

Fifth Sunday of Lent
26 March 2023

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Reflection

Jesus Wept

The gospel writer paints the picture that Jesus is fully conscious of the implications of his return to Judea. As the events of the Passion unfold through this gospel, the reader has a very clear impression in their mind that if Jesus had not come to Judea; had not raised Lazarus; then he would not have been arrested and crucified. The reader is also drawn into the revelation that the sacrifice of Jesus was not solely for Lazarus but rather for all humanity.

'Jesus wept' is the shortest verse in the New Testament. Just two little words carry a world of emotion and speak volumes about Jesus. Pope Leo the first used this verse to highlight the two natures of Jesus, pointing out that in his humanity, Jesus wept for the death of his friend, but in his divinity Jesus raised Lazarus to life. Lazarus and his sisters were close friends of Jesus and Jesus is clearly emotional about the death and its effect on Martha and Mary. That Jesus is about to restore Lazarus to life does not deny the grief and mourning at Lazarus' death.

To see a man bound up for burial suddenly come walking from his tomb must have been an unnerving experience to say the least. However, Jesus calmly commands the astonished onlookers to 'unbind him, let him go free'. These words speak to us today as we come to the end of the Lenten season and approach the celebration of Easter. What are the things that 'bind' us? From what do we need to be released so that we may 'go free'? Are they bindings placed by ourselves or others? What will it take to be unbound?

Resource used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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SUNDAY

2 APRIL

2023

Commencing

Saturday

15 April - VIGIL mass will
be celebrated at 5:00pm
Confession will be held from
4:00pm - 4:30pm



8 April - Holy Saturday
mass 7:00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation

Formation evening for parents

27 March 2023

To register or for more information please contact the parish office: 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au



Gethsemane

Contemplative Prayer with
the Blessed Sacrament

Confession will be available during adoration

**Thursday 30 March
7:30pm – 8:30pm**

Could you not stay awake with me one hour Matt 26:40

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

TUESDAY 28 MARCH— 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on

Wednesday 29 March

for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Easter Triduum



6 April Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm

followed by the Altar of Repose in the Parish Library concluding with night prayer at 9:30pm

7 April Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - 10:00am

The Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm

8 April Saturday – Easter Vigil – 7:00pm

9 Apr Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

Mass 8:30am and 10:00am

No Evening Mass

Funeral Notice

Requiem Mass for

Thomas Joseph “Joe” Conlon

Husband of Margaret Conlon

Will be celebrated on

28 March 2023 – 1:00pm

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please bring your Project Compassion donations to the **Holy Thursday Mass**.

Alternatively, you can return your Project Compassion donations to the parish office.

Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees:

Permanent Protection for All

Vinnies invites you to join them at

the Palm Sunday Rally in

Garema Place at 1.00 pm on 2 April.

The St Vincent de Paul Society supports many refugees and asylum seekers who've been on temporary visas for a decade. So, the Society welcomes the Australian Government's recent announcement of a pathway to permanent residence for 19,000 of these people.

There we'll call for “Permanent Protection for All”, so that these people can begin to re-build their lives free of fear and uncertainty.

Tim McKenna, Vinnies Refugee Support, Canberra-Goulburn

Practising Christian discourse:

Addressing ethics in divisive times

Tuesday 18 April 2023 — 7:00 pm

Chambers Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall Street, Barton.

“How can Christians authentically address ethical issues today?”

Facilitator: Amy Erickson (PhD, University of Aberdeen) is Lecturer in Theology and Ethics at St Mark's National Theological Centre BARTON ACT.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

Return to your Heart

Jesus Christ urges us to change our life. Return into yourself, he tells us through his prophet: Sinners, return to your heart (Is. 46:8); that is, change your ideas, for most of them are false and contrary to the Gospel. Make yourself a new heart (Ez. 18:31). How often our ideas turn towards material objects and fasten on to them as though the world was not due to pass away; and far too often, unfortunately, we remain insensitive to the good things of eternity. Let us live as Christians, according to the situation in which we are.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Méditations I. p. 347, Issoudun 1891.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

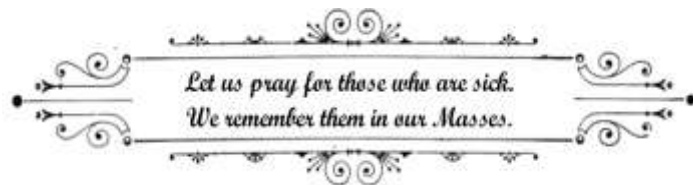
Remain Faithful

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.

The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.

As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

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Recently Deceased:

Godlive Bambo, Ephraim Bambo,
(Estella Bambo's father and uncle)

Anniversary: Brian Weston, Jack Ranson, Judith Davidson, Michael Lowe, Veronica Brennan, Ludvik Koren, James Broderick, Ella Greig, Alexander Van Audenaerde, Clement King, Andrew McEvoy, Stanislaw Bitner, Victoria Huntley, Mark Markham, Moira Leader, Jennifer Adamik, John O'Brien, Jack Lenihan, Catherine Wheelaghan, Sybil Lazaro, Dorothy Murray, Bill Corby, Francesca Fernando, Kay Haworth, Katherine Jones, Wal Kulesza, John Henshaw, Helena McGee, Harold Allester, Una Luff, Joseph Pisciotto, Vivienne Montgomery, Jordan Matthew, John Napier, Caitlin Brice, Alyssa Brice, Betty Kerekes, Janelle Brice

Mass Intentions the week of 27 March – 2 April

Mon 27/03	Jack Lenihan
Wed 29/03	Ted Owers
Thur 30/03	Steve Smith
Fri 31/03	Kelleher Family

Sat 01/04	
6:00pm	John O'Brien

Sun 02/04	
8:30am	Kees Van Rooy
10:00am	Peter, Mary, Joseph, all souls
6:00pm	Parish Intention

**To ensure that a mass time is available please
telephone the parish office to make a booking.**

Youth Group

**YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS [YCS]
Sunday Dates for the next 6 months
7:00pm – 9:00pm**

2 April [Easter Event]

30 April

28 May

25 June

23 July

20 August

Enquiries to the parish office 6254 3236 or
kippax@cg.org.au

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns Friendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea</i>
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>

RESPONSE TO THE 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!

Readings – 2 April 2023

First Reading	Is 50:4-7
Psalm	Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Second Reading	Phil 2:6-11
Gospel	Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

ROSTERS

2 April

Lector Roster

6:00pm	Fay Padarin, Paul McGrath
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Erin Trevaskis

2 April

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawaunkula
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

2 April

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Rob Breen, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

2 April

SJAShop

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Chris Gray
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	26 Mar	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	1 Apr	
Church Cleaning:	26 Mar	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note



Through mostly grunts and exaggerated gestures, two fishermen/gatherers attempt to communicate.