

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, “This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God’s glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified.” Every aspect of our lives — our gifts as well as our sufferings — can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves .

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Key words and phrases: “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

To the point: Mary and Martha reverse roles here. Where Mary once sat at the feet of Jesus, she now sits at home in her grief. Martha, however, the one who was too busy to listen, comes to him as interlocutor, intelligently and faithfully interacting with him. She does not see the whole picture, though, for Jesus is still in the process of revealing all that his life means for the world. Lazarus here becomes a sort of first fruits, one restored to life before the full restoration occurs. Wonderful as this miracle is, it is a jarring one; this simply does not happen. People who have been dead for four days do not come back to life. And we know nothing of Lazarus’s experience here. Whatever his experience was of death, it must have been unsettling to be jolted back to life. Jesus is here to bring life, yes, but he brings it in ways that disrupt the order of things to which we have grown accustomed.



Making Connections

Between the readings: In the first reading, God reveals through Ezekiel that death does not have the final say. Despite death’s appearance of permanence, God’s power is greater still, and what God wants for us is life. The second reading affirms that while our bodies still die, this is no longer the end it once was. Christ’s Spirit living in us allows us to share in his triumph over death.

To experience: When Jesus calls us to fuller life in him, it is not always comfortable or easy. There are often demands and sacrifices we would not have expected and certainly would not have chosen for ourselves. But while Lazarus stood alone as the first called forth from the tomb, we are never left alone with our challenges, it is Christ’s own life that we share, and he accompanies us always.



Silent Adoration – Lenten Opportunity

As we have just two weeks to Easter, you are invited to pray silently before our Eucharistic Lord. Jesus invites us to dwell in His Presence and there to come to know the breadth and depth of His Love, Mercy and Kindness that He shows to us. Quieten your heart that you might hear His heart speak: Heart to heart. **Monday 27th March: 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm (note earlier time - evening); Tuesday 4th April; 8.00 am to 8.30 am (new time - morning).** “Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)

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ARISE Charismatic Prayer Group

This Wednesday, 29 March, Dan Hewitt will be leading worship. There will be three of ARISE’s members sharing a 15 min testimony of their faith journey. The meeting will end around 1.30pm with a light lunch fellowship. All are welcome.

Next weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday, the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Holy week should be the most holy week of the year for all Christians. It should be the week in which we give of ourselves to the fullest in order to fully receive Christ during the Easter celebration. That’s the ideal.

| DATE | CHURCH | Parish Centre |
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| Mon 27 Mar | 9:00am Mass/ 9:30am Rosary 6:30pm Adoration Family Holy Hour 7.30pm Choir Practice | 6:30pm PA Integrated 3 – Rm 3 |
| Tue 28 Mar | 9:00am Mass/ 9:30am Rosary 7:30pm Choir Practice | 3:30pm RE Classes – Hall & All Rooms 7.00pm RCIA - Rm 3 |
| Wed 29 Mar | 9.00am Mass / 9:30am Rosary 11:00am ARISE Charismatic Prayer Group | 9:30am Craft Group – Rm 3 11:00am ARISE – Hall 7:30pm Encounter Evening – Rm 3 |
| Thu 30 Mar | 9:00am Mass/ 9:30am Rosary 7:00pm Choir Practice | 6:30pm PA Integrated 3 –Rm 3 7:00pm Christian Meditation – Rm 1 |
| Fri, 31 Mar | 11:15am Stations of the Cross 12.00pm Mass 7:00pm Stations Of The Cross | 9:00am Growing Vine – Rm 3 & Kitchen 1:45pm Legion of Mary – Rm 2 6:00pm RCIA Retreat – Hall |
| Sat 01 Apr | 9:00am Mass 9:30am Recon/Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass | 10.30am Men’s Group Bible Sharing—DWWJ |
| Sun 02 Apr | 7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass 2:30pm Divine Mercy | 1st Reading Is : 50: 4 – 7 2nd Reading Phil : 2: 6 – 11 Gospel Reading Mat : 26: 14, – 27: 66 |

MINISTRY TEAM

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Pre-Easter Retreat: Discerning God's Will 31 March 2023 7pm to 9pm

All are invited to join us for our Pre-Easter retreat, where we will be exploring how to discern God's will for ourselves as we end Lent and move onto our Holy Week celebrations. We are asking that all please bring a plate to share with others.

