



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

Dunsborough, WA



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First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Gospel

John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

I am the resurrection and the life.

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.

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.’

The Word of the Lord.

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.’

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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.)***

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. ***(R.)***

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.)***

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

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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!

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die forever, says the Lord.

Pope's Intention for March 2026: 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.



REFLECTION

John 11:1-45 - We pray for all the students of Our Lady of the Cape Primary and Dunsborough Primary who are preparing themselves to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ. (John 11:27)

Martha's faith was being tested. Surely, she thought that once she sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was sick, he would come quickly to heal him. And yet John tells us that although Jesus "loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus," he "remained for two days in the place where he was" (John 11:5, 6). How painful it must have been for Martha to watch helplessly as her brother died! How she must have wondered why Jesus hadn't come sooner!

When Jesus does finally show up, Martha doesn't hide her disappointment. If he had arrived in time, she tells him, "my brother would not have died" (John 11:21). Yet her faith remains firmly intact: "Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you" (11:22). And when Jesus tells her that her brother will rise, she proclaims her belief "in the resurrection on the last day" (11:24). Martha must have been overjoyed when Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb!

Martha's faith even in disappointment can be an inspiration for us, especially when we have "sent word" to Jesus, but he seems to be absent (John 11:3). Today's Gospel shows us that when the Lord's ways are confusing, he always has us on his heart and mind. He hears our prayers and has a plan for our lives even when we can't envision it.

Martha came to believe that Jesus had the power to raise the dead and that his plans were higher than hers. Even though he hadn't healed her brother, she still trusted him. So, when you are in a place of waiting or disappointment, you can bring your pain to Jesus. You can allow him to reassure you that he is your loving Savior. He will strengthen your faith and hope. He will help you see his goodness in this life and, even more, in the life to come.

Always remember that Jesus hears your prayers. He will never, ever forsake you.

"Lord, I put my trust in you!"

- from *The Word Among Us*



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Special Intentions:

- For the intentions of our EMHC, acolytes, commentators, lectors, musicians, mass servers, sacristans, greeter, and collectors;
- For the intentions of our PPC members, Parish Finance Committee members, bookkeeper, and bankers;
- For the intentions of our church and ground cleaners, morning tea manpower and food donors;
- For the intentions of God's Farm & Bove Farm; and for all the residents of Cape Care Dunsborough;
- For the intentions of our RCIA candidates and our RCIA Team;
- We also pray for some members of our parish, and our families who are sick - we pray for their speedy recovery.

We Pray for the Repose of Souls (Death Anniversaries):

- 22/03 - Bruce August
- 23/03 - James Adams; Marie Caine
- 24/03 - Sam Edwards; Sr Regina Naisbet
- 25/03 - Thomas Hart
- 26/03 - Edward Lloyd
- 27/03 - Charles Mothersole; Robert Clemesha; John Ian Potts

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Liturgies

Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish - Dunsborough



29 March

Palm Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, 6 pm
Palm Sunday Mass, 8:30 am

Penitential Service; Holy Tuesday
6 pm



Holy Thursday
2 April

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper
7 pm



3 April

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, 10 am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord:
3 pm
Confession: all day of Good Friday



Easter Sunday
5 April

Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, 7 pm
Easter Sunday Masses:
8 am
10 am



PALM

Sunday

29 March 2026

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

MARCH	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
21st Mar Sat	Steve Carmody	Kath Rooney	Judy Malcolm	Alicia Higgins	Rebecca Channing	TBA	Fr Archie
22nd March	Ronnell Casas	Loellen Clark MA McMullen	Loellen Clark	Fran La Motte	Renata Best	Isabelle Casas Xanthe Smart Lily Taylor	Richard Clark
28th Mar Sat	Steve Carmody	Rebecca Channing	Kath Rooney	Diane Richards	Gerry Travers	TBA	Fr Archie
29th March Sun	Ronnell Casas	Joan & Tony Smurthwaite	Loellen Clark	Carmen McFaull	Mary Ann McMullen	Isabelle Casas	Richard Clark

<i>Mass Schedule</i>		
Monday 23rd March	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 24th March	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Wednesday 25th March	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Rosary Mass of the Day Group Reflection
Thursday 26th March	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Friday 27th March	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass of the Day Lenten Reflection/Stations of the Cross
Saturday 28th March	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Mass of the Day Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th March	8:30 AM	Mass of the Day Psalm Sunday

LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

Rosary: You are invited to come and join in praying the Holy Rosary every Wednesday at 9 AM, just before the 9:30 AM Mass.

First Friday Devotion: We expose the Blessed Sacrament right after the 9 AM Mass; Adoration continues until 12 noon. We end this devotion with the Benediction.

Healing Mass: Mass on the First Tuesday of the month is a Healing Mass. You may receive the anointing oil at Mass.

