



# WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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## The Living Word

### First Reading Ez 37:12-14

*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.

### 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 Rom 8:8-11

*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.

### Gospel Acclamation See Jn 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.*

### Gospel Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45 or longer form Jn 11:1-45

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

The sisters Martha and Mary 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.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. 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.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They 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.



**Reflection** by Fr Michael Tate

This Gospel tells us that Our Lord was moved with compassion in an almost violent way, raging against the seeming finality of death. The raising of Lazarus was a demonstration of his power to rob death of its supposed supremacy.

But, Our Lord did not set Lazarus completely free! You may think that to be raised from the dead was not a bad start, but Lazarus was still shuffling: bound, constrained, constricted by the past. To those gathered around the tomb Jesus issued the command: 'Set him free, unbind him.' It was the collective effort of others which enabled Lazarus to walk as a liberated son of God.

You may find yourself commanded by the Lord to help unbind a person who has had a deadening experience which has drained them of life. We get the courage to respond because it is the command of the One who definitively conquered death.

We could pause for a moment to resolve to help liberate others already helped by the grace of Him whom we believe to be *the Resurrection and the Life*.

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## ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

"Reaching out to each other  
- growing together in love"

St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sat Vigil 6.30pm  
Palm Sunday 10.00am

### RECONCILIATION

10.30am to 11.00am Saturday

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 27/3	Mass	6.00pm
Tues 28/3	Holy Hour Exposition Mass	5.00pm 6.00pm
Wed 29/3	Mass	6.00pm
Thur 30/3	Reconciliation	6.45pm
Frid 31/3	Mass	10.00am

### EASY WORSHIP

Sat 25th March Liz Donnelly  
Sun 26th March AM Carroll

Sat 1st April Valoia Family  
Sun 2nd April Valoia Family

### Lenten Eucharistic Adoration



Last one this week  
Friday 31 March 2023.  
Following the 10am Mass  
at St Mary's Mooroopna.  
At 12noon, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm the  
Mysteries of the Rosary will  
be recited.

Concluding with benediction at 7:45pm.

ALL WELCOME

## Fifth Sunday of Lent



FOR ALL FUTURE  
GENERATIONS

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's main annual fundraising campaign. It mobilises Australians to raise much-needed funds to help alleviate poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity in the most marginalised communities in the world.

Spanning across the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion brings thousands of Australian schools, parishes and supporters together to stand in solidarity with people living in vulnerable communities across Asia, Africa, the Pacific and with First Nations people in Australia.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work that we do.

The theme of Project Compassion is *For All Future Generations*. This year, we focus on the stories of four remarkable, resilient people from Nepal, Zimbabwe, Vietnam and Australia. Each of these stories demonstrates the powerful impact that each one of us can have *For All Future Generations*.



END POVERTY  
PROMOTE JUSTICE  
UPHOLD DIGNITY



We give thanks for all the people who fill our lives with love. We pray for all those who do not feel loved, especially those yet to appreciate the depth of God's love. May our support for Project Compassion be a sign to others of the love of God for all people.



Our young adults' group (18-40yo) gathers to reflect on the readings at Mass for that coming Sunday. There is also time for prayer and fellowship. No RSVP is needed. We meet every Thursday from 6-7pm in the McKillop Room in the Parish Office (behind St Brendans Church). Simply show up whenever you are available. For any questions, please speak with Mason 0403 824 346, Berni Sullivan, or Fr Jackson.



## Easter—Dates to Remember

- Thurs 23 March - 6.45pm Reconciliation
- Thurs 30 March - 6.45pm Stations of the Cross
- Sat 1 April - 6:30pm Palm Sunday
- Sun 2 April - 10am Palm Sunday

## Holy Week Mass Times

- Tues 4 April - 11am  
Chrism Mass (Holy Oils)  
at Sacred Heart Cathedral,  
Bendigo
- Thurs 6 April - 7pm  
Mass of Lords Supper  
We issue an invitation to all our  
Special Ministers to be present  
at this Mass to renew their  
commitment
- Fri 7 April - 3pm  
Passion of the Lord
- Sat 8 April - 6:30pm  
Easter Vigil
- Sun 9 April - 10am  
Easter Sunday

## Lenten Reflection

Thank you God

- For the parking spot I find at the  
far end of the carpark...

*(because it means I am capable of walking and have been  
blessed with transport);*

- For the clothes that fit, but are a bit too snug  
*(because it means I have enough to eat);*

- And finally for too many emails...

*(because it means I have friends  
who are thinking of me).*



## SANDHURST DIOCESE CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass for 2023 will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Tuesday, 4th April, at 11.00am**. Parish representatives will present oils to be blessed by the Bishop for the Sacraments during the coming year.

All parishioners of the Diocese are warmly invited to this very significant Mass for our Diocese. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided after the Mass on the Cathedral lawns. Please RSVP to your Parish Office by Thursday 30th March for catering purposes. Parking around the Cathedral will be limited so please allow time to find a suitable park in the nearby streets.

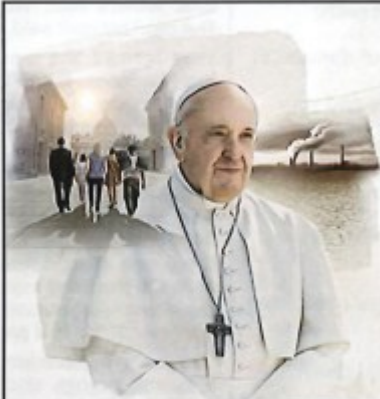


## 'The Letter' Viewing

**Date: Thursday 23  
March**

**Time: 6:45pm for a  
7pm start**

**Location: St. Brendan's  
Parish, Mons. Peter  
Jeffrey Centre**



Contact St. Brendan's Parish at

5821 2633 or shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

## World Bipolar Day

**Thursday 30 March 2023**

Formerly known as manic-depressive illness – a brain and behaviour disorder, characterised by severe shifts in a person's mood and energy, making it difficult for the person to function. It typically starts in late adolescence or early childhood.

Cyclic episodes make you feel very high (manic) or very low (depressive) with normal moods in between. There is no cure, but bipolar is treatable and manageable with psychotherapy and medications. It is much better controlled when treatment is continuous.

Please keep those sufferers in your daily prayers.

## Quote of the Week

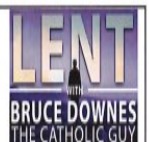
*"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity. Enter again into yourself."*

  
**neighbour day**  
Sunday 29 March 2015

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Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

This program is FREE and you can find at: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>





Readings for  
this week:

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



Readings for  
next week:

Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66

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**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:**

**ALTAR HELPERS** Mar 25th not required

Apr 1st Marg & Kevin Lee

**BINGO** April 1st Tom Dumaresq, Vicki Emmanuelli, Jenny Matthews, Diane Stretton & Emma Difede

25th & 26th March	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Mavis Murphy	Mary Coad	Sarah Richards	Pat Noble
10.00 am	Cecily Dumaresq	Sheila Griffin	Anthony Butts	Sacramental Candidates
<b>1st &amp; 2nd April</b>				
6:30 pm	Checca Richards	Chris Hoggarty	Rob O'Meara	Angelina Vigliaturo
10.00 am	Brenda Pye	Anthony Butts	Cecily Dumaresq	Tom & Cecily Dumaresq