

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:

'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.

Communion Antiphon Cf **John 11:26**
Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.



Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal
life.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

*God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help
for the peoples of the Middle East.*

*Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards
peace.*

*Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of
calm and openness.*

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying bring an end to tears.

*Shelter your peoples and protect them Guide them
and keep them from harm.*

*Show us how to break down the barriers of history
and fear and breathe whispers of hope. Amen.*

Linda Jones / CAFOD

Water Baptism

A drought in Georgia began to affect how the churches in many communities had to conduct baptisms. The Baptists took up sprinkling, the Methodists used damp cloths, and the Presbyterians gave out rain checks. The Catholics were unaffected.

Entrance Antiphon Cf **Psalm 42:1-2**

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading **Ezekiel 37:12-14**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

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 **Romans 8:8-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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 **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**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

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.'



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(available Tuesday to Sunday)
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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

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| Masses | Friday – 9:15am (during Lent) Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian) |
| Confessions | Saturday 4:15—4:45pm <i>or</i> by appointment |
| Adoration & Benediction | Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 9:00am & Sun 9:00—9:25am |
| Baptisms (2nd & 4th Sundays) | By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required |
| Marriages | By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required |

COLLECTIONS for weekends of 1/2 & 7/8 March 2026

| 1st collection | 2nd collection | Envelopes | Candle offerings |
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| \$924.75 | \$773.90 | \$360.00 | \$105.90 |
| (supports the priest’s expenses) | (for running of parish) | (part of 2nd collection) | (part of 2nd collection) |

Masses for: Ivan Jilwan, Norma & Mauna Alam, all souls of Jilwan & Alam families, Aunty Pat (dying), Gerry O’Brien’s father (RIP), Holy Souls in Purgatory, Di & Sr Therese’s deceased family members.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. *(Archdiocesan permanent notice) Safeguarding Children information can be found in folder at the back of the church.*

Lord Jesus, Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all, especially the children and vulnerable adults you entrust to our care. We also pray for those who have been harmed. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen

Pope Leo XIV has declared 2026 the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, a jubilee year to help Christians around the world follow in the saint’s footsteps. Plenary indulgences are being granted through the usual provisions – sacramental reconciliation, receiving the Eucharist and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father – for those who participate in a pilgrimage to a Franciscan church or to any church names after St Francis.

Stations of the Cross during Lent Fridays 9:45am (after Mass)

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| Holy Thursday | 6:30pm Mass of the Last Supper |
| Good Friday | 10:00am Stations of the Cross 3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (with Indonesian Community) |
| Holy Saturday | 3:30pm-4:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Easter Vigil Mass |
| Easter Sunday | 9:30am Easter Mass |

Level up your Lent: A Work of Mercy for the Unborn Who is there to pray for the eternal souls of those affected by abortion? This Lent, we invite you to "level up" your spiritual practice by performing a corporal work of mercy: accompanying the dying and praying for an end to abortion. When: **Feb 18 - End of Lent (Roster: 7am–7pm daily)**. Where: Outside NSW Parliament House, Sydney. Book a slot for 40 days: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/sydney> **We still have some slots to fill in.** Help us fill the roster.

Divine Mercy Retreat Centre March schedule *On noticeboard*

Finding Silence with St Joseph: Men's Lenten Retreat 'Finding Silence with St Joseph: Praying with the Leader, Provider, and Protector of the Holy Family' is a day retreat for men dedicated to mental prayer and deep encounter with God. It aims to help men deepen their understanding of their masculine identity and connect to their vocation by prayerfully reflecting on St Joseph. The theme of the retreat will focus on St Joseph’s prayer life, led by Fr Johnson Malayil Joseph CRS. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Retreat Talks, Spiritual Direction and Confession in a spirit and environment of silence. DETAILS: Date: **Saturday 21 March 2026** Venue: St Joseph's Catholic Church Moorebank - 231 Newbridge Rd, Chipping Norton Time: 9 AM - 4 PM Cost: \$50 per person CLERGY, RELIGIOUS and SEMINARIANS are FREE. Tickets are limited. To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHKRV>

Day of the Unborn Child Procession led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation DETAILS Date: **Sunday, 22 March 2026** Schedule: 10:30 am Mass - St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney 12:00 Noon - Angelus & Marian Procession 1:30 pm Fervourino - St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney For more information, visit: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/about-us/archdiocesan-events/day-of-the-unborn-child/>

Newtown Mission Parents, carers & parishioners of St Pius are invited to join us in serving lunch to the patrons of Newtown Mission on **Friday March 27 from 11am-2:30pm**. We will be helping the volunteers at Newtown Mission to make and serve lunch to vulnerable people in our local community. If you are able to help or have questions, please email brigid.vieira@syd.catholic.edu.au. **Please RSVP by Wednesday March 25th.**

Please join the chaplaincy of the University of Sydney this Passiontide to prepare for the sacred paschal mysteries with the singing of carols, in the John Paul II Centre (150 City Road, Darlington) at **6:00pm on Thursday 26 March 2026**. Light refreshments to follow. Thank you!

A Day of Retreat with Our Lady Easter Monday, 6 April St Benedict’s church & parish hall, 2 Fagans Rd Arcadia. 9:30am Parish Morning Mass with Fr Shansana, 10:00am Cenacle Rosary, 10:45am Morning Tea (bring a small plate), 11:00am Talk by Fr Andrew Grace, 1:00pm Lunch provided: sausage sizzle & salads, 2:00pm rosary procession outside.

Men’s Discernment Day Retreat 11 April 2026, 8:30am – 4:00pm, for those feeling the call to serve God as priests. St Joachim’s, Lidcombe *See noticeboard*

Ignite Conference: Ascend in Sydney Jul 9-12 Kick-start a newfound relationshi with Jesus, revive a faith that has grown tired & equip emerging parish leaders. We have everything you need to invite the young people, families & parishioners of your

The Eucharist28 website is now live: <http://eucharist28.org> It contains a wide variety of materials to help all our people deepen their connection to our Eucharistic Lord: catechetical resources for all ages, parishes and schools, including podcasts, personal reflections, and theological texts. Register your interest for further updates through the website. You can begin following Eucharist28 social media pages on Instagram, Facebook and X,