



St Mary's Parish

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5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

6 April 2014

First Reading Ez 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 See 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 shorter form

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 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 Judea.'

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

or longer form Jn 11:1-45



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent in Year A feature significant passages from the gospel of John. The first of the three readings was the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus described himself as Living Water. The second was the healing of the blind man and Jesus declaring himself to be the Light of the World. In today's passage about the death and raising of Lazarus, Jesus declares, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' Living Water; Light of the World; and the Resurrection and the Life – three important images of Jesus that all emerge from the gospel of John. Each of the events relate to Jesus' response to some physical need: thirst; blindness; and death. However, in each case, Jesus not only responds to the physical need but also reveals a truth about himself that leads people to belief.

The raising of Lazarus marks a turning point in the gospel of John. Chapter 11 concludes with the Jewish authorities plotting to arrest Jesus and then Chapter 12 begins the final week of Jesus' life in Jerusalem. The significance of this episode is highlighted by the disciples who question Jesus about the wisdom of going back to Judea when the people there had wanted to stone Jesus to death. In going to save the life of his friend, Lazarus, Jesus knows that he is journeying towards his own death. In fact, the end of Chapter 11 makes clear that it is some of the witnesses to the raising of Lazarus who go and complain to the authorities and precipitate the action against Jesus. In the gospel of John, it is the episode with Lazarus that effectively signs Jesus' death warrant. The gospel makes clear that Jesus gives up his own life so that Lazarus may live.

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NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY MASS TIMES

13th April 2014
Palm Sunday

Hamilton	Mass	6:00pm
	Mass	10:30am
	Mass	5:00pm
Dunkeld	SAWC	9:00am
Glenthompson	Mass	9:00am
Macarthur	SAWC	9:00am
Penshurst	No Service	

WEEKDAY MASS or**(Prayer of the church with Holy Communion)****PENSHURST**

Wednesday
10am Mass

HAMILTON

Tuesday 10am Mass
Wednesday 10am Mass
Thursday 10am Mass
Friday 10am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**Hamilton**

Fri After 10am Mass
Sat 5.30m before Mass

Other

Mass Centres
Sunday
Before 9am

**PRAYER TIME IN OUR PARISH**
Christian Meditation

Parish House Wednesday 7.30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

9.30 am before weekday Mass or C.S
7 pm Thursday & Sunday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After Mass Wed. 10.30—12 noon.

ST MARY'S ROSTER:
12th & 13th April 2014

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurmann Kylie Anne Shanahan	Rita Taylor Alida Aylmer
Commentator	John Duyvestyn	Don Schultz
First Reader	Maureen Dunn	Carmel Schlaghecke
Second Reader	Ian Ferguson	David Dunn
Offertory Procession	G & K Brewis	Trish & Janine Daffey
PowerPoint and iPad	Chris Jansen	Wheaton Family
Ministers of Communion	Team: 2 Z Celewich, T & F McMeel.	Team: 3 M Bell, B Storer, A Wheaton, G Goggin & T Irving.

Ministers of Communion This Weekend

6 pm	Team:: 1 B Kaaye, P&M Dunn. (3 Required)
10:30 am	Team: 2 V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, T Daffey (5 Required)

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER - 13th April No Service**20th April 2014**

Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Bill Dunn
Special Minister	Catherine Loria
Gifts	Kelly Family

**St Mary's
Church
CLEANING
APRIL
H Cowland
S Pierce
M Mailes
K Watson**

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship Starting Date 13/10/2013 :
Stewardship Pledged Full Year : \$120,150
Priest's Support: \$786

This week's Count Team: 1 G McGrath, J Watt & M Stewart.
Next week's Count Team: 2 I & B Ferguson, C McArthur & L Stevens.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.****DEATHS:** Kevin McCann

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Thomas Linane, Colin Hanifin, Douglas Byrne,
Allan Underwood, Darrell Fry.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Felicity Fraser, Carmel Scott, Sharyn Aron,
Judy Mibus, Gay Lee, Kerry McChuggage, Dorothy Harrison, Brian
Joyce, Frank Vogels, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell,
Please note it is the relatives' responsibility to submit anniversary names to parish office.

**Prayer before The Blessed
Sacrament**

The Church is open daily till 8pm .
If you are prepared to spend time between
6pm & 8pm on a roster .
Contact: Rita Taylor.

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

Your support for Project Compassion helps Caritas Australia work towards the creation of a world that God desires to be just and compassionate.



Far from home for dialysis treatment, Aboriginal woman Lorraine is reconnecting with her culture and community through an income-generating bush balm program. The program offers people who are chronically unwell, a sense of purpose, comfort and wellbeing.

Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your support ensures that together we are walking alongside Indigenous Peoples in Australia and around the world.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM begin with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. The celebration of the Triduum is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

Jacqui Foster Funeral Appeal

Thank you for your kind contributions to this appeal through leaving collections and donations we raised A Total of **\$3810** which covered the balance of costs. During our 10.30 Mass on Sunday 6th April we will draw the Moama on Murray resort package.

THANK YOU

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Cath News - www.cathnews.com.au

Fr John McKinnon www.johnmckinnon.org

Fr John Corrigan blog - www.acountrypriest.com

CUPPA

12th April - Trish & Brian Shanahan

13th April - Val Lovell

St Vincent De Paul

Maryknoll Front Office, Clarendon St, Hamilton.

Welfare, Assistance, Support Centre

Open Monday — Friday 1-3pm

55719859 or 0408923181

Interested volunteers please enquire on above Mobile No.



Parish Calender

10th April Communal Rite of Reconciliation

13th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

17th April Anointing Mass Eventide 9.30am

Holy Week Times

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Penshurst – 6pm

Hamilton – 7pm

Dunkeld – 7pm

Good Friday

Macarthur - 9.30am

Hamilton - 3pm

Dunkeld – 3pm

Easter Vigil

Hamilton – 7pm

Easter Sunday Mass

Dunkeld – 9am

Penshurst – 9am

Macarthur – 9am

Glenthompson – 10.30am Hamilton – 10.30am & 5pm

St Mary's Orana Ladies Group
Inviting All Parish Women to an
Afternoon High Tea

Saturday 3rd May at 2.00pm

St Mary's Dunworth Centre



Bring your favourite Aprons. Help us fill the clothesline with lots of colour and tell us the special memories they hold

\$20 includes Champagne & High Tea. Funds raised will go to a local cause.

Tickets purchased at Parish Office

Bookings Essential for catering purposes

Anne Slattery 5570 8210 *RSVP: 20th April*

Prayer

Good and gracious God,
we walk every day in the light and hope of resurrection. Help us to live each day in gratitude for the gift of our very being. Move our hearts and minds to share the gifts of life and hope. Help us to seek freedom from all that binds us in slavery. Help us to reach out to those who are oppressed, alienated and excluded.
Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



Sent to be the Good News

As you reflect further on the gospel for this week, let it speak to you and to your life experience at this time.

We are exposed to so much tragedy and death through our life: in our families; our parish; our community; and our world. What are your feelings about death and dying? Do you become overwhelmed or fearful when you are confronted with death? While experiencing a deep sense of loss and grief are you at the same time filled with hope and faith? Do you see death in the light of resurrection believing in Jesus' promise 'those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die'?



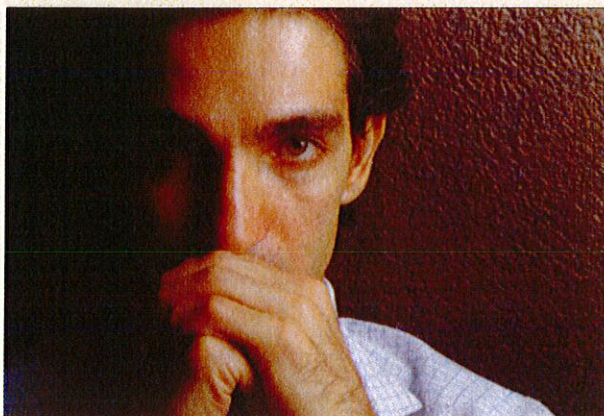
THINKSTOCK/DON HAMMOND

In your experience of loss and grief, who were the people you found most helpful, comforting, encouraging? How have you been able to journey with others in their grief? In the week ahead look for ways and opportunities to be a gentle source of consolation for someone who is grieving.

Who are the people who grieve silently in our midst and perhaps have no one to comfort and support them? Maybe they grieve for a spouse, a partner, a child or a parent or a dear friend. Maybe their grief is for the homeland they left in fear for their lives, or the loss of family, health, job, or shattered dreams. Try to be aware this week of someone who is experiencing grief and loss in your neighbourhood, your parish, or local community. Be ready with a listening ear, an encouraging word, or the offer of some practical support where appropriate.

THINKSTOCK/BERNA NAMOGLU

Does your parish have a Bereavement Group to minister to those who grieve the loss of a loved one? How might your Lenten group take the initiative to establish such a group in your parish?



Can you think of any areas in your life where you need to be unbound and become free (for example, in the way you carry out your ministry in the parish)? Hear Jesus say these words about you: 'Unbind him/her and let him/her go.'

It is so easy to keep others bound by our unforgiveness, our labels and judgements, our unreal expectations and our prejudice. Who do you need to unbind and allow go free? Believe this is possible through the healing love of Jesus.

This week be attentive for situations where you can bring life to others.

