



5th Sunday of Lent
2nd April 2017

The Resurrection and the Life



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In today's Gospel, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead physically in his body. Lazarus had been dead for four days. This was not the only time Jesus had raised someone from the dead, He raised the Jairus' daughter and the widow of Nain's son. However, there was never an instance where someone was raised to life after being dead for four days. This is the crowning miracle of Jesus' ministry. If Jesus can bring back to life a body that had been in the tomb for four days and has begun to decompose he can certainly mend the brokenness and wounds of our lives.

Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, even if he dies will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

When Jesus speaks with Martha, the Gospel writer takes the opportunity to express the faith of the Christian community, namely, that Jesus himself is the resurrection and the life and that those who live and believe in Jesus will have everlasting life. When he is taken to the tomb Jesus weeps in sympathy with the mourning sisters at the loss of his friend. This recalls Jesus' own blessing in his Beatitudes on those who mourn. The point is that genuine mourning is a sure sign that the grieving person has loved, and loved with intensity. To die without being mourned would be a terrible indication that one has not been really loved.

Jesus makes the unusual request that the tomb be opened and Martha mildly protests that her brother's body would be in the early stages of decomposition. Then Jesus prays to his heavenly Father and the writer again alludes to the fact that Jesus is working with the power of God as one who has been sent by God. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and calls him forth from the tomb. The important message of this account is that Jesus is the resurrection and the life; he has the power to give life and those committed to him are candidates for eternal life.

Jesus asks the same question of us also, "Do you believe this? Do you believe that I am the resurrection and the life? Do you believe that I can mend all the brokenness and wounds of your life? Do you believe that I not only offer you resurrection in the future but also the fullness of life now in the present?" Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He promises future resurrection but also invites us to share now in the fullness of his life. The resurrection of Lazarus is not just a promise about the future of each of us. It is also an invitation from Jesus that even in the most difficult and darkest of circumstances we can share in the fullness of life.

What a wonderful invitation Jesus offers us. Let us today accept Jesus' invitation, let us walk out of any bondage in the tomb, be unbound and go free.



After a long wait, the Archdiocese of Brisbane gives thanks to God for the appointment of Fr. Ken Howell as the next auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane. Bishop-elect Howell will serve alongside Archbishop Mark Coleridge in the Brisbane archdiocese, where he has been a priest for 34 years.

As a priest, Fr Howell has served in three parishes, was secretary to Archbishop John Bathersby for 13 years, served as dean of St Stephen's Cathedral and was vice-rector of Holy Spirit Seminary Queensland. Between 1994 and 1997 he studied for his Licentiate in Sacred Liturgy at the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy, where he grew a deep respect for the liturgical life of the bishops.



to everyone who helped in anyway with my installation Mass last Friday night. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners from across our communities coming together to celebrate this very special occasion and for welcoming the Archbishop so warmly to St Williams.

Many thanks also, to all for your generous support of the supper and for the wonderful variety of the food we all enjoyed.

What a wonderful night!

Nigel Sequeira

LITURGY TIMES

3 April - 9 April

Grovely	St William's
Monday	9.15am Mass
Wednesday	6.15pm <i>Silent Prayer before the exposed Eucharist until</i> 7.00pm Mass <i>St Vincent Ferrer, priest</i>
Thursday	9.00am Mass
Friday	7.00am Mass <i>St John Baptist de la Salle, priest</i> 7.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday	7.00am Mass 11.00am—12 noon Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	6:30am, 8.00am, 9.30am, 5:30pm.
Oxford Park	St. Joseph's
Sunday	9.30am Mass
Mitchelton	Our Lady of Dolours
Monday	8.30am Mass
Tuesday	8.30am Mass <i>St Isidore, bishop</i>
Friday	8.30am Mass <i>St John Baptist de la Salle, priest</i> <i>Stations of the Cross (after 8.30am Mass)</i>
Saturday	3.45 - 4.30pm Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday	4.30pm Mass
Sunday	8:00am Mass
Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday	7.00pm Liturgy of the Word
Next Weekend Mass	
Sunday	8.00am Mass

This Week's Readings 5th Sunday of Lent



Ezek 37:12-14;
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45

Next Week's Readings Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



Is 50:4-7;
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14—27:66

GROVELY NEWS



The Second Collection:

amounted to \$ 6226.20
We thank all who contributed.

