

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

## NOTES:

- Parish-run Family Masses with Children's Liturgy are being celebrated in the 9:00am, 9:30am and 5:00pm masses.

## ROSTER: Week 4

	SAT 5.30	SUN 7.30	SUN 9AM	SUN 9.30	SUN 5PM
<b>Presider</b>	<b>Paul</b>	<b>Myk</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>Tan</b>	<b>Jojo</b>
<b>Mass Intention</b>	Sr Marie Gerard McGlynn SGS (A) Kathleen Osborne (A)	Rosa Deflorio (A)			Kathleen Osborne (A), Alfonso, Adela, Eduardo and Ronelo Conado (A)
<b>Welcoming</b>					
<b>Coordinator</b>			Christine		
<b>Senior Server</b>	Louise	Anna	Antoinette	Joseph	Stephen
<b>EMHC</b>	Elizabeth-Anne Anna	Paul Fiona	tba	Gene Vicky	Carol tba
<b>Readers</b>	Ronda Leonie Val (R)	Elsie Lea Tim (R)	Amy Cathy Sacha	Kaye Anne	Geraldine Leanne Christine (R)
<b>Music</b>	Parish choir	none	Love Thy Ngbr	PPT/audio	Emmanuel
<b>Hospitality</b>				Kerry Brian	
<b>Laptop</b>		Olivier			

## NO BAPTISMS

SC 10.30am	
SK 11.30am	

## NO PRESENTATIONS/WELCOMING


# WELCOME TO THE ASSEMBLY

Good morning/evening, everyone. My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

As we come together at St Kieran's/Cecilia's Church in the Catholic Community of North Harbour, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land and their enduring connection to its lands and waterways. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations people in our community.

Welcome to our celebration of the Eucharist on this Fifth Sunday of Lent — a time to draw closer to Christ as we prepare for the great mysteries of Holy Week. Today's Gospel tells the story of the raising of Lazarus, reminding us that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He calls us out of darkness into new life with Him. May this celebration strengthen our faith and renew our hope in His saving power.

**9am, 9:30am and 5pm masses only:**

**Children's Liturgy will be taking place in our mass today- parents are welcome to join.**

I now invite you to stand and warmly greet those around you.

(pause)

And now, let us welcome our presider for this Mass, Father \_\_\_\_\_, and join wholeheartedly in singing our Entrance Hymn.

Sat 5.30pm          Fr Paul

Sun 7.30am          Fr Michael

Sun 9am              Fr John

Sun 9.30am          Fr Tan

Sun 5pm              Fr Jojo

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRESIDER Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Him, even if he dies, will live. With profound hope in the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, let us lift our prayers for the Church and the world.

RESPONSE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For the Church:** That she may be a bold witness to the hope of the Resurrection, announcing to all who are buried in despair or sin that Christ has the power to "untie them and let them go." **Lord, hear us! R.**

**For Those in "Tombs" of Addictions and Grief:** For all who feel spiritually dead or trapped by habits they cannot break. May the Spirit of God come upon them as He did in the valley of dry bones, giving them new breath and a new beginning. **Lord, hear us! R.**

**For Children Preparing for First Reconciliation:** That as they prepare to meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance, they may not be afraid but may experience the joy of His healing touch and the peace of His forgiveness. **Lord, hear us! R.**

**For the Parents and Families of these Children:** That they may be the first and best teachers of the faith, serving as living witnesses of God's mercy and modeling a life of humble repentance and consistent prayer. **Lord, hear us! R.**

**For our Parish Community:** That this Lenten journey may truly be a time of "rising," where we put to death our selfish desires and allow the Holy Spirit to dwell more fully in our hearts and homes. **Lord, hear us! R.**

**For Our Broken World Torn by War:** May the present conflict in the Middle East cease; all suffering come to an end. May everyone involved practice restraint and return to the negotiating table, so that lasting peace maybe restored. **Lord, hear us! R.**

**For the Faithful Departed:** May those who have died in the present wars and through captivity find life in God. We remember those who have died recently: **Fr John McCall osa, Scholastica Lakra, John Santos,** and those whose anniversaries occur: **Sr Marie Gerard McGlynn SGS, Kathleen Osborne, Rosa Deflorio, Kathleen Osborne, Alfonso, Adela, Eduardo and Ronelo Conado, John Moscrop.** **Lord, hear us! R.**

PRESIDER Father, You promised through the Prophet Ezekiel to open our graves and settle us upon our land. Hear these prayers of Your people and, by the power of the Spirit who raised Your Son, lead us to the fullness of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Stations of the Cross

Join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:30pm at St Kieran's Church, as we gather in prayer and reflect on the Passion and Death of Jesus.

## Parish Lenten Recollection

You are warmly invited to our Parish Lenten Recollection this Wednesday, 25 March at St Kieran's Parish Centre. Light supper at 7:00pm, followed by a reflection on St Francis of Assisi at 7:30pm, led by Dr David Leary, OFM. All are welcome.

## Holy Week

Holy Week Mass times and special activities schedules are now available. Please grab a flyer from the church entrances or take home a copy of the parish bulletin.

## Donate Palms

We invite you to donate palms in preparation for Palm Sunday. Kindly drop them off at the parish office on Friday, 27 March in the afternoon. Thank you for your generosity.

## Fr John McCall OSA

We ask you to please keep in your prayers the late Fr John McCall OSA, who passed away peacefully at Manly Vale Priory at the age of 93. Fr John lived a long and faithful life of service to the Church and the Augustinian Order. Please refer to the parish bulletin for funeral details. All are warmly invited to pray for the repose of his soul.

## Good Friday Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday, 3 April, the Stations of the Cross will be held at 9:00am at St Augustine's College Oval. Parking is available outside the college, with entry via Alfred Road. In the event of wet weather, the Stations will be held at St Kieran's Church. All are warmly invited to join us.

## Seder Meal

Join us for a simple Seder Meal on Holy Wednesday, 1 April at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate of salad, a bottle of wine, and whole hard-boiled eggs to share. For more information, please refer to the parish bulletin.

## Tenebrae Service

Also on Holy Wednesday, 1 April at 8:00pm, you are invited to experience the solemn and evocative liturgy of Tenebrae for the first time, as we prepare our hearts for the Sacred Triduum. All are welcome. Please refer to the parish bulletin for more details.

We will watch a short video to learn more about Tenebrae.

## First Reading

[Ezekiel 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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

[Romans 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

[See John 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

[John 11:1-45](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

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 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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Next week's roster (Passion Sunday)

### Roster week 5

	SAT 5.30	SUN 7.30	SUN 9AM	SUN 9.30	SUN 5PM
<b>Coordinator</b>			Philippa Gabrielle		
<b>Senior Server</b>	Louise	Anna	Antoinette/Ilde	Catherine	Kevin
<b>EMHC</b>	Jenny M tba	Fiona Jo	Tba	Titus Geraldine	Tbc
<b>Readers</b>	Leonie Edelvine Bob (R)	Olivier Lea Tim (R)	Brian Jeanette	Brian Terry Fatima	Celestine Cecilia Linda (R)
<b>Music</b>	Parish Choir	None	Conmen	Caroline	Kevin
<b>Hospitality</b>				Adriana Lisa & Stephen	
<b>Laptop</b>		Joseph			