



ST JAMES' PARISH

Diocese of Maitland - Newcastle
St. James Muswellbrook - St. Thomas
Aberdeen



We acknowledge the traditional owners who cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who have maintained these Spiritual connections and traditions.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR A

29th March 2020

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.

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.

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

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.'

WEEKLY NOTICES

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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Message from Fr Victor

The current health crisis which is affecting the whole world in the form of COVID – 19 (Corona Virus), is of course distressing. Despite this fact, as believers in the power of God's saving action, we are called to place all our trust in God and at the same do whatever we can to stop the spread of disease, however inconvenient that may be to us personally, as a nation or as a Church.

We also offer prayers for all who are suffering with the virus, as well as the medical personnel who are working to assist those in need. May God give healing to the sick, comfort to those who have or are facing the loss of loved ones, eternal life to those who have died, and protection to those who are knowingly or unknowingly exposed to the virus. May our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, intercede on behalf of all, that we may be cautious but at peace, placing before the Lord all our fears, concerns, hopes and sorrows.

God Bless You.

Fr. Victor Babu

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Thanks to all those who filled out Nomination forms and placed them in the boxes over the last two weeks. We have had a good response with an excess of 20 nominees for each Council. We will keep you informed in the next couple of weeks on progress of establishing the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council.

Fr Victor

HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Additional resources provided by *Liturgy Brisbane*, have been emailed with the bulletin this week to all parishioners on the email list to provide additional support to you all during Holy Week.

FROM THE LETTER OF BISHOP BILL WRIGHT:

Everyone in the diocese – individuals and families – can access a range of resources being made available through a special login. Parishioners should go to liturgyhelp.com/aus/mn/generalaccess, and enter their name and email address. This is for all people in communities connected to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and will be available from Midday on Friday 20 March.

The resources available on the special login access version of LiturgyHelp will grow over time and initially include:

Access to the daily readings; Access to the daily Missal texts; Sunday Prayer Services (Liturgy of the Word & weekly prayer sheets); Sunday and Special Feasts Scripture Commentary.

Welcome Adele Skardon - Fr. Victor and St James Parish would like to announce the appointment of Mrs Adele Skardon to the position of Parish Administration Assistant.

Adele is now working in the Parish Office as Administration Assistant this Tuesday. Office hours this week will be from 9.30am to 1.30pm Tues, Wed & Fri.

Please email/phone in your Bulletin notices as per the note below:

BULLETIN Please contact the Parish Office on 6543 1167 if you have any notices for the bulletin ****before Wednesday, 4.30pm.**

Or email to:
muswellbrookparish@mn.catholic.org.au

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**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Fifth Sunday of Lent
29th March 2020

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA

Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl living with a disability, and struggling with food insecurity and discrimination in Malawi. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Weekly Mass & Liturgy Diary

Monday 30th March	Tuesday 31st March	Wednesday 1st April	Thursday 2nd April	Friday 3rd April	Saturday 4th April	Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday
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Father Victor will be saying a private Mass everyday to pray for all members of the Parish, for an end to the CORVID 19 Pandemic and the health and safety of the world. Please add your prayers to his.

8am Monday/Wednesday/Friday you may wish to join spiritually with others in praying the Rosary in your own home.

8.00am The Rosary. Join in communal prayer in your own home		8.00am The Rosary. Join in communal prayer in your own home		8.00am The Rosary. Join in communal prayer in your own home		6.00am Channel 10 <i>Mass For You at Home.</i> Mass of the day from St Patricks, Melbourne
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Reconciliation by appointment

If anyone would like to attend reconciliation please contact Fr Victor to arrange a suitable time.

Channel 10 Mass for You at Home

If you have access to the internet you can view the mass on <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>
You will have to sign up but you can then watch the mass at any time of the day.

MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED:

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ:

Iris Spittles, Kevin Shadforth, Maria Wilson, Joan Flanagan, Noleen Swift, Marie Clifford, Pauline Coleman, Debbie Peak, David Curran, Pat Hogan, Abbie Sweeper

Anniversary: Reg Shanahan, Alan Hopwood, Catherine Hobbs, Charlie Logue (Jnr)

Recently Deceased: Mary Fairweather

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.

**Our mission is to spread the Kingdom by being an alive and informed
Community, united as one family in care and consideration**