

## THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

### ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON Cf. Ps 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.

### 1st Reading Eze 37:12-14

#### A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am 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 Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 129

#### Response: 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 ear 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/**

### 2nd Reading Rom 8:8-11

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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.

The Word of the Lord

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 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. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### GOSPEL Jn 11:1-45

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

[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: '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 Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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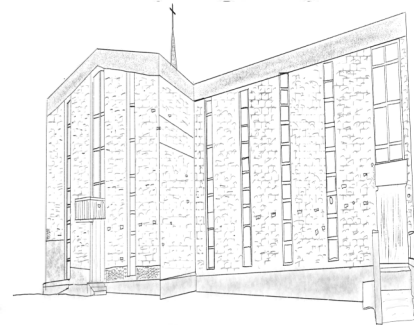
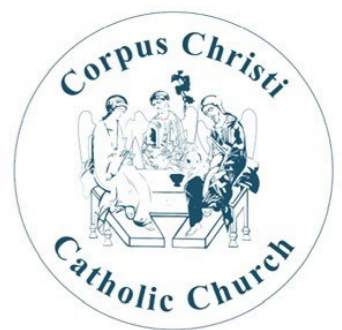
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Second and Fourth Sunday of the month at 11am

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## PARISH CALENDAR – FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

### Sunday, 22nd March 2026

8:30am Mass—Mosman Park

10:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Children's Liturgy

12:00pm Mass (Spanish)—Cottesloe

5:00pm Mass—Cottesloe

### Monday, 23rd March 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

### Tuesday, 24th March 2026

8:15am Mass—Mosman Park

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

### Wednesday, 25th March 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

### Thursday, 26th March 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

### Friday, 27th March 2026

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

8:30am Cottesloe

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

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6:00pm Mosman Park

### Saturday, 28th March 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

12:00pm Confessions—Cottesloe

5:00pm Confessions—Mosman Park

5:30pm Vigil Mass—Mosman Park

8:00pm Neocatechumenal  
Community Mass  
(Parish Centre Cottesloe)

# I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

On his return from the underworld, Lazarus comes forth from the tomb like death confronting its conqueror, an image of the resurrection to come. Before we can fathom the depths of meaning behind this miracle, we must consider the way in which our Lord raised Lazarus to life. This action appears to us as the greatest of all his signs; we see in it the supreme example of divine power, the most marvelous of all his wonderful works. Our Lord had raised up the daughter of Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue; but although he restored life to the dead girl, he left the law of death still in force. He also raised me widow's only son. He halted the bier, forestalled the onset of physical decay; but the life he restored had not completely fallen into the power of death. The case of Lazarus was unique. His death and resurrection to life had nothing in common with the other two. Death had already exerted its full power over him, so that in him the sign of the resurrection shone out in all its fullness. I think it is possible to say that if Lazarus had remained only three days in the tomb it would have deprived our Lord's resurrection of its full

significance, since Christ proved himself Lord by returning to life after three days, whereas Lazarus, as his servant, had to lie in the grave for four days before he was recalled. However, let us see if we can verify this suggestion by reading the gospel text further. His sisters sent a message to Jesus saying, Lord, the friend whom you love is sick. By these words they appeal to his affection, they lay claim to his friendship, they call on his love, urging their familiar relationship with him to persuade him to relieve their distress. But for Christ it was more important to conquer death than to cure disease. He showed his love for his friend not by healing him but by calling him back from the grave. Instead of a remedy for his illness, he offered him the glory of rising from the dead. I We are next told that when Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick, he remained where he was/or two days. You see how he gives full scope to death. He grants free reign to the grave; he allows corruption to set in. He prohibits neither putrefaction nor stench from taking their normal course; he allows the realm of darkness to seize his friend, drag him down to the underworld, and take

possession of him. He acts like this so that human hope may perish entirely and human despair reach its lowest depths. The deed he is about to accomplish may then clearly be seen to be the work of God, not of man. He waited for Lazarus to die, staying in the same place until he could tell his disciples that he was dead; then he announced his intention of going to him. Lazarus is dead, he said, and I am glad. Was this a sign of his love for his friend? Not so. Christ was glad because their sorrow over the death of Lazarus was soon to be changed into joy at his restoration to life. I am glad for your sake, he said. Why for their sake? Because the death and raising of Lazarus were a perfect prefiguration of the death and resurrection of the Lord himself. What the Lord was soon to achieve in himself had already been achieved in his servant. This explains why he said to them: I am glad for your sake not to have been there, because now you will believe. It was necessary that Lazarus should die, so that the faith of the disciples might also rise with him from the dead.  
Gospel: John 11:1-45 or II:3-7.17.20-27.33b-45  
Commentary: Peter Chrysologus

## FRIDAY MARCH 27TH—STATION OF THE CROSS

8:30am St Mary Star of the Sea Cottesloe  
6:00pm Corpus Christi Mosman Park

## Second Rite of the Reconciliation

Thursday March 26th at 7:30pm we will have the second rite of Reconciliation at St Mary Star of the Sea church.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 22 March

When war intensified in Gaza in late 2023, Ahmad, a Caritas Jerusalem employee in their Media and Communications team, was forced to flee his home in northern Gaza. Like thousands of families, his family carried almost nothing as they sought safety in Khan Younis. Two months later, disaster struck again when the house where they were sheltering was bombed at night. Ahmad was buried under rubble, his eardrum ruptured. His brother survived with devastating injuries, including the loss of a leg. For two months Ahmad stayed with his brother in an overwhelmed hospital with few doctors and scarce supplies. His family was displaced several more times, sometimes living in tents, sometimes in borrowed homes, often leaving behind the few belongings they had managed to gather. Despite personal suffering, Ahmad continued his role with Caritas Jerusalem, helping to support families in need. "Thank God we work at Caritas, allowing us to serve people in the most challenging conditions despite the lack of medicine," he explains. "I hope this ordeal ends so we can go back to rebuild Gaza, our children's future, our country, and our organisation." Ahmad's story is a reminder that Caritas' mission of accompaniment is lived not only through its programs, but through the courage and resilience of its frontline staff. Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty this Lent* by donating to Project Compassion, helping people in Gaza and other vulnerable regions to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope. **Please donate today!** You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes **Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) Or by calling: 1800 024 413**



## REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

+ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Online enrolments will close **Monday 23rd March 2026**  
+ **CONFIRMATION** Online enrolments will close **Monday 17th August 2026**

Please register online at: <https://staroftheseachurch.org.au/sacramental-programme/>  
For all inquiries and further information needed please contact Natasha Colli, Sacraments Coordinator: [sacraments.cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacraments.cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASSES will be held at Corpus Christi Mosman Park on Saturday 28th March at 5:30pm and St Mary Star of the Sea Cottesloe on Sunday 29th March at 10am.** Would you please keep all the children who will make their commitment during Mass as they commence their preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We also pray for their parents and teachers who are preparing these children to receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

### Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Calendar

Mon	Mar	23	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Turibius de Mogrovejo (commemoration)
Wed	Mar	25	Solemnity	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>
Thu	Apr	2	Holy Week	9:00am	Mass	Parish	Holy Thursday (see timetable)
Fri	Apr	3	Holy Week	9:00am	Mass	Parish	Good Friday (see timetable)
Sat	Apr	4	Easter	TT	Mass	Parish	Easter Vigil (see timetable)
Sun	Apr	5	Easter	TT	Mass	Parish	Easter Sunday (see timetable)
Sun	Apr	12	Sunday	10:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Welcoming Mass & Morning Tea
Mon	Apr	13	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Martin I
Thu	Apr	23	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint George Adalbert
Sat	Apr	24	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Sat	Apr	25	Anzac Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<b>Anzac Day</b>
Mon	Apr	27	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort
Tue	Apr	28	Memorial	8:15am	Mass	Mosman Pk	Saint Peter Chanel
Tue	Apr	28	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Peter Chanel
Wed	Apr	29	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Catherine of Siena
Thu	Apr	30	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Pius V



# PARISH NEWS

## Sacrament of Reconciliation: please pray for these children

**Amari Weerasekera**  
**Anna Delahunty**  
**Arlo Alchin**  
**Arthur Galbally**  
**Ava Mete**  
**Camille Harford**  
**Charles De'Ceglie**  
**Erin Lankester**



**James Webb**  
**Jozef Mactiernan Silva**  
**Kenzo Fasana**  
**Leela Kulcar**  
**Leif Nolan**  
**Mia Dissanaikie**  
**Pibersanu Husen**  
**Raphael Scotney**

their families and teachers who through their guidance will make their First Sacrament of Reconciliation during this weekend 21st March 2026. Please pray for these children.

**HOLY THURSDAY**  
The Lord's Supper 6.30pm

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Stations of the Cross 9am  
Passion of the Lord 12pm (Spanish)  
1pm (Spanish)  
3pm

**EASTER VIGIL (SAT)**  
Vigil Mass 11.30pm

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Easter Mass 10am  
12pm (Spanish)

**CELEBRATE EASTER**  
at St Mary Star of the Sea

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The Lord's Supper 6.30pm

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Stations of the Cross 9.30am  
Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

**EASTER VIGIL (SAT)**  
Vigil Mass 6.45pm

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Easter Mass 8.30am

**CELEBRATE EASTER**  
at Corpus Christi

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## Invitation to the ANNUAL CHRISM MASS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

The Archbishop invites every to join him at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 31 March 2026 for the Chrism Mass which commences at 7pm

## 1st & 2nd Collection Cashless Point Tap terminals at the church entrance

1st & 2nd Collection Direct Debit information below

### FIRST COLLECTION (PRIESTS)

**Account Name:** The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park  
**Account No:** 115134447  
**BSB:** 086006  
Bank: National Australia Bank Limited.

### SECOND COLLECTION (PARISH)

**Account Name:** The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park  
**Account No:** 558131050  
**BSB:** 086006  
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## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (2ND PLATE): COTTESLOE \$737.48 MOSMAN PARK \$1,187.52

MOSMAN ROSTERS	This Weekend 21/22 Mar'26		Next Weekend 28/29 Mar'26	
Flowers	A Tedesco	A Broadhurst	J Stratton	
Church Cleaning	C Donnelly		M Cooray	
Readers Sat 5.30am	F Green		Sr Mary Mackin	
Readers Sun 8.30am	S Cannon	J Stratton	A Santelli	C Davie
COTTESLOE ROSTERS	This Weekend 21/22Mar '26		Next Weekend 28/29 Mar '26	
Flowers	J Donaldson & M Prospero		J Bryant & D Hintz	
Church Cleaning	M Shea & L Mann		Spanish Community	
Readers Sun 10am	M Shea & L Mann		Volunteer & K Lewis	
Readers Sun 5pm	J von Perger		Volunteer	
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea		No Morning Tea	

# POPE'S INTENTIONS 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.

## Lenten 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.

## OUR SICK

Please keep those who are sick at home, and in nursing homes and in the general community in your prayers. Let us keep our parishioners who are unable to be with us at Mass:

Dariusz Rapcewicz  
Francesca Letizia  
Maria Blaszczynska  
Leon & Burchell Jones  
Julie Atrache  
Tim and Estelle Beckett  
Marie and Ivo Milicich



## Requiescat in Pace

For family members & friends who have recently passed to Eternal Life, and especially for all the departed Souls:

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."*