Schedule: 7:00PM Station of Cross: Lead by Orana Catholic Primary School, 7:30PM Share Supper: (Please bring a plate of finger food to share), 8:10PM Fr Thai: Discerning God's Will & Preparing for Easter, 8:50PM John Richards: Praise and Worship & Conclusion. For more information, please speak to Fr Thai or Fr CJ



CANTEEN held last Sunday 19/03/2023 at our Parish was a great success. A Huge THANK YOU to every volunteer who cooked or served with a smile, and to everyone who purchased items. Together we raised \$1758 which was donated to Caritas Project Compassion. We look forward to the **next session on Sunday 16th April** for fostering fellowship and fundraising through food - we hope to see many more of our parishioners then! **For enquires or contributing in any way possible, contact Maria Poi (0430 280 122) or Marisa Menezes Correia (0458 175 162).**



Members from the **Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross** will be attending Masses on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 March to give a brief introduction about this lay Order which recently celebrated their 100th year here in Western Australia. If you are a professional Catholic man who is interested in finding out more, we invite you to attend a short briefing. **To register your interest, fill out the form: <http://go.kscwa.au/register> or call our office on 9368 2503.**



Playgroup WA Invites Expressions Of Interest For: Orana Catholic Primary School Playgroup

Meet and Greet Session

WHEN: Monday 1st May 2023

WHERE: Orana Catholic Primary School, Willetton Room - Out of School Hours Care facility

WHEN: 9:15am - 10:30am

BRING: A snack, water bottle and hat

Orana Playgroup will run on Monday mornings during the school term, for children from birth to 3 years of age. At playgroup, you can have fun playing with your child, meet other parents and familiarise your child with the school environment ready for future school years. **For further information contact our administration team. Phone: 9376 8300. Email: admin@orana.wa.edu.au . Scan the QR Code to confirm your expression of interest.**

SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 – INDUCTION

This 60-minute induction introduces the Safeguarding Policy and Guidelines, the types of abuse (physical, emotional, sexual and neglect), the Code of Conduct and the importance of safeguarding in church roles. Online sessions use ZOOM video conferencing. You will need an internet connection, a computer, smartphone or tablet with speakers, a microphone and a webcam either built-in or attached to your device. **For further information please contact us on 9221 7762 or email us safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au .**

2023 Available Dates (March-April)

FACE-TO-FACE @ St Vincent's, Kwinana on Monday, 27 March 2023 at 6.45 pm

ONLINE - Tuesday, 11 April 2023 at 10 am

ONLINE - Monday, 17 April 2023 at 2 pm

ONLINE - Thursday, 27 April 2023 at 7 pm

The Safeguarding Program

Easter Faith & Fun Afternoon For Girls Aged 11-15 and Their Mums

Come and join us as mothers and daughters (11-15 years) for an afternoon of prayer and celebration of Easter on **Saturday 15 April 2pm to 4.30pm, Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon**. Please bring along a plate to share for afternoon tea and some Easter chocolates. Cost: \$5 per girl. RSVP by **Wednesday 12 April**. **To register or for inquiries please contact Marissa Yang at peacefulspirit180@gmail.com or 0448 966 998; Sr M Luka Junemann at srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au or 0439 537 843**

St Vincent De Paul - Piety Stall News

The Piety Stall has the following: **God's Word 2023** - contains **Daily Reflections on the Gospel** and is a good way of reflecting on Lent and spiritual reflections throughout the year. Only a few copies left. **Bibles** - the NRSV Bible - and the Good News Bible. **Missals** - Sunday Missals - 2 types and Weekday Missals. Easter Cards and Lenten and Easter Books. **Volunteers are required on the Piety Stall. If you would like to find out more, please contact Linda on 0402 421 526.**