



The Net

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 21ST AND 22ND MARCH 2026

We, the people of Corpus Christi, seek to grow in living Christ-centred mission, sharing our gifts to foster welcome, justice and community in today's world.

A very warm welcome to anyone who is new to the parish.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

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

Romans 8:8-11

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 John 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.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters 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.' The disciples said,

'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him. The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better. The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. 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.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept, and the Jews 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:

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6pm

SUNDAY 7.30am & 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday evening from 5.00pm -

5.45pm in the Meeting Room

ROSARY

Fridays after morning Mass

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'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.

From Parish Priest's Desk

Today the Church places before us one of the most dramatic and hope-filled moments in the Gospel: the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45). It is not merely a miracle story; it is a revelation of who Jesus truly is. It defines Christian faith: our faith in the resurrection and eternal life.

In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks to a people who felt spiritually dead and hopeless. Israel was in exile, discouraged and broken. Yet God promises: "I will open your graves and bring you back to life." God is telling His people that no situation is beyond His power to restore.

Many times, in life we experience our own forms of "tombs." These may be moments of discouragement, broken relationships, guilt, addictions, or loss of faith. Sometimes we feel that hope itself has been buried under the heavy stone of fear or disappointment. Lent invites us to bring these hidden tombs to Jesus.

The story of Lazarus also reveals something very touching: "Jesus wept." Before performing the miracle, Jesus shares the pain of Martha and Mary. This reminds us that God is not distant from our struggles. He enters our sorrow, our doubts, and our suffering. Our faith does not remove tears from life, but it fills them with meaning and hope.

When Jesus arrives at the tomb, he commands, "Take away the stone." Often the stones that block new life are within us: pride, resentment, indifference, or lack of trust in God. Lent is the time when Christ asks us to remove these stones so that His grace may work freely in our hearts. Finally, Jesus calls out, "Lazarus, come out!" This is the voice that calls every Christian from spiritual death to new life. Through repentance, prayer, and renewed faith, Christ invites us to step out of whatever binds us and walk in the freedom of God's children.

As we approach Holy Week, let us hear that life-giving voice. Christ does not only raise the dead at the end of time; He raises hearts even today. Let us allow Him to roll away our stones and lead us into the fullness of life.

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

Parish News

LENTEN RETREAT LENTEN RETREAT

Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi, Cranebrook

We invite you for these special days of Grace, as we journey closer to Holy Week.

March 22 – 25

Evening Masses & Reflections

- Sunday (March 22): 6:00 PM
- Monday – Wednesday (March 23–25): 6:30 PM

Retreat Preacher:
Fr. Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

- Let this be a sacred time to:
 - Deepen your relationship with Christ
 - Reflect on God's Word and the 10 Commandments
 - Prepare your heart for Easter

- Come and be blessed.
- Come and renew your spirit.
- Come and experience God's grace.

All are welcome.



Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday 2nd April - 7.00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

A beautiful celebration of the origins of our Eucharist.

Friday 3rd April - 10.00am

The Stations of the Cross

Lead by Corpus Christi Primary

Friday 3rd April - 3.00pm

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

A Mass honouring the great sacrifice of Christ.

Saturday 4th April - 7.00pm

The Easter Vigil Mass in the Holy Night

The highlight of the Church year, celebrating our greatest hope

Sunday 5th April - 7.30am & 9.30am

Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)

Rejoicing in the new Easter light and blessings



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

March 23rd: St Turibius of Mogrovejo

March 25th: The Annunciation of the Lord



LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Deirdre Dimeck

Anniversaries:

Mario Vella, George Keane

For those who are sick:

Darren Hooton, Ruta Pelenatino, Rose Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr. Jerome Antogop.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DURING THE LENTEN RETREAT

To support families attending the retreat, Corpus Christi will provide a children's program during each evening session.

Children will be cared for by facilitators and guided through the Ten Commandments in an age-appropriate and engaging way. This allows parents to fully participate, knowing their children are safe and spiritually enriched.

