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Jesus is the resurrection and the life



Raising of Lazarus by Reubens

The Resurrection is central to the Christian faith. Yet it is probably one of the most misunderstood doctrines. What does it mean to say Jesus is risen? What does Jesus' resurrection mean for us?

In today's gospel we are presented with the story of the raising of Lazarus, which is intended to point towards our Easter celebrations of the resurrection of Jesus. It is also intended to stress the unique character of Jesus' resurrection.

The writers of the New Testament make clear that Jesus' resurrection was not like the raising of Lazarus, a resuscitation of a dead body. The gospels have several stories of Jesus resuscitating the dead: Lazarus (John 11:1-44); the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5:21-43); and the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17). What makes these people's experiences fundamentally different from that of the resurrected Jesus is that all three were raised and would live on for a while; but would eventually die again.

By contrast, Jesus would never die again and his risen life would be very different from the manner or nature of life he had lived for more than three decades among his family, friends and followers. After his resurrection, Jesus could walk through walls (John 20:19). He was not immediately recognised by some of his closest disciples. He seems to have "appeared" to numerous different people in differing situations. He could walk along with disciples on the road

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to Emmaus and, then, simply "vanish" (Luke 24:31).

It is also true to say that, after the Resurrection, Jesus was the same person whom his disciples had known and loved. They recognised his voice. They touched him. They shared meals with him. Much of this serves the gospel writers' concern to emphasise the physical character of Jesus' appearances. Still it bears testimony to the corporeality of the disciples' experience. Jesus' resurrection was that of a human being, not just some disembodied spirit.

Of course, the resurrection of Jesus is but a portent of what God has in store for all who believe – as Jesus says in today's gospel, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26).

It is remarkable that all the early Christian texts known to us signal that the ultimate hope of the earliest Christians was the resurrection of the body. For those first Christians and for us, Jesus' resurrection was only part one of an eschatological drama that must await a future fulfilment with the second coming of Christ, when all who believe will be raised and transformed into a new reality where there will be no suffering or death. We will live on. The story of Lazarus points towards this future!

Ian J Elmer

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Are you new to our lovely South West and Parish? Please write your details in our *New Parishioners Book* in the foyer. We can then be in touch to arrange a time convenient to you to reach out with Parish information and a friendly welcome.

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

For more information please contact the parish office. Our phone number for the parish office is **9797 1886**. However, the quickest way is to contact us by email so that the required forms and information can be forwarded straight back to you **admin@leschenaultcatholicparish.org.au**. The office is usually attended on a Thursday, but email is usually the best contact.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND

Anyone in the parish who cannot attend Mass due to illness or being house bound is welcome to contact **Anne Stannaway** who can arrange for a Special Minister to call. Anne is available on **0400 492 592**.

**SAFEGUARDING
OFFICERS**

Our parish safeguarding officers are Cath Di-Bona; Anna Stevens and Laurie Sutherland

Call 0431 502 560



to discuss
any
safety
concerns
or
incidents.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Please leave a message on
1300 794 054 and a member
of the team will be in contact.

Next Meeting:
Tue April 11th at 4.30pm
New Members Welcome

**PREGNANCY ADVICE
BUNBURY**



**PREGNANCY
ASSISTANCE**

Support for any
pregnancy
Call 97924759



PARISH

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Noongar people. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of Christ the Living Vine, Inspired by the Holy Spirit, create a community of Christian love by reaching out to meet the needs of all in our Parish and beyond in a spirit of love, acceptance and compassion.

Parish Reconciliation

Wednesday 29th March at 4.30

The young people from the parish will make their First Reconciliation on this evening and we will share this liturgy with them.

We had advertised this Liturgy for Thursday the 30th March

Please note the change of date and time.

Times of various Parish Lenten practice

Lenten Prayer & Discussion Group - You are all very welcome, even if you haven't managed to join us earlier.

Wednesday 29th March after 9.00 Mass

Friday after Mass — **Stations of the Cross**

Friday in the Church at 5.30pm — **Prayer of Lamentation**

A great site if you would like to develop a greater familiarity with Scripture for each day of the year is '**Living Space**' or a quick Google search with the below link;

<https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/o1232r/>

Passion (Palm) Sunday—1 & 2 April

Please be prepared to come with your own olive branches, palms or greens for our celebration of Passion (Palm) Sunday. We may have a few available for those who don't have access.

MASS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9am Mass with Fr Pat; Wednesday 9am Mass; Thursday 9am Mass; Friday 9am Mass Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass; Sunday 8.30am Mass **5th Sunday of Lent**

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5-5.45pm Or by arrangement

THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Mila Maria Crane

Mason William Crane

Son and Daughter of Jamie and Amealia Crane



Sunday 26 March 2023
John 11:1-45
5th Sunday of Lent

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

**GOD
GIVES LIFE!**

Spot the
difference

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Can you find differences
between **Martha** and **Mary**?



Jesus' friend Lazarus has died. Jesus is very sad. He asks for the stone to be rolled away from the entrance to the tomb and calls to Lazarus. Lazarus comes out of the tomb alive - it's a miracle!

Lazarus Lives again!

Join the dots to see Lazarus coming back to life!



When I am ill

Lazarus' sisters,
Martha and Mary,
looked after Lazarus
when he was sick.
Who looks after you
when you are sick?
Draw a picture of
them caring for you.

looks after me when I am sick

A PRAYER TO SAY

I feel all kinds of different
things, Jesus. You felt lots
of different things too. Help
me to remember you are
always with me, however I
am feeling. Amen.

No longer sad

Lazarus was alive again! How do you think everyone felt?



Draw the faces of the people when they saw Lazarus come out
of the tomb. How would you feel? Draw yourself in the crowd.

