone	C Batchelor O Cowman
<b>Special Minister</b>	C Craggs M Craggs M Davis C Dellaca A De Souza J Doss S Fudexer K Gamba G Garreffa	C Price P Price J Sciorilli M Woolford C Cox B D' Cruz	B Bucat C Derries A Faleiro H Klass M McFarlene L McMinn P McMinn G Mo	C Tan G Tedjakunt R Triuntari L Yeo R Yeo R D'Annunzi O D'Mello A Loo J Loo	P Kite A Lu V Masara B Norris A Phoon A Ring S Sutijono D Talbot

<b>Catechists</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
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<b>Readers</b>	V Hodgson K A King	G Dunsford J Hidajat	M McFarlene G Munro	A Loo R Lui	M Want Aura
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Readers Coordinator: Kim Gamba 9258 6263

<b>Piety stall</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
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Safeguarding Officer: Fatima Basilio (fatima.safeguarding@gmail.com)

### MORE CARE

*Do you need help or know someone who does?*

† Geraldine	9332 8795	(Visiting)
† Monica	9364 9358	(Meals)
† Caroline	9313 5452	(Transport/Meals)
† Silvia	9417 7131	(Transport)
† Juliana	9310 1747	(General-office hrs)

Rose Garden  
April 2017

Section A  
Glenn Trim

Section B  
Mike Kelly

## Youth

### Calling All Altar Servers and Special Ministers

The time has come where we are asking all youth special ministers to please help out on Good Friday.

If you are able to help please send us an email or contact youth leaders (youth@batemancatholic.org) so that they can organise everything for the day. Also for the altar servers we are looking to have some of the stronger teens serve at stations of the cross at 10.30am on Good Friday. Please once again contact us for any further information.

### GODSQUAD Teens Group on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

The next GOD SQUAD will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 7pm - 8:45pm in the church hall. As we are starting our alteration program please remember to bring \$25 for the books. If you're in years 7-12 come down and be sure to bring along any friends that might be interested to.

### Young Adults Program

The next young adults meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April in the church hall from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. We'll be continuing our **Theology of the Body** program. If you would like to purchase a book please bring \$13. Lunch will also be provided for a small donation of \$5. This is a great way to meet young people like yourselves in the community. So be sure to spread the word to others who might be interested. For more information on this please contact our youth leaders via email youth@batemancatholic.org



### CYM MASS AND HOLY HOUR EVERY WEDNESDAY

Come and join us in prayer on Wednesday night with Mass at 5:30 PM, Holy Hour (Adoration 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM) and dinner after (\$5 donation) with other young Catholics. At the Catholic Pastoral Centre on 40A Mary Street, Highgate (entrance from Harold Street)

For further inquiries about the St Thomas More ministry please don't hesitate to contact our youth leaders Bronagh and Brien via email at youth@batemancatholic.org

### YOUTH FUNDRAISING—EASTER RAFFLE

The Youth are having an Easter Raffle to fundraise for their youth conference at the end of the year. Please support them by buying tickets at \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. A big Hamper has been donated by Catholic Church Insurances.



## Parish News

### HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES—2017

April 10	Monday	7.00am	Mass in Church
April 11	Tuesday	5.30pm 7.00pm	Mass in Church Mass of Christ—in St. Mary's Cathedral (All welcome)
April 12	Wednesday	8.00am	Mass in Church
April 13	Holy Thursday	7.30pm	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>
April 14	Good Friday	10.30am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross <b>THE LORD'S PASSION</b> (in the Church)
April 15	Holy Saturday	7.00pm	<b>EASTER VIGIL MASS</b>
April 16	Easter Sunday	8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.00pm	

### HOLY WEEK RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION TIMES

**GOOD FRIDAY** After the Stations of the Cross  
Approximately from 11.00am  
After the 3.00pm Service

**HOLY SATURDAY** 11.00am—12noon

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### EASTER TRIDUUM ROSTERS

The Easter Triduum Rosters for **Altar Servers** and **Special Ministers of the Eucharist** are out in the foyer. Please write your names down on the sheets where you can help out for Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil and all Easter Sunday Masses.