All are welcome.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Parish Morning Tea

Our parish hosts a morning tea after our 9.30am Mass on the second Sunday of every month. Our next parish morning tea will take place on



SUNDAY 12TH OF APRIL

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass in the Parish Office. Our next senior's morning tea will take place on

FRIDAY 27TH OF MARCH

Corpus Christi Sacrament Dates 2026



FIRST RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)

Our First Reconciliation preparation program is now underway. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

Sacrament Date:

Thursday 26th March

CONFIRMATION

Parent Information and Registration evening:

Wednesday 22nd of April at 7pm

Parent and Child Formation Sessions:

Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons from April 29th until June 11th. (Seven sessions per child)



Sacrament Dates:

Saturday June 27th at 10am

Sunday June 28th at 9.30am

FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent Information and Registration evening:

Wednesday August 12th at 7pm

Parent and Child Formation Sessions:

Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons from August 19th until September 10th (Four sessions per child)

Sacrament Dates:

Saturday September 12th at 10am

Saturday September 12th at 6pm

Saturday September 19th at 10am

Sunday September 20th at 9.30am



BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11am.

Parents wishing to have their child baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office to book the date of baptism and to register for the Rite of Welcome and Information Meeting. (These take place on the fourth Sunday of the month prior to your child's baptism.)



Bookings for weddings and funerals are taken on request. Please contact the Parish Office.

FIRST RECONCILIATION – PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Next Thursday 26th March, our children who have been preparing for reconciliation will receive for the first time.

*Loving God, we pray for these children—
fill them with Your peace and mercy,
and help them to always trust in Your love.
May they grow closer to You each day.
Amen.*



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Parishioners who receive Planned Giving Envelopes are advised that their new envelopes for the months of April to September 2026, are now available for collection from the parish foyer.

We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.



ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE NET

Are you a parishioner who owns or operates a business?

Promote your services while supporting our parish by advertising in our weekly newsletter, *The Net*.

Our annual advertising cycle begins in the first week of April, making now the perfect time to come on board. With approximately 500 readers each week and limited advertising spaces available, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and local families.

For more information or to secure your place, please contact the Parish Office on 4730 1249 or email cranebrook@parracatholic.org.au.

Support your parish while growing your business!



Diocesan News



Fifth Sunday of Lent 21–22 March 2026

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Celebrations: 6 April

You are invited to celebrate with us the 75 years of the arrival of the first Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary to Australia AND 60 years of the Schoenstatt Movement in Australia. Join us on Easter Monday, 6th April 2026 from 1:30pm – 5:30pm at Mount Schoenstatt – 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. Parallel children's program will also be available. RSVP Shirley Hall 0417 153 930 movtooffice@schoenstatt.org.au

Fifth Sunday of Lent—21st and 22nd March 2026

Gospel Reflection

The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent in Year A feature significant passages from the gospel of John. The first of the three readings was the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus described himself as Living Water. The second was the healing of the blind man and Jesus declaring himself to be the Light of the World. In today's passage about the death and raising of Lazarus, Jesus declares, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' Living Water; Light of the World; and the Resurrection and the Life – three important images of Jesus that all emerge from the gospel of John. Each of the events relate to Jesus' response to some physical need: thirst; blindness; and death. However, in each case, Jesus not only responds to the physical need but also reveals a truth about himself that leads people to belief.

The raising of Lazarus marks a turning point in the gospel of John. Chapter 11 concludes with the Jewish authorities plotting to arrest Jesus and then Chapter 12 begins the final week of Jesus' life in Jerusalem. The significance of this episode is highlighted by the disciples who question Jesus about the wisdom of going back to Judea when the people there had wanted to stone Jesus to death. In going to save the life of his friend, Lazarus, Jesus knows that he is journeying towards his own death. In fact, the end of Chapter 11 makes clear that it is some of the witnesses to the raising of Lazarus who go and complain to the authorities and precipitate the action against Jesus. In the gospel of John, it is the episode with Lazarus that effectively signs Jesus' death warrant. The gospel makes clear that Jesus gives up his own life so that Lazarus may live.