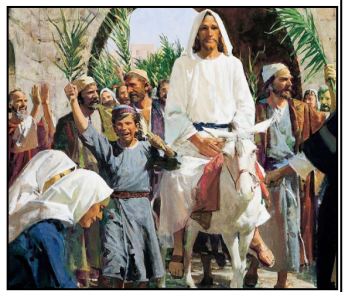
Group Meditation: Every Monday at 2 PM.

Group Prayer Session: Every Wednesday after the 9:30 AM Mass.

Second Friday of each Month: Catholic Men's Prayer Fellowship at 9:30 AM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: One hour of Adoration immediately after the 9 am Mass on 3rd & 4th Fridays.

WE MIGHT AS WELL KNOW: Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the follow year's Ash Wednesday observance.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Wadandi people of the Noongar nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

OUR PARISH VISION: To be a thriving Catholic community, engaging and welcoming.
OUR PARISH MISSION: Journeying together with God; growing in FAITH, HOPE and LOVE, through fellowship, outreach and service.

- Parish Pastoral Council: Steve Carmody (Chair), Angela Corrigan (Secretary), Carmen McFaull, Joan Smurthwaite, Fran Lamotte, Amie Meyer, Angela Hegney, Father Archie.
- Safeguarding Officer: Angela Corrigan Sacristans: Robyne de Garis, Mary Cooper, Rebecca Channing, Diane Richards
- Parish Finance Committee: Tony Smurthwaite (Chair); Jack Robinson; Jim Triglone; Father Archie Parish Bookkeeper: Kathleen Lim
- Parish Priest: Fr. Roberto Archie R. Carampatan

PARISH NOTICES

Full blast campaign: Project Compassion of Caritas Australia

This is the final week for us to generously respond to support Project Compassion of Caritas Australia. Those who have not picked up the Caritas envelope or donation boxes at the foyer, please do so today. Thank you.

Soup Dinner this Friday, 27th of March

We continue our tradition of sharing soup dinner this Friday after Stations of the Cross:

5:00 pm - Lenten Weekly Reflection

5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm - Soup Dinner

URGENT CALL: Church Cleaning Volunteers

It is always good to gather for our liturgical celebrations at our lovely church, and hopefully a clean church. It is great service to our parish community if more people will volunteer to clean our church. No one has volunteered yet for the month of April and most of the succeeding months.

Lenten Weekly Spiritual Formation

Our Diocese, through our parish, is offering a spiritual formation program every Friday at 5 pm during Lent. It uses the gospel reading of the following Sunday as material for prayerful reflection. Coming and praying together can be a grace-filled exercise. We will end with Stations of the Cross.

OLC NOTICES

The Lenten journey continues with a focus on giving. Students have been bringing in their Project Compassion boxes and have been completing Easter Colouring competitions for a gold coin donation towards Project Compassion.

This week was 'Wellbeing Week'. Twice a year, we stop and pause to focus on the wellbeing of staff, students and families. In Wellbeing Week, we make sure we

don't schedule any additional meetings and suggest that our staff leave school a little bit earlier to do something to recharge their batteries, so they are in a good position to be the best possible version of themselves. Students wear their sports uniform all week and there is no homework.

Students meet up with their buddy classes, they do chalk drawings on the pavements with inspirational messages, complete gratitude activities in class and finish off the week with a bright 'Rainbow Run.'

Students in Years 4-6 recently had their Swimming Carnival at the Geographe Leisure Centre.



DIOCESAN NOTICES

Diocesan Assembly July 30 – August 1, 2026

You are invited to a new conversation. On Thursday March 19, Bishop George celebrated the first anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. He also launched the Diocesan Assembly: July 30 – August 1, 2026. In June each parish will be invited and encouraged to take part in conversations and dialogue, to share your experiences, hopes and the challenges that you see for the future of our church. Your voice together will guide the preparation of our five year Diocesan Pastoral Plan. This will be a very important time in our 'Year of Connectedness'. You are invited to come with

open hearts and trust, together let us listen to one another, together let us listen to God and together let us shape the future of our diocese. Over the coming months further information will be shared with all parishes. This is an exciting time for our Diocese. Below is the link to Bishop George's video inviting us to along this journey together.

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Mass Collections	: \$ 832.75
Direct Deposit	: \$ 100; \$30; \$10
Planned Giving	: \$ 10
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10-c Recycling	: \$ 54.20
Title	: \$ 221.40

A Tap & Donate machine is located in the foyer for the convenience of parishioners and visitors who may prefer to use the EFTPOS Machine.

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- free pregnancy tests**
- emotional support:** before, during and after pregnancy
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- pre-natal and post-natal information**
- assistance with access to other resources/services**

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Hours: 11am-5pm Tuesdays & Thursdays or by appointment



OLOTSC Parish supports Pregnancy Assistance Bunbury.

Please share the information above and donate any items for babies. God bless!