

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Matthew Srinivasan, Dianne Hutchinson and those of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Repose of the Souls: Doris Camilleri and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church
Cleaning

Working Bee: Saturday 28th March—Many volunteers needed.

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people.

St Dominic's Community holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. A cultural of safety within the Church ensures that children can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community. **We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.**

For those families with children, they are very welcome, and if your children become unrest during the celebration of the Holy Eucharistic, please use the Children Room on the side of the church, you can still listen to the homily from there.



Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.



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POVERTY
this Lent

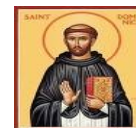
**SALE OF FOOD ON 19TH APRIL
LED BY VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY AFTER EACH MASS.**

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PLEASE TYPE YOUR THANKSGIVING
ENVELOPE NUMBER WHEN YOU DO
THE TRANSACTION.

The Parish has the facility of
**EFTPOS DEBIT, VISA CARD
and MASTER CARD.** This is a
good option for those who do
not carry cash and would like
to contribute to the church.
**The set up is of: \$5.00;
\$10.00; \$20.00 and \$50.00**

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sundays: 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)
9.00am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Vietnamese Mass
9.00am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays: English Mass
11.00am: English Mass
1.00pm: Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am Mass
Morning Prayer of the Church: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.25am

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday before Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Benediction: Every Friday following the 9.00am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday to Saturday before or after Mass.

Baptism Information/Preparation: Every First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Every Third Wednesday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Fifth Sunday of Lent — Year A

22nd March 2026

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12 – 14
I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 129
R/ With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
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.

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— I am the resurrection and the life.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2: 6-11; Matthew 26: 14-27:66

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent in Year A feature significant passages from the gospel of John. The first of the three readings was the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus described himself as Living Water. The second was the healing of the blind man and Jesus declaring himself to be the Light of the World. In today's passage about the death and raising of Lazarus, Jesus declares, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' Living Water; Light of the World; and the Resurrection and the Life – three important images of Jesus that all emerge from the gospel of John. Each of the events relate to Jesus' response to some physical need: thirst; blindness; and death. However, in each case, Jesus not only responds to the physical need but also reveals a truth about himself that leads people to belief.

The raising of Lazarus marks a turning point in the gospel of John. Chapter 11 concludes with the Jewish authorities plotting to arrest Jesus and then Chapter 12 begins the final week of Jesus' life in Jerusalem. The significance of this episode is highlighted by the disciples who question Jesus about the wisdom of going back to Judea when the people there had wanted to stone Jesus to death. In going to save the life of his friend, Lazarus, Jesus knows that he is journeying towards his own death. In fact, the end of Chapter 11 makes clear that it is some of the witnesses to the raising of Lazarus who go and complain to the authorities and precipitate the action against Jesus. In the gospel of John, it is the episode with Lazarus that effectively signs Jesus' death warrant. The gospel makes clear that Jesus gives up his own life so that Lazarus may live.

Scriptural context – Jesus wept

'Jesus wept' is the shortest verse in the New Testament. Just two little words carry a world of emotion and speak volumes about Jesus. Pope Leo I used this verse to highlight the two natures of Jesus, pointing out that in his humanity, Jesus wept for the death of his friend, but in his divinity Jesus raised Lazarus to life. Lazarus and his sisters were close friends of Jesus and Jesus is clearly emotional about the death and its effect on Martha and Mary. That Jesus is about to restore Lazarus to life does not deny the grief and mourning at Lazarus' death.

Living the Gospel – Unbind him, let him go free

To see a man bound up for burial suddenly come walking from his tomb must have been an unnerving experience to say the least. However, Jesus calmly commands the astonished onlookers to 'unbind him, let him go free'. These words speak to us today as we come to the end of the Lenten season and approach the celebration of Easter. What are the things that 'bind' us? From what do we need to be released so that we may 'go free'? Are they bindings placed by ourselves or others? What will it take to be unbound?

Gospel Focus – Death for Life

The gospel writer paints the picture that Jesus is fully conscious of the implications of his return to Judea. As the events of the Passion unfold through this gospel, the reader has a very clear impression in their mind that if Jesus had not come to Judea; had not raised Lazarus; then he would not have been arrested and crucified. The reader is also drawn into the revelation that the sacrifice of Jesus was not solely for Lazarus but rather for all humanity. This realisation leads the reader to the ultimate humbling conclusion that if the sacrifice of Jesus was for people then the reader themselves is also the recipient of that sacrifice.

Holy Thursday Washing of feet

This year we will give the privilege to 12 sick members in our parish, to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday evening Mass of the Lord's Last Supper.

Please register their names with Fr Octavian as soon as possible. God bless them all.



Reconciliation Service.

Thursday 26th March

At 7.00pm

WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 28TH
MARCH

IN PREPARATION OF
PALM SUNDAY.

Please come along and help us to clean
and decorate the church.
many hands make light work



Holy Saturday at Easter Vigil Mass the catholic church welcomes the catechumens into the Catholic Faith.

In St Dominic's We welcome Juvy Lavapiez and Asri Iskandar who will be receiving the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion as a culmination of the process of their preparation into the Catholic Church. Lord Look kindly on them as they listen to your voice, open their hearts to your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work you have begun in them.

EASTER ENVELOPES
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOR YOUR DONATION.
THANK YOU!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 7.00PM

During Lent Fr Octavian will be visiting the sick of the community, please give him the name and address of those who need to be visited by the priest.

Parish Synod Corner

6. Who participates in a Synod? A Synod involves the whole People of God: bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful. Each has a distinct role, but all share responsibility for the Church's mission. Synodality does not blur roles—it helps each vocation flourish in service of the Gospel.

7. Synodality and bishops. Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does.

8. Synodality and priests. For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary, and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission.

9. Synodality and the laity. Synodality affirms that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of all the baptised. Lay people are not simply helpers of clergy; they are active disciples called to witness to Christ in families, workplaces, and society. A synodal Church takes this vocation seriously.

10. Synodality is about mission. The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.

11. What synodality is NOT Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the centuries is not negotiable. What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate, and embody that faith in changing times.