Scriptural context – Jesus wept

'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 I 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.

Living the Gospel – Unbind him, let him go free

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?

Gospel Focus – Death for Life

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. This realisation leads the reader to the ultimate humbling conclusion that if the sacrifice of Jesus was for people then the reader themselves is also the recipient of that sacrifice.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why do you think Jesus did not respond immediately on hearing of his friend's illness?
- Q. How would you describe the attitude with which Martha and Mary first speak to Jesus?
- Q. Why might this action of raising Lazarus have angered the Jewish authorities so much?
- Q. In what ways can the story of raising Lazarus be seen as an extended metaphor?
- Q. In what aspects of your life do you feel 'bound up' and in need of release?

Questions for Adults

- Q. What conclusions can be drawn from the fact that Jesus was friends with a family who lived only two miles from Jerusalem?
- Q. What other evidence is in the text to suggest that Jesus had been in Jerusalem before this event?
- Q. In what ways can the story of Lazarus be applied to the need for reconciliation with self and others?
- Q. What aspects of your life do you need to 'die' to or let go of to enter into a fuller, richer life?

Learning moments

Conduct an online search for images of the raising of Lazarus. What 'truths' are conveyed through the different artists' interpretation?

Construct an image to assist you to reflect on the story of your life and the moments of 'death', sadness or disappointment in your life and times of 'new life', joy and hope. Use this reflection as the source of prayer.

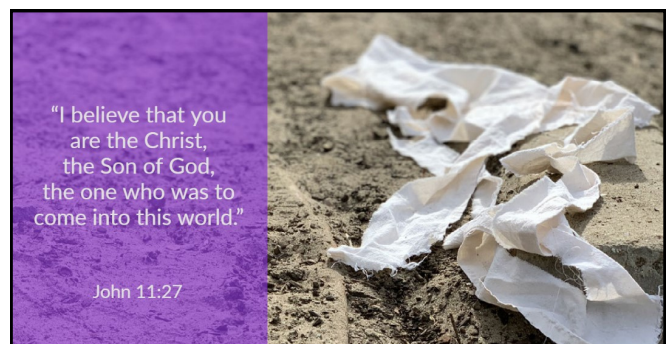
REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Rage against Death

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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. R. v.7 | Romans 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45

It must be difficult for somebody who has never experienced love to understand the Gospels. They are so full of different emotions, many of them tender. Just think of the beautiful reconciliation between Jesus and Peter after the resurrection. Jesus allows Peter to say that he loves him on no less than three occasions. Thankfully, most of us can write down a long list of people we have loved and who have loved us. Many names would appear on both lists! We keep a special place in our hearts and prayers for the people we know who have died. Even after a long time, their memory will still bring a tear to our eyes. That sorrow comes from a place of deep gratitude. God changes the world one heart at a time.

When we encounter today's Gospel, the story of the raising of Lazarus, we are in a world of emotion. Martha and Mary are grieving for their brother. Jesus loves these two women. Thomas, the twin, is full of bravado and bluster, just as he was later when he wanted proof of the resurrection. Both Martha and Mary are disappointed, even angry, that Jesus has not come sooner. Jesus weeps at the grave of his friend. The mourners who have come to comfort the family must also have been sensitive to the situation. When Jesus says, 'I am the resurrection and the life', he is not explaining an idea. He is responding to the deepest longings of our hearts, as he always does. Today's Psalm reminds us, 'My soul is longing for the Lord more than the watcher for daybreak.'

Over the last few weeks, we have shared some of the stories presented to us by Caritas Australia to make us more aware of the inspirational work we can support through Project Compassion. They call us to *Unite Against Poverty*.

