



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent | Year A Cycle 11 | 22 March 2026



## A Cause for Joy

Today's gospel tells us how Jesus receives the news of his friend's death. Sorrow overcomes him. But he knows that his friend's death had to take place for the glory of God. Jesus brings Lazarus back to life, but first makes a startling claim: "I am the resurrection and the life" (v 25). This proclamation is at the root of Christian joy!

Death is inevitable. But for a Christian, it is nothing but a door one has to go through to meet Jesus. It is in him that Christians find consolation. Death ceases to be a tragedy and becomes a cause for joy.

For a Christian, drinking from Christ's fountain leads to everlasting life!

*365 Days with the Lord* Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

## For God's Glory

It is baffling and puzzling for us to note Jesus' delay to visit his friend, who was gravely ill, as soon as he got the news. Jesus does not show any haste to go to Bethany but only states, "This sickness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Jesus knows what he is saying but his listeners do not. He knew going to Bethany at that time was dangerous as the Jews were waiting to kill him. This of course would not stop Jesus as he knew when and how he would die. Death was not the end for Jesus but he had to die first to end death for the children of God.

Lazarus is brought back to life to show that God is the Lord of life and death. Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead is a "sign" of God's promise to raise up all who have died in Christ to everlasting life.

St Paul assures us, "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you" (Rom 8:11).

*God's Word* Fr Johnson Chacko SSP

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## A Greater Deed

Among all the miracles performed by our Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection of Lazarus holds a foremost place in preaching. But if we consider attentively who did it, our duty is to rejoice rather than to wonder.

A man was raised up by him who made man: for he is the only One of the Father, by whom, as you know, all things were made. And if all things were made by him, what wonder is it that one was raised by him, when so many are daily brought into the world by his power?

It is a greater deed to create men than to raise them again from the dead. Yet he deigned both to create and to raise again; to create all, to resuscitate some. (St Augustine)

*The Word on Fire Bible* Bishop Robert Barron

## Why Did Jesus Weep?

On first reading these words ["Jesus began to weep"] the question naturally arises in the mind - why did our Lord weep at the grave of Lazarus? He knew he had power to raise him, so why should he act the part of those who sorrow for the dead?

Jesus wept from spontaneous tenderness; from the gentleness and mercy, the encompassing loving-kindness and exuberant fostering affection of the Son of God for his own work, the race of man. Their tears touched him at once, as their miseries had brought him down from heaven. His ear was open to them, and the sound of weeping went at once to his heart. (St John Henry Newman)

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## Easter Ceremonies Timetable

<b>Tuesday 31 March</b>	7:30pm Chrism Mass at Waitara Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 1 April</b>	6:00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation
<b>Holy Thursday 2 April</b>	7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm-9.00pm Gethsemane Adoration
<b>Good Friday 3 April</b>	10:00am Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions 3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion followed by Confessions 5:30pm Maronite Liturgy
<b>Holy Saturday 4 April</b>	9:30am-10.00am Confessions 4:00pm-4:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Mass
<b>Easter Sunday 5 April</b>	8:00am & 9:30am Masses 11:00am Mass at Reynolds Court Bateau Bay 5:00pm Maronite Mass
<b>Easter Monday 6 April</b>	9:00am Mass (instead of Communion Service)

**Masses:** Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm

**Weekday Masses:** Monday Communion Service 9am | Tuesday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am  
Saturday 9am | Reynolds Court Wednesday 10am

**Reconciliations:** Saturdays 9:30am - 10am | 4pm - 4:30pm **Liturgy of the Hours:** Saturday 8:40am

**Rosary:** Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am

**Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group:** Tuesday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am

**Christian Meditation Group:** Friday 10:30am - 11:30am Reynolds Room



# A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

## Walking into the Wilderness Lenten Reflection Mornings

*Walking in the Wilderness* Lenten resource calls us to a deeper experience of communion, participation and mission, growing in reverence for the sacred mystery of our faith and the Eucharist. Thursdays after 9am Mass in the Reynolds Room. All invited! For more information call 4332 2216.

