

Good Shepherd Parish South Brisbane West End Newsletter



I am the resurrection and the life

Brothers and sisters, as the Lenten season draws to a close, I invite you to look back and reflect on the journey we have travelled. Lent is not simply a time of sacrifice or giving up something. It is, above all, a time of conversion, renewal, and transformation, and through prayer, fasting, and charity, we have been invited to open our hearts more deeply to God and allow Him to transform our lives. During these weeks, the Sunday Gospels have guided us step by step on this spiritual journey, and each one has shown us something important about our relationship with God and the new life that Christ wants to give us.

The journey began with Jesus in the desert, on the First Sunday of Lent. Before beginning his public mission, Jesus spent forty days in prayer and fasting, facing temptations, reminding us that Lent is also our desert: a place where we confront our weaknesses, but also a place that teaches us that we are not alone and that we can overcome the struggles that arise in our lives.

On the Mount of Transfiguration, the disciples saw the glory of Jesus on the Second Sunday of Lent. In the midst of our Lenten journey, this Gospel gave us hope and reminded us that, beyond sacrifice and difficulties, God reveals His glory and His voice, teaching us to listen to Jesus more attentively so that His light may guide our path.

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, on the Third Sunday of Lent, showed us the thirst that exists in every human heart. Often, we try to quench our thirst with many things, but only Christ can give the "living water" that truly satisfies and allows Jesus to meet us in our daily lives, heal our past, and transform our hearts.

In the healing of the man born blind, on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we saw Jesus bringing light where there was darkness. This Gospel challenged us to reflect on our own blindness, moments when we fail to see God's presence or refuse to acknowledge the truth. Christ opened our eyes to see the world, others, and ourselves with a new faith.

Now, on this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the resurrection of Lazarus, where Jesus reveals himself as the resurrection and the life. Even in the face of death and despair, Christ brings hope and new life and calls us out of the tomb, to leave behind everything that holds us captive, sin, fear, discouragement, and to walk in the freedom of a new life.

As we prepare to enter Holy Week, we ask ourselves: How has this Lent transformed us? Have we allowed the Lord to guide us through the desert, show us His glory, quench our thirst, open our eyes, and call us to a new life? May these last days of Lent help us deepen our conversion so that we may celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the new life He brings us.

Fr Francisco

The Good Shepherd Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our Churches stand.

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Welcome to new Parishoners

We welcome any new Parishoners among us. Take the time to meet with our priests and get connected to the broader community.



Embracing the communities of:

St Mary's, South Brisbane,
St Francis of Assisi, West End
St Ita's, Dutton Park

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield

Readings at Mass

5th Sunday of Lent
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

Psalm 129 (130)

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

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

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:

'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.

Next Sunday Readings:

Mt 21:1-11, Is 50: 4-7,
Psalm 21(22): 8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Phil 2: 6-11a
Mt 26: 14-27: 66



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Upcoming Events & News



Archbishop Shane Mackinlay
invites you to the annual
CHRISM MASS
Cathedral of St Stephen
Thursday 26th March 2026
7:00pm
A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
The undercover carpark will be available
from 6:00pm



Divine Mercy

- 3:pm The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, Readings from the Diary of Faustina
- 4:pm Adoration, Confession
- 5pm Parish Mass including Blessing of Divine Mercy images.



A plenary indulgence is granted on this day under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff). Our Lord said to St. Faustina: "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699) "When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy." (Diary 1602)

Sacramental Program 2026 is now open!

Please note that all enrollments this year are being managed through Flocknote.

To register, simply scan the QR code →



Youth Group Launch 2026

Join us as we Launch 2026 Youth Group with a field trip to Lourdes College for the Archdiocesan Reco Rally. Sign up to secure your place.

We will meet at St Ita's on Friday, 27th at 5 pm.
See you there!

To register, scan the Qr Code



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St Mary's Prayer Group

You are invited to our gatherings in faith and prayer on:

Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

May this time of reflection and fellowship deepen our connection with God and with one another. We look forward to growing in spirit together as a community.



Community News

A few notes:

2026 Easter Triduum Mass Times

Second Rite: Tue 31st March
St Mary's Church – 6pm

Holy Thursday: 2nd April
St Mary's Church – 7pm

Good Friday: 3rd April
Stations of the Cross
OLPS Church – 7am
St Mary's Church – 10am
St Marys Church – 2:30pm
(Children's Passion Play)

Commmemoration of the
Lord's Passion
St Mary's Church – 3pm

Holy Saturday: 4th April
St Mary's Church – 7pm
(Easter Vigil Mass)

Easter Sunday: 5th April
OLPS Church – 7am
St Mary's Church – 9am
St Francis Church – 9am



Our Prearrangements are easy to put in place
and let you get on with enjoying life.

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Mass Times

ST MARY'S

20 Merivale St, South Brisbane

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sun: 9am & 5pm

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

47 Dornoch Tce, West End

- Sun: 9am

ST ITA'S

247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park

- Sat(Vigil): 5pm
- Sun: 10:30am (Indonesian)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

72 Victoria St Fairfield

- Sun: 7am

CONFESSIONS

St Mary's

Fri: 7:30-8am | Sat 8:30am-9am
Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISMS

- Sat: 9:30am

Booking is essential

Contact Parish Office 07 3324 3734

PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tue: 6:30pm - St Mary's Church
- Sun: 4pm - St Mary's Church

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Sat: after 8am Mass until Sundays 8:30am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Fri - 7am - St Mary's Church
- 1st Sat - 5pm - St Ita's Church
- 1st Sun - 7am - OLPS Fairfield

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (SCHOOL TERM ONLY)

- Sun: 9am - St Mary's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9:30 am - 1pm

Have you considered Planned Giving?



Many parishioners use Direct Debit for 'Planned Giving' to support the upkeep of Good Shepherd Parish

We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to our planned giving program.

Please Contact the Parish 07 3324 3734 if you are interested.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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No excuse for abuse

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