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Weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am **Weekday Masses:** Tuesday – Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm - 5.30pm **Adoration:** Thursdays 9.30am-10.30am

Funerals, Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment – Please contact the office

5th Sunday of Lent – Year A

Sunday, 22nd March 2026

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

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

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

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: '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

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

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PARISH WEEK AHEAD
23rd – 29th March 2026



Monday 23rd March

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 24th March

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 25th March

Annunciation of the Lord

9.00am Mass

10.30am Funeral

Thursday 26th March

9.00am Mass

9.30am -10.30am Adoration

Friday 27th March

9.00am Mass

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 28th March

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Mass – Passion of the Lord

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Reconciliation Lesson – m2

UPCOMING LITURGIES

The Lords Supper – 2nd April 7pm

Good Friday – 3rd April, Stations of the cross 10am – Passion of the Lord 3pm

Easter Vigil Mass 4th April 6pm

Easter Sunday 5th April

8.30am/10am

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Palm Sunday

Is 50: 4-7, Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14-27:66

LENTEN JOURNEY 2026

There are still a few Lenten Booklets available for \$6 each.

This is still an opportunity to appreciate a little more deeply the mystery of Lent. Use them daily or weekly during Lent.

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CARITAS AUSTRALIA
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COMPASSION

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. 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.

Catholic parishes, parishioners & communities across WA are invited to participate in:

The Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross

ahead of its arrival in Perth.

Deeply symbolic and sacred, the Migrant Jubilee Cross will be in the Archdiocese between **Saturday 18 April and Sunday 3 May**, providing a unique opportunity for spontaneous pilgrimage. Following its time in the Archdiocese, the cross will travel to the Bunbury, Geraldton and Broome Dioceses.

The cross will be welcomed to Perth at a special Mass that will be celebrated at **St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday the 18th April by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB**. Between Sunday 19 April and Sunday 3 May, it will be hosted by various parishes, schools and groups, providing the faithful with a unique opportunity for pilgrimage.

A copy of the pilgrimage of the cross is on the noticeboard in the foyer or see <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/News/Events-News-2026-03>



LENT AND ABSTINENCE

The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year.

The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year (CCL 97, 1251f). Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

"Fasting prepares us to receive the Word of God. It is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. It helps us to identify and order our "appetites", keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive. It teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbour."

Pope Leo – Pontifex #lent

MASS INTENTIONS:

For all those who are mentioned in the "Names of the Book of the Dead"

THE POWER OF PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Dragutin Markovic, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary Hippolite, Reg & Joyce Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Paddy Embry, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Fe Fontanini, Michael, Nadia, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Edith Johnson, Rhys, Brit, David, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Carmel, Msgr Brian O'Loughlin, Rosa Canada, Sarah, Molly, Fred, Patrick, Louise, Chris, Aria, David Rowe, Sanjana & family, Andrew, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Famia Cerinca, Annemarie MacPherson, Barbara Kenny, David Tiley, Margaret Abbott, Joshua, Serafini Family, Cain Family, Regina & Linda, Beverley Loraine, Jono, Gina & Brian, Fr Carroll, Maria O'Connor, Albert, Carmel, Julie, Anna Alfonso, Jessie S, Mario Gomez, Caitlin Von Witt, Melissa Arthena, Chris Lowry, Aldrin Ong, Adrian Ong, Kaye, Anastasia, Ashot, Tamara, Mervin & Jenni Yap, Wang Ming Wei, Lachlan, James Chandler, Sucich family, Maureen & Beiam McCormack, Enzo Troisi, Natasha, Marie H, Jean, Antonette & George, Declan & Family, Trevor Fonty, Steve Ford, Aiden Cooper, Ian Wood, Rosina Renzullo, John Joyce, Richard Newman, Beryl Northey, John O'Connell, Liz Mulcahy, Kelley H, Ambiqa Salavantra, Bob Peruc, Mark, Eduardo & Mario Gomez, Darren, Tony B, Paul, Mary L, William, Maria F, Anna Alfonso, Sarah, Lee B & family, Mel, Shane & Brad Hickman, Troy Skopelitis Kristy Phillips, Trish Doohy, Luke Beattie

SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Holy Family Parish Como is committed to providing a safe & secure environment for all its members, leaders, especially its children & vulnerable adults. The care, safety & welfare of children & vulnerable adults is a collective responsibility embedded in policies & practices of the Parish which reflect a commitment to a zero tolerance to abuse.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER
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The Gospel presents to us the resurrection of Lazarus. It is the last of Jesus' miracles narrated before Easter. Lazarus is a dear friend of Jesus, who knows he is about to die; he sets out on his journey but arrives at his house four days after the burial, when by now all hope is lost. His presence, however, rekindles a little confidence in the hearts of the sisters Martha and Mary. They cling to this light, to this small hope, despite their suffering. Jesus invites them to have faith and asks for the tomb to be opened. He then prays to the Father and shouts to Lazarus: "Come out!". And the latter comes back to life and comes out. This is the miracle, just like that, simple. The message is clear: Jesus gives life even when it seems that all hope has gone. It happens, at times, to feel hopeless – this has happened to us all – or to meet people who have given up hope: embittered by bad experiences, the wounded heart cannot hope. Because of a painful loss, an illness, a bitter disappointment, a wrong or a betrayal suffered, they have given up hope.