### CHAPLETS OF DIVINE MERCY

Owing to its proximity to Easter, there will be **NO Chaplets of Divine Mercy** in our church on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Instead, the next devotion will be on Divine Mercy Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 at 12.00pm, or immediately after the 11.00am Mass concludes, whichever is later.

Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493 or 041 991 0039.



### Second Rite of Reconciliation at neighbouring parishes

Applecross	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April,	7.00pm
Langford	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April,	7.30pm
Attadale	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April,	7.30pm

## Parish News (cont'd)

### The Way of The Cross on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9am

The final program in our video Lenten journey takes us on The Way of The Cross – Stations on our Journey of Faith. This program offers three different approaches to the traditional Catholic observance of the Stations of the Cross: spirituality, history and a video meditation on the stations. It includes the powerful conversion story of Fr Richard Roos, SJ, who in Lent 1979, travelled on foot to each of the Franciscan missions in California – a pilgrimage to the Way of the Cross. It is a fitting finale to the Lenten video series run as part of our parish's Wednesday morning Faith program. The program will go into recess during the school holidays and resume on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May.

When/Where: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 9am – 10am

Place: Meeting room 2 (next to Parish office)

Enquiries: Carolin 0432 855 605 / Su 0413 560 033

### St Thomas More Parish Religious Education After School Program

Bateman Parish runs an after school program for both primary and high school students on Wednesdays from 4pm-5pm (school terms).

**Enrolments** are now being accepted for **high school students** who may not have celebrated all of their age relevant Sacraments. High School classes commence on 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. Enrolments will close 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Please contact Jenny Figliomeni on 93101747 (Tuesdays/Wednesdays 9am-5pm) or 0435695399 at other times, to enquire or enrol.

### NEW PARISHIONERS TO THE CHURCH

Are you new to the parish? If you are please introduce yourself and your family to one of the priests and register your name and details in our Guest Book in our church foyer.

### PROJECT COMPASSION—CARITAS AUSTRALIA.



Fifth Sunday of Lent  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017



The People's Community Network is increasing the resilience and dignity of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities work towards lasting change in their neighbourhoods.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



## Diocesan Notices

### CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL

Invites you to bring your family and friends to enjoy this evening of:

Song of Praise (7.30pm)

Thanksgiving Mass (8.00pm)

Followed by a talk by Fr Richard Smith on "Stories that give life"

Fellowship and Light Supper

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 7.30pm St John & Paul's Church,  
PINETREE GULLY ROAD, WILLETTON

### CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL

We are pleased to inform you that Fr Gino will be presenting a two day live-in weekend retreat on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May (6.30pm) - Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May (5.00pm).

Venue will be Advent Park—345 Kalamunda Rd, Maida Vale, WA, 6057

*Please note retreat form, registrations for this retreat can be made on Friday's P&W*

### WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY EVENING—Faith in my Life Journey on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

St Joseph's Parish Subiaco is hosting a Women's Spirituality Evening. All women and men are invited. Please join them for an inspiring evening followed by supper.

**When:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 **Time:** 7.30 pm until finished

**Guest speakers:** Jessie Curtis, Physiotherapist; Una Glennon, Teacher, Author; Celia Hammond, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chancellor Notre Dame University

**Venue:** St Joseph's Subiaco, 3 Salvado Road Subiaco

### CYM YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT—Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

Need some time away to rest, reflect and grow closer to God? Join other young adults for a weekend away reflecting on the Easter theme "Christ is Risen". The retreat run by Catholica Youth Ministry includes inspirational talks, music, prayer, mass, discussion, meals and accommodation!

**Who:** Adults aged 18-35 **When:** 6.30pm Friday 21—1.30pm Sunday 23 April.

**Where:** Eagles Nest Retreat Centre, Gidgegannup **Cost:** \$130

To register before 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 or info: [cym.com.au](http://cym.com.au) or call 9422 7912 or e-mail: [admin@cym.com.au](mailto:admin@cym.com.au)



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