Counters this week:

1st Coll: Sue Skehan & Jan Whiteway
2nd Coll: Monica & John Birchley & Lester Whiteway

Rosary will be prayed in the home of Suha & Rany Nona, 23 Rise Place, Upper Kedron at 7pm on Tuesday.

Baptisms:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Isobel Burchill, Lydie Duggan, Isla Hunter and Olivia Hunter and welcome them into our faith community.

Working Bee:

St William's Church
8th April (just before Easter)
After 7am Mass. **Next Saturday** .
Jobs include dusting, polishing, tidying, etc. and set up for Palm Sunday. Please bring your own clean-up gear. A light breakfast will be provided. Please contact Sue on 3355 2667 if you can help, so we can plan which jobs may be achieved.



Church Shop:

If you are loving the Lenten Little Black Book, we are happy to inform you that the Easter Little White Books have arrived, and are now available in the Church Shop.

The Easter White Books follow on from the Lenten Black Books. They commence on Monday, April 17, the first week of Easter, and run through to Pentecost Sunday, June 04. On the right hand page each day, (except Sundays), the focus is on the Resurrection narrative of St Mark, with reflections. The right hand page concludes with excerpts from St Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians. The left-hand page features information about the Easter season, various traditions and customs, the saint whose feast is celebrated on that particular day, and the environment and our responsibilities as stewards of the earth. Cost of the Booklet is \$4.



This week: 8.00am St. William's 3rd Rite of Healing and Strengthening

Next weekend, on Palm Sunday our elect and candidates will be on retreat, beginning 9.30am in the Daley Centre. As a community, we pray that they may be filled with the hope of the life-giving Spirit and prepare themselves thoroughly to celebrate the Easter sacraments.

Elect: Angela Collyer; Mark Dyer and Angela Hind. With Candidates: Mariano de Souza; Amanda Dyer; Alison Powell and Sara Prendergast.

MITCHELTON NEWS



Collections:

1st Coll: \$ 247.10
2nd Coll: \$ 1598.45

Counters this week:

Group H - Noel Rafter
Counters next week:
Group A - Michael Kuilboer

Family Rosary:

This week: Kathy & Dermott O'Moore
Next week: Annette & Ken Garbe

Baptisms:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Oliver Quinlan and welcome him into our faith community.

Ministers Required:

Ministers required over Holy Week. If you are available over the Holy Week period and would like to be involved, please refer to the lists at the entrance to the Church.

SAMFORD



Invitation to Ministry:

It is time to prepare rosters for the coming months and there is an invitation to all parishioners to consider joining a ministry. There are many ways in which one can contribute in preparing for weekly Celebration of the Eucharist and to help build community. We have many new faces around so please do not hesitate to approach someone and ask questions. Training and support is given in all areas.

Please peruse the ministry lists pasted to the front windows of the church and consider where you could be involved. Add your name and a team leader will be in contact with you.

All present participants are asked to add their names to the lists to indicate their continuing commitment.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Cathy - Mob 0409 871 209

Church Shop:

A variety of Church Shop items are available for purchase today and also will be next Sunday.



Two Minute Homilies:

Priests from around the Archdiocese are preparing "Two Minute Homilies" and uploading them on social media platforms on a weekly basis.

To view: <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/>

Fifth Sunday of Lent

• **Fr Lucius Edomobi**

Faithful Departed

Recently:

Frank Boyle (*Bernie Boyle's brother*),
Nancy Nunan, Pam Gaskin,
Marcia Morris, Fr John Reilly SJ,

Anniversary:

Greg Seymon

Prayers for the sick

We pray for:

(Please let us know when your loved one's name may be removed from the list)

Vincent Arthur, Ian Anderson,
Maureen Campbell, Gerald Cavanagh,
Kellie Clayton, Fr John Dobson,
Noelene Ellis, Joe Gorup, Peter Haiveta,
Rodney Hallam, Cheryl Heunis,
John Kavanagh, Margaret Lally,
Chris Lamb, Laraman Ling,
Angelina Lobo, Nelinda Maroni,
Rita McCaskill, Madonna Moloney,
Gail O'Connor, Trish Osborne,
Joyce Powell, Leona Taylor,
John Weier, Anthony Young,
Patrick Yzelman.

