



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

26 MARCH 2023

FIRST READING

Ezek 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

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 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,



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PARISH INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9am – 3pm
Thursday: 9am – 12.30pm

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Paul Raj
Parish Secretary: Tereza Camacho
Safeguarding Officer: Brigette Liddelow - 0432 908 980
Avila Retirement Village Secretary: Judy Rowlands – 0448 205 283
OLMC Primary School RE: Julie Kay
OLMC Primary School Principal: Jayson Peacock - 9269 2000
Seton Catholic College Website: <http://www.seton.wa.edu.au/olmc-parish>

MASS INTENTIONS



5th Sunday Lent, 26 March

Saturday 6pm Mass for Tony Pereira (RIP)
Sunday 7.30am Mass for Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 9am Mass for Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP) + Nina Bertone (RIP)
10.30am Baptism of Jordan Geoffrey Liddelow



Monday 27 March

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group **+ 7.30pm Mass**

Tuesday 28 March

9am Mass for Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 29 March

9am Mass for Parishioners Intentions
Morning Tea after Mass
10.30am Legion of Mary
5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 30 March

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 31 March

9am Mass for Parishioners Intentions
9.30 – 10.30am Stations of the Cross followed by Eucharistic Adoration
10.30am Mass at Hilton Park Aged Care



Saturday 1 April

9am Mass for Parishioners Intentions

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday), 2 April

Saturday 6pm Mass for Parishioners Intentions
Sunday 7.30am Mass for Parishioners Intentions
Sunday 9am Mass for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Maria Jose Da Silva & Judy Rebelo (RIP) + Cono & Tonino Randazzo (RIP)
2.30-3.30pm Holy Hour



THE UNITY PRAYER: My Adorable Jesus, May our feet journey together. May Our hands gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison. May our souls be in harmony. May our thoughts be as one. May our ears listen to the silence together. May our glances profoundly penetrate each other. May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen ♥♥♥.



WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to Fr Paul. We extend a warm welcome to our Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Zdenka Mravincic, Beatrice Fernandez, Alex, Desmond O'Connor, Lisa Bubb, Maria Villamagna, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Maria De Sousa ...



2023 SACRAMENT DATES

1ST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday 11-6-23 at 9am
CONFIRMATION: Sunday 20-8-23 at 9am



RECONCILIATION

Saturday
9.30-10am and
5.15-5.45pm
Or by appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS

Suggested Offering **\$15 per Mass**. Please give Mass Intention Envelopes to Fr Paul or Parish Office.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday), 2 April

1st: Is 50:4-7
2nd: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66



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.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die forever, says the Lord.

Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything ♥♥♥. Mother, I am yours now and forever. Through you and with you, I always want to belong completely to Jesus ♥♥♥. Blessed Lady, spread the effect of Grace of Thy Flame of Love over all of Humanity ♥♥♥.





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STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship and Capital Campaigns. Essential Elements of a Successful Campaign. We will deal with the 'volunteer-intensive' part of this definition later in this article..



2023 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: MARCH - For victims of abuse. "We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering".



FIFTH SUNDAY LENT 25 & 26 MARCH 2023:

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, Teresa, 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.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes / envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

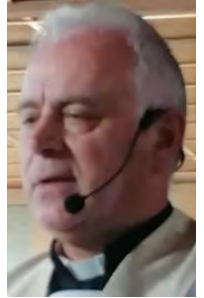


ONLINE ROSARY DURING LENT: As a Lenten commitment suggestion, Catholic Mission in partnership with the Spirituality Hub in Kirup, offers the opportunity to be part of a Living Rosary group in the tradition of Blessed Pauline Jaricot. Contact deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com or 0419 939 864 for more information about the group and how to participate in person or online via Zoom.



INVITATION TO ATTEND EVENING OF MIRACLE PRAYERS AND HEALING:

Friday 14 April 2023 at 7pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 82 Collick Street, Hilton. Angelus and Holy Rosary at 7pm. Reconciliation – Meditation / Talk – Laying of Hands – Prayers of Liberation. Talk and Healing Service by Fr Rozo Palic. Fr Francis Ughanze Available for Confession. Are you suffering from Anxiety, Depression, Addictions or Cancer? 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.'



PRAYER FOR UKRAINE. From the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development: Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL:

'CCR Together' is an evening of Praise & worship, teaching and fellowship. Our first event for 2023 is Friday, 31 March, at Orana Primary School hall, Querrin Ave, Willetton, commencing at 7.30pm with Prayer & Praise. A presentation on a particular Christian theme will follow and the evening will conclude about 9.30pm with fellowship & a light supper. Healing prayer is available for those in need. All are welcome, especially those needing a touch from the Lord! Entry is free, though we do take up a collection to support the Renewal. Further info: Dan - 0409 849 049."



CHRISTIAN HEALING COURSE:

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is conducting Module 1 of this 3 module course over 2 weekends, May 5 - 7 and May 19 - 21, (both weekends are required!). Participants will learn how to pray





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effectively for **healing of life's deepest wounds** - be they physical, psychological or spiritual! NOTE - a **PREREQUISITE** for this course is to have completed a 'Life in the Spirit Seminar'. If you feel called to the Healing Ministry, please make the inquiry! Participants who decide after 1 weekend not to continue will receive a **full refund**. **Cost for each module is \$65**. The remaining modules will be conducted over the following few months. For further info contact Dan (0409 849 049)."

