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2 April 2017 5th Sunday of Lent Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR APRIL

Prayer for Lent

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism.

Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth.

May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in his Cross we proclaim your love forever.

Amen

Entrance Antiphon

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.

1st Reading Ezek 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

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

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

2nd 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. The word of the Lord.

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 Jn 11:1-45

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

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving

OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest
Fr. Pius Kodakkathanath vc
Parish Deacon
Charles English
Parish Secretary
Josephine Thomas
School Principal
Karen Wilson
(9749-1055)

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 6:00pm
Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
Filipino – 4th Sun: 12:00pm
Polish – 1st Sun: 3:30pm
Spanish – 1st & 3rd Sun: 12:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:30am
Wed: 8:30am & 7:00pm
Sat: 9:15am

CONFESSIONS

Wed: After 7:00pm Mass
Sat: After 9:15am Mass

DEVOTIONS

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction
Fri & Sat morning after Mass & Sat afternoon at 2.30pm
First Friday: 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Morning Prayer & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Mon to Fri: 8:00am
Sat: 8:30am
Next Healing Mass
6th May 17, 2:00 to 4:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed after 7:00pm Mass
Rosary
Mon to Fri after Mass
Sat before Mass and at 2.00pm

BAPTISMS

3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday
10:30am or 2:15pm
Baptism Formation Meeting
1st Monday of the month, 7:00pm

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call Parish Office on 9749 4300

HOUSE BLESSINGS & VISITS

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ALL QUERIES

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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.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. 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.' When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, 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.

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

Next Week's Readings **Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 – 27:66**

ROSTERS

Passion Sunday Money Counters 9 April 17

Les Jones / Tini & Barrie Hope / John Allen

Passion Sunday Readers – 8/9 April 17

6:00pm	Davy F. / Dcn. Charles / Fr. Pius / J. Poppen
8:30am	Rosemary H. / Dcn. Charles / Fr. Pius / Kevin McL
10:30am	G. Siccita / Dcn. Charles / Fr. Pius / W. D'Cruz
5:00pm	G. Sharman / Dcn. Charles / F. Pius / Buxton T.

Passion Sunday Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 8/9 April 17

6:00pm	Bernadette / Josie / Maria / Elaine / Stanley / Michelle
8:30am	Karen / Celine / Halina / Les / 2 X VOLUNTEERS
10:30am	Nina C./Carol M./Maria N./Sally DiB/M&Z D'Mello
5:00pm	Ellen B. / Connie S. / J. Thomas / 3 X VOLS.

Passion Sunday Music Ministry 8/9 April 17

6:00pm	Footsteps
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Youth Band
5:00pm	KNK

PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT LENTEN INFORMATION

- Project Compassion available in the church and hall. Your donations are greatly appreciated.
- Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00pm followed by Mass.
- The Divine Mercy Novena will start after the Good Friday service.
- Lenten Regulations from the Vicar General on noticeboards.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next Meeting of the Hoppers Crossing Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be next Tuesday, 4th April, at 7:30pm in Community Centre.

CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM –SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school is now in recess for the school holidays. We resume classes on Sunday 23rd April from 9:15am to 10:25am. Happy Easter to all. Thanks Bernice.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE PARISH

Every Friday in Lent	7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass, starting 3 rd March.
Every Sunday	9:15am to 10:25am Sunday School. Enq. to Bernice on 9749-2812.
6 April	7:30pm Rite II Reconciliation at St. Peter's Parish.

PASSION SUNDAY/EASTER CEREMONIES ROSTERS

These are now available in the Hall. You will note that for two masses on Passion Sunday Communion Ministers are needed. If you are able to assist at these masses please write your name in the Sign-On Book in the Hall. Thank you for your help

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SCHOOL

18 Apr 17	Term 2 commences 8:45am
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POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

POPE'S TWEET

Let us remember our Christian brothers and sisters who are suffering persecution for their faith. May we be united with them. [Pope Francis \(@Pontifex\) | Twitter](#)

LENTEN/EASTER TIMETABLE

RECONCILIATION RITE II, 6 APRIL	
7:30pm at St. Peter's Church	
PALM SUNDAY, 9 APRIL	
6:00pm	Palm Sunday Vigil Mass
Normal Sunday Masses at 8:30am, 10:30am with procession of palms and 5:00pm	
HOLY THURSDAY, 13 APRIL	
7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration following Mass until midnight
GOOD FRIDAY, 14 APRIL	
10:00am	Stations of the Cross
3:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Divine Mercy Novena
HOLY SATURDAY, 15 APRIL	
9:15am	Divine Mercy Novena only – No Mass
EASTER VIGIL, 15 APRIL	
7:30pm	Easter Vigil Mass
EASTER SUNDAY, 16 APRIL	
8:30am	Mass
10:30am	Mass and Divine Mercy Novena
NO 5:00PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY	
8:30am	Monday 17 April to Friday 21 April – Mass & Divine Mercy Novena
9:15am	Saturday 22 Apr – Mass & Divine Mercy Novena
DIVINE MERCY FEAST, SUNDAY, 23 APRIL	
8:30am, 10:30am	Sunday Masses
2:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet, Reconciliation & Adoration, followed by Mass at 3:00pm
5:00pm	Sunday Mass
CONFESSIONS	
9:45am	Every Saturday
7:30pm	Every Wednesday

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4250.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3357.20
LOOSE MONEY:	\$1348.05
PRIESTS:	\$1212.35
CHAPLAINCY:	\$ 12.10

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Jean Alain Riaca, Jake Craigie and all who died recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Philip Jones, Julie & Leigh Smith, Ellen Barnes, Janice Hartshorn, Angelo Piscopo, Antonia Buttigieg, Shirley Schaekers, Maria Tin, Kuriakose Palatty and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Bill Fairney, Leo Linehan, Angela O'Brien, Mary McMinn, Lydia (Aleida) Van Susteren, Peter McGlade, Molly Wilson, Gary Spotswood, Stan Walkden, Diane Cameron, Sean Donaldson, Kristian Romois, Vera Fernandez, Edith Street, Georgette Maalouf, Carmen Mifsud, Bob Meehan, Dominic D'Lima, Cynthia Middleton, Milton Roberts, Elizabeth Slee, Malcolm Harlow, Leo Mellawa, Rosemary Heenthenna, Mary Ann Perera, Rose Seguna, Maria Voudiotis, Sheila O'Brien, Lloyd Clayburn, Yvonne Clayton, Hyacinth Lawrence, Maureen Byrne, Victoria, Trevor Rush and all who are ill in our Parish.