

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Longer form, 11:1-45.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I OR II OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Jn 11:26

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

LIFE PAID FOR BY ANOTHER LIFE

The Synoptic evangelists tell of Jesus raising dead people to life: the daughter of Jairus (Mk 6:41) and the son of the widow of Nain (Lk 7:14). But John dwells lengthily and dramatises the raising up of Lazarus. It is a *sign*, the last of seven, pointing to the greatest glory of Jesus as 'the Resurrection and the Life.'

The purpose of Jesus' coming to this world is to give life to men and women: not just the fullness of natural life, but life eternal with God (Jn 3:16). He saves us, not by his miracles, but by offering his life on the cross. Paradoxically, it is when Jesus appears weakest, when he empties himself of both his divinity and humanity on the cross, that he is revealed as the Saviour and Life-giver. His resurrection from the dead is proof of that.

The raising of Lazarus is closest to Jesus' 'hour' – his glorification through his passion, death, and resurrection. It is an anticipatory sign of Jesus' resurrection which conquers death forever. Technically, Lazarus is *resuscitated*: he is returned to his natural life and will die again. The resurrection *per se* is said only of Jesus, because he rises to a glorious life. But the Greek verb *egeiren* ('rise') is used to express both raising back to life and the resurrection of Jesus. Lazarus' coming back to life anticipates the glorious resurrection achieved through Jesus' victory over death.

Jesus' resurrection and life must go through the inescapable step of the cross. The Sanhedrin decides to sacrifice him 'for the nation,' on the altar of political expediency. Jesus has paid for the life of Lazarus – and ours, too – with his own life.

FR GIL ALINSANGAN SSP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

2 April 2017

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus' own death and resurrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in baptism. Let us pray for all who are to be baptised this Easter.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON 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.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You open for your people the way from death into life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ezek 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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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 Rom 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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God



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 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the resurrection and the life.

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.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. 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?'

Welcome to St Mary Magdalene Rose Bay & St Therese Dover Heights

THE PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES THE GADIGAL PEOPLE AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND ON WHICH THE CHURCHES ARE BUILT

'I am the resurrection and the life' ... John 11

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

- ◆ A 'HUGE THANKS' for your assistance with the **Parish 2020 Survey**. It will be helpful for us to analyse the results for the two parishes as a starting point to reflect on how we can strengthen our parishes and seek ways together to effectively witness to the Good News.
- ◆ A Special Thanks to **Alison Green** from the Parish Pastoral Council for communicating the importance of the survey and devising ways to get the survey to those not attending Mass.
- ◆ Thank you for the **special blessing** given to me by the parishioners last week at the 10.00am Mass and for the welcome morning tea.
- ◆ I encourage us all to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** in order to experience the 'Father's embrace' as we return home.
- ◆ I ask that we make a special effort to be silent, still, to allow the Lord to teach and remind us of all He has said and did – so we may enter more deeply into the great mystery of love in Jesus' Passion, death and resurrection!
- ◆ **Project Compassion boxes** can be returned to the sacristy at any time that is convenient.
- ◆ I apologise for any confusion regarding **credit card payments** for the second collection. Payment for February was made earlier in the month. Payment for March was made on 28th March. I hope this is not an inconvenience to any parishioners.
- ◆ On behalf of the parish I would like to sincerely thank **IAN DUNCAN** who is retiring as chair of the Parish Finance Committee after many years of service. I thank him for his commitment to the parish along with his wisdom, professionalism and guidance in making the parishes sustainable and to maintain and improve what is offered to the parish.
- ◆ I am pleased to announce that **Tim Lindley** has accepted the ministry of 'chair of the Parish Finance Committee'. I look forward to working with Tim as we move forward to implement the improvements already identified by the collection from the Parish Centenary.
- ◆ I would like to encourage us to remain in the desert during the remaining days of **Lent**. I pray that this is a time when we hear the word 'Beloved' spoken tenderly to each of us from heaven. We have been given each week an opportunity to grow in faith as we strive to:

- live in every Word that comes from the mouth of God
- listen to His voice
- allow Jesus to give us 'living water'
- heal our blindness
- allow Jesus to set us free.

Fr Chris

ADULT SERVERS are required for the 10am and 6pm Masses. You can be placed on our roster on dates that suit you. A Working With Children Check can be organised. All are welcome! Email sacraments@magdalene.org.au

CATECHISTS WANTED! Share your faith with a group of beautiful students. A lovely team, training given, engaging teaching materials ... and just 30 minutes to an hour each Monday morning (term time) at Rose Bay Public School. Email sacraments@magdalene.org.au

A number of parishioners may like to share the role of **PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER** to assist with Child Protection in the parish. Please call the parish office.