This week Project Compassion asks us to learn more about the work of Caritas Australia in humanitarian emergencies. There are so many situations around the world that require a timely response. Caritas is active in the aftermath of earthquakes, floods, storms, plagues, drought and failed harvests. Of course, there will be time to enquire about the causes and to ask if climate change may have been a factor or if poor building standards caused problems. But first, people and communities need to survive, and Caritas has a lot of experience in this area. Your generosity to Project Compassion makes a wonderful difference to people in need. Thank you for helping to bring light to dark places. Jesus says about Lazarus, 'unbind him, let him go free.' We too can set people free.



Photo: An area of tents set up as temporary housing near the city. Credit: Caritas Jerusalem.

Prayer of Intercession

For those coping with humanitarian emergencies in many countries around the world, that our donations to Project Compassion this Lent make a positive difference to people in need.

The **Living Word**

For Children

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR A

FIRST READING

So tell them, "I, the Lord God, promise to open your graves and set you free. I will bring you back to Israel, and when that happens, you will realize that I am the Lord. My Spirit will give you breath, and you will live again. I will bring you home, and you will know that I have kept my promise. I, the Lord, have spoken."

GOSPEL READING

Jesus Brings Lazarus Back to Life

There was a man named Lazarus who was very sick. He lived in a town called Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha, who were good friends of Jesus.

Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus, saying,
"Lord, the one you love is sick."

When Jesus heard this, He said,

"This sickness will not end in death. It will show God's glory."

But Jesus didn't go right away. He stayed where He was for two more days.

Then He said to His disciples,

"Let us go back to Judea. Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going to wake him."

The disciples were confused. They thought Jesus meant real sleep.

So Jesus told them clearly,

"Lazarus has died. And I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe."

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Martha ran to meet Jesus and said,

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

Jesus said to her,

"Your brother will rise again."

Martha replied,

"I know he will rise again on the last day."

Then Jesus said something very important:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live."

Martha believed in Him.

Mary also came to Jesus, crying. Seeing her and the others weeping made Jesus very sad, and Jesus wept too.

Jesus went to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone in front.

He said, "Take away the stone."

Martha was worried, but Jesus said,

"Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

So they rolled the stone away.

Jesus looked up and prayed to His Father, thanking Him for hearing Him.

Then Jesus called out loudly,

"Lazarus, come out!"

And Lazarus came out of the tomb, still wrapped in burial cloths!

Jesus said,

"Untie him and let him go."

Many people who saw this believed in Jesus.



DISCUSSION STARTERS:

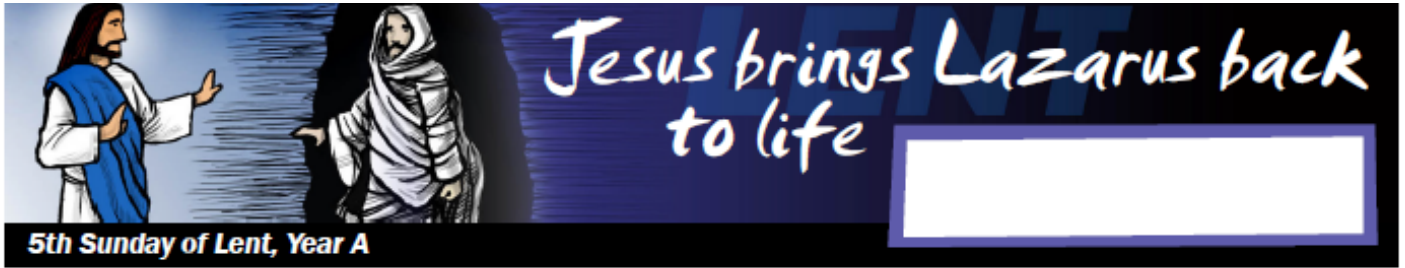
Can you remember a time when you went away from home for a few days or more?

What was it like when you returned home? What did your family do?

In today's gospel Jesus brought Lazarus back to life after he had been buried in a tomb. How would Lazarus' sisters Mary and Martha have felt?

The Spirit of Jesus gives us life. How can we give life and hope to others?

Children's Worksheet



Fill in the missing word on each strip of cloth to find out what the letters in each box spell.

