



Vox Populi

11 March 2026

"Rejoice, O Jerusalem"

This is the opening line in the traditional Introit for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, better known as Laetare Sunday.

It is the mid point of the Lenten Season and the Church takes on an attitude of joy as it awaits the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter.

In some churches, the altars will be adorned with "rose" coloured cloths, instead of the usual "purple" of the Season of Lent, to signify the joy of the Church awaiting Easter.

This Sunday acts almost as a time of renewal and encouragement to the People of God, as they reflect on their Lenten journey so far and consider how they might be able to deepen their devotion in the lead up to Easter.

There is a particular joy for the Diocese this weekend too. Seminarian Matthew French will be Admitted as a Candidate for Holy Orders, on Saturday, 14 March, at the Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, publicly declaring his commitment to pursue ordination.

During the same Mass, Seminarian Victor Atuhura will be instituted to the Ministries of Lector and Acolyte.

As a Diocese we keep both these men in our prayers as they take further steps towards ordination to the priesthood.