CELEBRATE EASTER AT OUR PARISHES



- Saturday 8 April* Palm Sunday Vigil Mass **5pm** Dover Heights
- Sunday 9 April* Palm Sunday Masses **8am, 10am & 6pm**
- Tuesday 11 April* Second Rite of Reconciliation – Rose Bay **9.30am & 6pm**
- Holy Thursday 13 April* Mass of the Last Supper – Rose Bay **7pm** Dover Heights **6pm** Adoration until **10.00pm**
- Good Friday 14 April* Stations of the Cross – Rose Bay & Dover Heights **10am** Celebration of the Lord's Passion – Rose Bay & Dover Heights **3pm**
- Easter Saturday 15 April* Easter Vigil Rose Bay & Dover Heights **6pm**
- Easter Sunday 16 April* Mass Rose Bay (only) **8am, 10am & 6pm**

Sacraments for Children

The Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on these dates. Children from all local schools including McAuley Primary School will prepare together in the Church with a parent on dates to be confirmed.

Confirmation Friday 26 May at 7pm
Reconciliation Wednesday 14 June at 5pm
First Eucharist Saturday 2 September at 5pm

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Rose Bay Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm
Tues-Fri 9am; Mon 9am Communion Service
Dover Heights Sat 5pm

Baptisms

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays 11.15am Rose Bay

Baptisms & Marriages

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Mary Sri 9337 1562 Dover Heights

Canice's Kitchen

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Matthew Scarf 9371 9876 Dover Heights

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Meditation

Marilyn Jones 0401 637759 Tues 7pm

Catholic Enquiry Classes

For those interested to hear a little of the Catholic story,
Fr Christopher Slattery 9371 7112

MAGDALENE AWARD 2016 - STEAD MERFIELD

It is with great pride that we announce the recipient of the 2016 Magdalene Award as Stead Merfield. Stead has been a member of the parish community for many years and for over 10 years has passionately dedicated his time to coaching children and young adults in the ministry of altar serving. As many parishioners are aware, Stead has also dedicated much time to the maintenance and preservation of our beautiful Church. Few people understand the dimension of his contribution to the parish. His professional and humble approach is admirable and testament to the sincere and devoted individual he is – a truly deserving recipient of the Magdalene Award. Congratulations and thank you Stead on behalf of all the Parish community. The Magdalene Award will be presented to Stead during the 10am Mass today.

Magdalene Award recipients:



2012 Don Gambell
2013 Beth Ziegler
2014 Nina Mahony
2015 Narelle Hills
2016 Stead Merfield



Coming Events/Notices

- * **Mass & Blessing for People with Autism**, today, 2pm, Bp Anthony Randazzo, St Benedict's Church, Broadway. LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org / 9307 8404.
- * **Spirituality in the Pub**, 'Media Culture, Ministry & Magic' with Justice François Kunc & Geraldine Doogue. Wed 5 Apr, 7.30-9pm, Paddington RSL Club. Donation entry; enq Marea 0414 873 910.
- * **Palms Australia volunteer info session**, Thur 6 April 5:45pm to 7:45pm, Aquinas Academy, L5, 141 Harrington St, Sydney. joey@palms.org.au / 0431 995 058.
- * **Men's Lenten Retreat Day**, Sat 8 April, 10am-4.30pm. University of Notre Dame, Broadway. Bp Richard Umbers. Free. www.trybooking.com/PERK / 8204 4189.
- * **Bereavement Support** latest newsletter - 'Grieving the death of a grandparent', visit www.catholiccemeteries.com.au.
- * **Meditation Group**, Tuesdays 7pm, Parish Centre. No experience needed, just come along. Marilyn Jones 0401 637759.
- * **McAuley Primary School** is now enrolling students for Kindergarten 2018. Please call 9371 8786 for an appointment.
- * **Slavery-free Easter chocolate**: 1.5 million children work in the W. Africa cocoa sector. Please buy chocolate with a certification symbol; acrath.org.au.



We pray for:

the sick: Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Paddy Nolan, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Kylie Lynch, Elaine Oong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, John Johnson, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke.

the deceased: Joan Lovegrove, Jack Zucco, John Costello, Mary Ellen George, Bruce Conolly, Domenico & Elena Malzone, Billy Dolan, Adrian Lee, Marie Turnbull, Sonya Lineham, Mark McGowen, Anne Pohlmann, John Fenech.

Rose Bay 9 April	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader Eucharistic Ministers Information Desk	Anna Creagh Mark O'Brien Therese O'Brien Lucie Priestly Barrie Lum	Lucille Gravina Sue Heavener Narelle Hills, Lucille Gravina Sue Heavener	Thomas Jones Sara Watson Ann Kirkjian
Dover Hts 8 April	5pm	Rose Bay Altar Society 7 April	Palm Sunday Passion lectors RB 8am
Commentator 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader Acolyte Eucharistic Ministers	Marie Manché Graham Motum Patti McGowen Tom McNamara Mark McNamara Danny Au-Yeung	Lucie Priestly	Catherine & Barney Remond DH Amelia Scarf, Marie Manché

There are a number of large, heavy Paschal Candles from past Easter seasons in the Parish Centre. Please come in office hours and take one home if you would like!

PALM SUNDAY RALLIES FOR REFUGEES 2017

SYDNEY: 2pm, Hyde Park North, march to Circular Quay
NEWCASTLE: 12.50pm, Wheeler Place, part of Newcastle Writers' festival
WOLLONGONG: 2pm, Crown St Mall
LENNOX HEAD: 11am, on beach front



APRIL 9, 2017