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r__ n_ Lazarus was very sick.

Martha and M

__ were sad when their brother died.

"Lazarus will _ ___ v_ again", said Jesus.

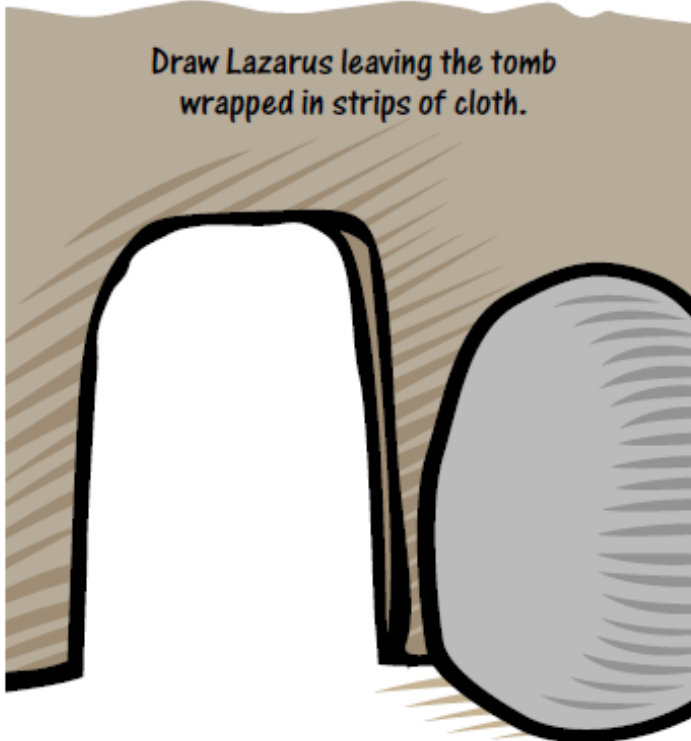
Jesus went to the opened

__ b and prayed.

Lazarus walked out of

_s tomb alive.

Draw Lazarus leaving the tomb wrapped in strips of cloth.



Martha and Mary were sad when Lazarus died. They missed their brother, but still they showed faith in Jesus. What do you think Martha and Mary said to Lazarus when he came out of the tomb?



Diocesan News

Springwood East Timor Support Group
INVITATION

27th Annual Tribute Night

Join with us to celebrate
30 Years of support
for Timor Leste'



Timor Medal
Awarded to SETSG 2025

Saturday 16 May 2026

7:00 pm for a 7:30 start

St Thomas Aquinas School Hall
168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood

To aid the Timorese people
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Tickets \$20 each (payable on entry)

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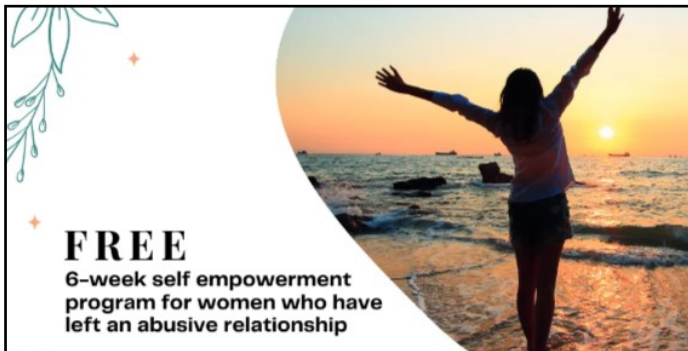
WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE TOPIC:

AN IMMIGRANT BISHOP FOR AN IMMIGRANT CHURCH

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026
6.00PM

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As part of the Diocese of Parramatta's commitment to ensuring all children and adults at risk are safe, respected, protected and supported in our care, all staff and volunteers in our parishes, chaplaincies, agencies, ministries and councils are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding.

For online training opportunities please visit: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

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Parish Giving

Planned Giving/Parish Donations

Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

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Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME)

Please contact the Parish Office (02 4730 1249) if you

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