Palm Sunday & Triduum

PALMS PLEASE:

Large palms to decorate the church and mall.



Small hand held palms for the community to take home...(traditionally pine/cypress tree branches).



All greenery can be delivered to the Parish Office Wed. 5th April.

HELP PLEASE: Are you able to assist in preparing the church and mall for the Palm Sunday celebrations?

Ministers of Communion are invited for the Triduum celebrations.

Please add your name for **one** of the celebrations to the rosters available at the back of the church.

Good Friday

HELP PLEASE:



Good Friday: Rosemary is required for the Good Friday Liturgy. If you can help please let the office know. Delivery on **12th & 13th April.**

Help also needed to cut up the rosemary: 9am Good Friday morning. Bring your secateurs.

We need able bodied people to assist 9am Friday with **setting up extra rows of chairs** outside the Church.

If you can assist with any of the above, please contact **Michelle**, Parish office.

Supper after Easter Vigil:

Please bring a plate to share.



Adult Faith Education

Don't forget to pick up your Lent prayer card for this 5th week of Lent. The back of

the card has a meaningful prayer plus a statement by Pope Francis, taken from his "*Evangelii Gaudium*" – The Joy of the Gospel.

On one occasion Pope Francis was describing the manner in which we give something to someone who is doing it tough and who is in a situation where people passing by would judge and perhaps condemn that person for having got to that situation. **Francis said that the way of giving is as important as the gift itself.**

Do we just drop a few coins in the hat as we quickly pass by, taking care to look elsewhere or do we stop and look the person in the eyes and perhaps say a word or two. The latter is difficult to do but when one checks out how Jesus treated all sorts of people in his time and culture who were despised and abused, we find that he always respected their dignity.

The trick of course is to see in the stranger, refugee, prisoner, homeless person etc etc, a human person with a life whose value is equal to your own, a person like each one of us made in the image and likeness of God.

If we are trying to listen to Jesus, to see how he acts and then follow him, that is, to be a Christian in the 21st century, then we need to treat all people, no matter who they are or what their circumstances may be, with dignity, respect and compassion. This was the approach Jesus always took – each one of us has to ask ourselves if we are up to it.



Social Justice Group

Hello again to all of you we got to meet and talk with about The Social Justice Group at

The Expo last Sunday. You will have gotten some insight into the wide range of social justice issues there are to get involved with, and some of the approaches we take.

Members of the group tend to have their own social justice issues they are passionate about and put their time and effort into working to do something about. None of us have any illusions about how big the task is and how little we are able to achieve. But we just do what we can, and if everybody does that, what a difference it makes. We'd love you to join us.

Cyclone Debbie reminds us of how fragile and vulnerable we can be. Our relatives up at Proserpine are OK, but they are old and they spent a frightening day huddled in the bathroom while the winds roared outside. How do you care for relatives and friends in events such as this? Don't be frightened to reach out to others, or to ask for help if you need it yourself. Often people in really challenging circumstances deal with their feelings by saying something like: "Oh, the man next door needs help much more than I do." There is help available, and if you need help it is the right thing for you to receive it. None of us are islands.

Remember that school holidays start this Friday and there will be children out more often, so drive with care. I'm sure you always do, but none of us would ever want the terrible sorrow of hurting a child.

If you feel your spirit touched by the need of another today, reach out and pass on some of the blessings Jesus gives us all.



TIMOR-LESTE COMPANIONS MONTHLY UPDATE

The TLC Group began 2017 with meetings in early February and March. At the meeting a new **Chair** Danielle Przyblo was elected. Danielle brings unique talents and gifts to the role and the Group moves forward with enthusiasm under her leadership.

Decisions regarding funding for projects were taken and money was sent to our partners in Liquica --- **Laptops and Printers** for each of the four Primary Schools

---**Wifi and Modem** for IT programme at FOCA ,and ongoing commitment for **Tuition Fees** for local Seminarian, Aniceto Frietas

Planning has begun for this years **Dinner Dance** and our **Schools 4 Schools** programme ...stay tuned !!