## Lenten Reflection Day

SRE Catechists, their friends, and parishioners are invited to join the CCD for a Lenten Reflection Day on Friday 27 March 9.45am-2.00pm in the Parish Centre. Join us as we walk the sacred path of the Cross this Lent, and prayerfully reflect on Christ's journey of love, sacrifice and hope. Morning tea and lunch provided. Email [registrations@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:registrations@bbcatholic.org.au) or call 02 8379 1643 by Monday 23 March.

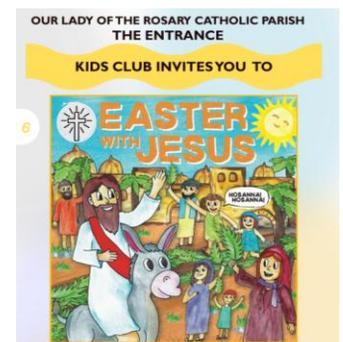
## Welcome Cooper Roger

Last weekend Cooper Roger was Received into the Catholic Church. Congratulations Cooper!



## Easter with Jesus at Kids Club

Saturday 28 March 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. Kids Club is a parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to make new friends, have fun and learn more about Jesus! Siblings also welcome. Parents are welcome to stay or you can drop off and pick up at 4:45pm. (Parents must stay for children under 5 years.) Our leaders have WWCC. We encourage all to join us at 5pm Mass after Kids Club! Call the parish for more info 4332 2216.



## Palms for Palm Sunday

As of recent year we ask again that if anyone could bring palm fronds or olive branches in for our Palm Sunday celebrations next weekend it would be greatly appreciated. Large palm branches for decorating the Sanctuary would need to be in by this Thursday, and smaller pieces by Friday morning. Thank you.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Romans 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45**

**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.

**Responsorial Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**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!

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



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## Please Note

### Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Kennedy, Henderson and O'Brien Families whose children are to be Baptised in the near future.

### Feast Days this Week

The Annunciation of the Lord 25 March.

### Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be held for residents at Bupa Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10am.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is being held on Fridays of Lent after the 11:45am Mass.

### Lenten Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is being held on Saturdays of Lent after 9am Mass, for one hour.

### Confession Times

Just a friendly reminder about our Confession times: Saturdays from 9:30am to 10:00am and again from 4:00pm to 4:30pm. If these times don't work for you, please feel free to reach out to the office, and we'll be happy to help you arrange an appointment with a priest.

### Passiontide Carols – A Service of Music and Readings

Join us for a stirring evening of Passiontide Carols on Saturday 28 March, immediately following the 5pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Presented by organist and hymnodist Christian Catsanos, the program will feature a selection of hymns that trace the path of the Passion, from Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the Cross at Calvary.

### Project Compassion

Please remember Project Compassion this Lent - boxes are on the information tables.

## Keep Us in Your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Fr John McCall o.s.a., Dino Gava, Lin Ortiz, Annamma Joseph (mother of Fr Prince of Woy Woy), Imelda Bourke, Liam Gilmore, Bill Trodden, Josephine McGrath.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Dino Gava will be held here next Wednesday 25 March at 11am. Please pray for Dino and his family.

**Anniversaries:** Nora O'Sullivan, Joe Bond, Grace Gosper.

**Remembrances:** Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Richard Falzon, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, Steve Gribbin, George Robinson, Jean O'Neill (birthday), Arthur O'Neill (birthday), Sam Marmara, Charlie Borg, Tess Carter, Helen St Julian, Simon Butcher, Michael Langley and all the Holy Souls.

**Families:** Borg, Marmara, Xeureb, Grima, Zammit.

**Sick:** Susie Reyes, Harry McCarthy, Josephine McMahan, Lynette Falken, Steve Bond, Fr David Taylor, Lynne White, Fr Geoff Bugden, Fr Brogan, Julie Fletcher, Walter Knoke, Pat McCudden, Linda Read, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.



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# Sacred Gifts

## Welcome!

We open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass.

Also weekdays by appointment.

You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.

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