Josephite Companions

If you are living with a Josephite Heart
and would like to know more about how you can become involved,
please contact;

D Savage on 08 9791 4008
H. Brown 0478 783 990
or email on: helenbrown.hb@gmail.com
Johanna Hynes 0450 741 837
Annette Mortellini 0427 980 272
Sue D'Ath 0466 565 047
Maria Allan 0419 920 143
Irene Rodgers 0423 488 018



Parish Pastoral Council Membership

A vacancy has arisen in the Parish Pastoral Council with the departure of Lauren Cronin to commence her university studies in Perth.

If you would like to serve the parish in this capacity please talk to Fr Robert or any of the Parish Pastoral Council members.

The Polish custom of blessing the Easter food basket will be on Easter Saturday 11am at Christ the living Vine church at Australind. Everyone is welcome.



The Letter

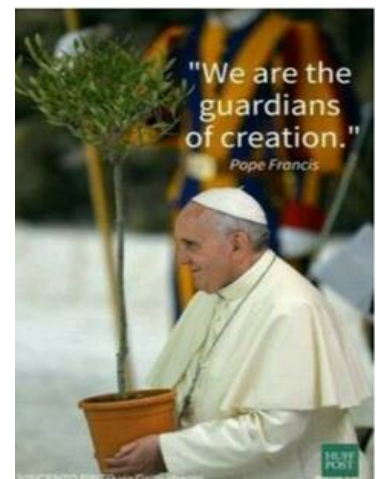
On a balmy autumn evening, 21 of our parishioners shared a grazing board and a wine. It was the perfect setting to begin our movie screening. The Letter did not disappoint. It was thought provoking, engaging and gave us lots to discuss and ponder. In terms of the action that Pope Francis encourages us to engage in, John was able to outline very early plans for a reflection pathway in our bushland.

Thanks you to all those who attended. Special thanks to Helen, Billy, John and Anne and Jack for his tech work.

If you would like to know about Laudato Si follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3Lz7dmn1eM>

—Natasha Shields



PRAYERS PLEASE

- There are quite a number in the Parish needing our prayers at present including Fred Morhall, Ray Green, Norma Glass, Bob Rigby, Rosemary Spurgeon, Robin Samuels, Delores Fisher, Pat McKenna, Sheila Tuppen and Lennie Hynes

Please send prayer requests by email for inclusion in the bulletin.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council

On behalf of all First Nations Catholics, they have expressed their appreciation for purchasing the Acknowledgement Plaque and walking alongside them on their journey of faith.

Professor Mick Dodson explains the relationship with;

'For us, Country is a word for all the values, resources, stories and cultural obligations associated with that area and its features. It describes the entirety of our ancestral domains.'

Look for the plaque in our foyer.



PARISH DATES

Sunday, March 26
Morning Tea

Saturday, April 1
6pm Mass
Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord

Sunday, April 2
8.30am—Palm Sunday
Passion of the Lord

Sunday, April 2
10am Baptism
Mila and Mason Crane

Thursday, April 6
7pm Mass of the Lord's
Supper/Washing of Feet

Good Friday, April 7
10am Stations of the Cross
3pm Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 8
7pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9
8.30 am Easter Sunday



Catholic Women's League

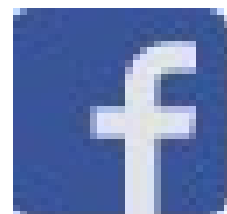
The next Catholic Women's League meeting;

Wednesday April 19 at 1pm
See you there...Fran

Catholic Ladies Lunch

The Leschenault Catholic Parish ladies lunch which normally occurs on the last Friday of each month has now been cancelled. For further information, please contact Jan Hynes or Parish Secretary on Thursday ph: 9797 1886

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FaceBook page:
CHRIST THE
LIVING VINE



ROSTERS	25-Mar	26-Mar	1-Apr	2-Apr
	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	6PM	8.30AM	6PM	8.30AM
ACOLYTE	Paddy Cox	Alex Mackie	Peter Williams	John Ncube
LECTOR/s	Cronin Family	Rosemary Hannon	Tash Shields	Rosemary Hannon
		Daniela Truscott		Cathryn Cox
COMMENTATOR	Cronin Family	Cath Di-Bona	Barbara Rae	Margaret Giumelli
GREETER	Janice Harewood	Nina Yntema	Jennifer Geimi	Norma Sale
ALTAR SERVERS	James and Samuel	Nadia	Daisy	Gabriel
FLOWERS	No flowers during Lent		No flowers during Lent	
MORNING TEA	Gianna and Elina		None	
COUNTERS	Judi Clark & Kerry Johnson		Mike and Penny Elliott	



PASTORAL COUNCILLORS

John Borserio (Chair)
 Natasha Shields (V.Chair)
 Karyn Cronin (OLMC)
 Jo Mincham
 Billy Amourous
 Daniel Graves (LCPS)
 Pia Doyle
 Penny Elliott
 Melissa Ryan
 Oliver Kietzmann
 Colin Fredericks

19 Mar

Loose	\$	1005.20
Other:	\$	0.00
Envelopes	\$	172.00
Total	\$	1177.20

Planned Giving: Credit Card link and Direct Debit forms are available on the Parish Website and Envelopes from the Office.

Collections and Donations

Due to changes with banking processes, we are no longer able to accept cheques for collection or donations of any kind.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 129)

ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

RESPONSE: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R.**

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!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

NEXT WEEK (Passion Sunday, Yr A) Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

*Brighten up
your day with
The Majellan*

The Dinner Table

We are on a mission to reunite families at the **Dinner Table**. Join us to help families reconnect and communicate more effectively. We want to help families be closer, sharing and loving. The dining table is not only for eating but a place for gathering, sharing, communicating and where relationships grow.

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