The next meeting will be held this Thursday 6th in the Parish Library at 7.30pm

New members are very welcome ..any queries please call Danielle on 0408156119



Stations of the Cross:

St William's: Friday 7pm
Our Lady of Dolours: Friday after 8.30am Mass

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will close at midday on Holy Thursday 13 April. All items for the newsletter will need to be submitted by midday the day before - Wed 12 April.

Holy Week

Holy Thursday
April 13

Our Lady of Dolours Mass 7.00pm
St. William's Mass 7.00pm
(Adoration until 9.30pm at both churches)



Good Friday
April 14

Stations of the Cross - in morning Our Lady of Dolours 10.00am
Sacred Heart 10.00am
Liturgy of Passion - Main Liturgy Our Lady of Dolours 3.00pm
St. William's 3.00pm
Oxford Park (Irish Room) 3.00pm



Holy Saturday
April 15

Our Lady of Dolours 6.30pm (Vigil) Mass - **No 4.30pm**
St. William's 6.30pm (Vigil) Mass - **No 6.00pm**

Easter Sunday
April 16

Regular Mass times all Churches
Grovely - 6.30am; 8am; 9.30am; 5.30pm
Samford - 8am
Mitchelton - 8am
Oxford Park (Irish Room) - 9.30am



ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

invites you to the annual

Chrism Mass

Thursday 6 April 2017 @ 7.00pm

The Cathedral of St Stephen

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese

ALL WELCOME

Train Timetable

Depart:

Ferry Grove: 6.17pm *Everyone*

Mitchelton: 6.27pm *meet in*

Arrive Central: 6.49pm *third carriage*

Bible Quiz

Daniel had a dream about four things.
What sort of things?
Answer next week

Answer for last week: What is Paul's command to husbands in his letter to the Colossians? Love your wives, and do not be bitter towards them (Col 3:19)



A Census taker came by and five year old Jane answered the door.
"My daddy isn't home, he is a doctor and is performing an appendectomy today!"
"Oh my! That's a big word for such a little girl, do you know what it means?" said the Census Taker.
The little girl said "Sure! Fifteen hundred dollars, and that doesn't even include the anesthesiologist!"

PARISH EXPO

A big thank-you to everyone who helped at the Parish Expo, especially Sarah Matthews and Sue O'Brien who took on the mammoth task of organising it and setting it up on the day. The Expo was well attended and new volunteers have signed up in many of our ministries.

If you were unable to attend the Parish Expo and are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Sue at the Parish Office on 3355 2667.

VOLUNTEER FORMS AND BLUE CARDS

Thanks to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their volunteer forms and where applicable, blue card forms and police check forms. All forms need to be returned to the Parish Office as soon as possible. As part of the implementation of the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy, all parishioners **MUST** complete a volunteer form. For those volunteering in ministries involving children, a blue card application form needs to be completed. For those volunteering in ministries involving vulnerable adults, a police check form must be completed. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Sue Allen at the Parish Office on 3355 2667.

GROVELY 3 April -9 April

Monday	10.00am	Daley Centre	Lenten Program
	7.45pm	Church	Grovely Choir
	7.00pm		St W SVDP Meeting
Tuesday	9.30am	Daley Centre	Playgroup
	7.00pm	Church	St. W Christian Meditation Bob 3355 2436
	7.30pm	Daley Centre	Lenten Program
Wednesday	1.00pm		St W Liturgy Team Meeting
Thursday	7.30pm	Library	Timor Leste Companions
	7.30pm	Church	Baptism Preparation
Saturday	7.45am	Church	Working Bee

SAMFORD 3 April -9 April

Monday			Samford Choir
Tuesday	9.00am	Church	Sacred Heart Prayer Group Enq: Trish Waters 3172 7002
Friday	9.00am	Church	Meditation Prayer Group - Enq: Heather 3289 4716 Kath 3289 1245

MITCHELTON 3 April -9 April

Tuesday	7.00pm	Church	Treble M Choir
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Fifth Sunday of Lent - A

A VOCATION VIEW: Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