At times we hear those who say that "There is nothing more to be done!" and close the door to every hope. They are moments when life seems to be a sealed tomb: everything is dark, and around us we see only sorrow and despair.

Today's miracle tells us that it is not like that, this is not the end, that in these moments we are not alone; on the contrary, it is precisely in these moments that He comes closer than ever to restore life to us.

Jesus weeps: the Gospel tells us that Jesus wept in front of Lazarus' tomb, and today Jesus weeps with us, and at the same time Jesus invite us not to stop believing and hoping, not to let ourselves be crushed by negative feelings. He approaches our tombs and says to us, "Take away the stone". In these moments, it is as though we have a stone inside, and the only one capable of removing it is Jesus, with his word: "Take away the stone".

Throw it to me with confidence, says the Lord, I will not be outraged; throw it to me without fear, because I am with you, I care about you and I want you to start living again. Rise again, get back on the path, regain your confidence! How many times, in life, we find ourselves like this, in this situation of no longer having the strength to get up again. And Jesus: "Go, go on! I am with you". It is the moment to take away the stone and to go out towards Jesus, who is close. Can we open our hearts to him and entrust our worries to him? Shall we do it? Are we able to open the tomb of problems, are we capable, and look over the threshold, towards his light, or are we afraid of this? And in turn, as small mirrors of God's love, do we manage to illuminate the environments in which we live with words and gestures of life?

Pope Francis 26.03.23, Saint Peter's Square

12 – 19 April | Silent Ignation – Directed Retreat
This retreat will be offering contemporary materials using the Arts based on Marlene Marburg's contemporary expression of the Ignation Spiritual Exercises in Grace Upon Grace. Daily spiritual direction will be available as well as a short daily shared reflection time.

Director: Annette Arnold rsj
Venue: Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay. Enquiries and registration: Dianne Colborne rsj
Ph: 9527 3240 E: safety.bay@sosjspirit.org.au
Cost: \$2150 excl. GST | \$2365 incl. GST
Retreat begins with an evening meal at 6pm on Sunday 12 April and concludes after breakfast on Sunday 19 April.
Applications close: 20 March 2026

**St Mary's Cathedral tour guide information event
23rd April at 10.30am**

At our beautiful Cathedral, St Mary's, we have a very enthusiastic band of volunteers who conduct tours to schools, public and private organisations as well as the general public. This voluntary Ministry was founded in February 2011 and has grown over the years from two to eleven tour guides. However, we would like to increase our numbers. On the above date we will be conducting a short tour followed by a light morning tea in the Cathedral's Parish Centre. "Open Day" is an event for those who are available during the week and would like to find out more of what is involved. You will be able to ask questions, meet the other guides and perhaps decide to join us. Your commitment would only be determined by your availability and may be just one tour every month or so for approximately 1hour. All necessary training and resources are provided.

To register your attendance, or for more information, please call Carol Young (Tour Guide Co Ordinator) on 0417 097 455
Email: caroly7@bigpond.com.

EMMAUS WALK FOR MEN – Saturday 11th April

Grab a mate or your son and join a group of like-minded men on the Emmaus Walk 2026. The walk commences with a 7:30am Mass at the Carmelite Convent in Nedlands, followed by a leisurely 12km walk along the river via Crawley and Elizabeth Quay to St Mary's Cathedral, arriving at approximately 10:30am where refreshments and reconciliation will be available. To register your interest, [Click Here](#). For further information, contact Kim on 0414 537 023.

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- PRAYER



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

God is the giver of life and for him, nothing is impossible. In today's Gospel we hear how a good friend of Jesus falls ill and dies. But death is not the end of life, and Jesus uses this event to show people that he is truly the son of God.

LET US PRAY

Lord, help us to be like Martha,
to see clearly that you are
the son of God and the life of the world.
Make our belief and your life in us,
grow a little stronger each day of our lives.

WEEKEND ROSTER

		Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.00am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
21 st /22 nd March	5 th Sunday of Lent	C. Frank Gianini R. Dimitrio Sidi EMHC Marie Tiley	C. Peter Messer R. Jacinta Vu EMHC Sible Rozario	C. Michael Danagher R. Cecilia Yap EMHC Pascale Tin
28 th /29 th March	Palm Sunday	C. Imelda Loviyanti R. Carolyn Watson EMHC Vicki Ha	C. Susannah Robinson R. Marianne Taylor EMHC Murray Rosenberg	C. Fiona Wee R. Pascale Yip EMHC Grace Toczykowski
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28 th /29 th March	Palm Sunday	Hugh Morris Nicolas & Hayden Willey	Dominic Newman Patrick Newman	Jovan Halim Ethan George

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