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details, refer to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/employment.htm>.



- Advisor, Well-being, Health & Safety – Permanent, Full-Time ([listed on SEEK](#))
- Manager, Executive Services (Episcopal Services) – Permanent, Full-Time ([listed on SEEK](#))
- Systems Accountant – Fixed Term (12 Months), Full-Time ([listed on SEEK](#))
- Accountant – Permanent, Full-Time
- Coordinator, Prison Ministry – Permanent, 0.80 FTE – 1.00 FTE
- Catholic Youth Ministry: Faith Formation Coordinator – Fixed Term (12 Months), Full-Time
- Catholic Youth Ministry: Events Coordinator – Permanent, Full-Time
- Catholic Youth Ministry: Mission & Ministry Coordinator – Permanent, Full-Time
- Centre for Life Marriage and Family: Administration Assistant – Casual
- Centre for Life Marriage and Family: Coordinator, Natural Fertility Management – Casual
- Centre for Life Marriage and Family: Coordinator, Family Life Education Services – Permanent, Part-Time
- West Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office: Administration Assistant – Fixed Term (12 Months), Part-Time
- Western Australian Professional Standards Office: Administration Officer – Permanent, Part-Time

CROSS OF FORGIVENESS: O God, Crucified Saviour, set me ablaze with love, faith and courage for the salvation of my brothers ... O Jesus, vanquisher of death, save us! ... I salute you, I adore you, I embrace you, O Adorable Cross of my Saviour. Protect us, guard us, save us. Jesus loved you so much, following His example, I love you too. By your holy image calm our fears. That I feel only peace and trust!



FR GABRIEL OF ST MARY MAGDALENE: O Lord, pursue me with Your grace until I give myself entirely to you.



2023
HOLY WEEK and EASTER TIMES
 OLMC Church Hilton

Holy Thursday 6 April
 7pm The Lord's Supper
 Adoration until 9pm

Good Friday 7 April
 9am Stations of the Cross
 Followed by Reconciliation
 3pm Celebration of The Passion of The Lord

Holy Saturday 8 April
 9 – 10am Reconciliation
 7pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 9 April
 7.30am Morning Mass
 9am Morning Mass



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WEEK 4 25-26 Mar 5 Lent	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE	
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Katie Hughes	Enrico D'Alessandro	
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller	
Sun 9am	Franca Kalat	Elizabeth Sabella	Gerald Farrell	
WEEK 1 1-2 Apr Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)	COMMENTATOR & READERS			ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Commentator: Loretta Masnada Reader: Susie Poleschtschuk		PASSION READING: Narrator: Martha Kalat Crowd: Congregation	Simon Overton
Sun 7.30am	Commentator: Diane Richards Reader: Jenny Troy		PASSION READING: Narrator: Nicolas Lim Crowd: Congregation	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Commentator: Vicky Rafala Reader: Franca Kalat		PASSION READING: Narrator: Toni Kalat Crowd: Congregation	Frank Cooper
6 Apr Holy Thursday 7pm	Diane Richards		Franca Kalat	Joe de Ornelas Simon Overton
7 Apr Good Friday 9am - Stations of the Cross	Fr Paul Raj	Stations of the Cross		No Acolyte
7 Apr Good Friday 3pm - The Lord's Passion	No Commentator	Reader: Diane Richards	PASSION READING: Jesus: Fr Paul Raj Narrator: Liz Sabella Pilot: Nicolas Lim Crowd: Congregation	Joe de Ornelas Ken Hla Simon Overton



Through Him, with Him, in Him
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honour is Yours,
Almighty Father,
Forever and ever.
Amen.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS:
Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our Citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Come Visit Jesus
For One Hour
Wednesday Evenings
5.30 – 6.30pm
Friday Mornings
9.30 – 10.30am
Jesus is Waiting for You



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, '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.

Longer form, 11:1-45

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Breaking Open the Word

GOD'S PLEDGE TO US

Lent is always an invitation to travel on the path of conversion. We are called to do our part and yet the work is not solely ours. One of the threads uniting today's readings is the encouragement provided by God's pledge to work with us as we journey towards the new life of Easter.

Ezekiel wrote to a dispirited and discouraged people far from where they wanted to be. In exile they felt powerless to change their situation and wondered whether God still had the power, or desire, to save them. Ezekiel has no doubts that God will bring them back from the grave to new life.

In writing to the Christians of Rome, Paul is led to reflect on the nature of conversion and the Christian life from two perspectives. From our perspective, we are challenged to open our hearts to what is of spiritual and lasting value. Lest we become disheartened by our weakness, Paul reminds us of the critical role God plays in our coming to spiritual maturity. The gift of the Spirit within us is a sign of God's pledge to enliven us so that we may share in the new life of Jesus' resurrection.

The moving story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead is a powerful reminder to us all that just as Jesus commanded, 'Unbind him, let him go free,' so it is with us. The Lord is still working with us to liberate what is bound, and to bring to life that which is not fully alive.



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