



# St Kieran's Parish - Osborne Park

5th Sunday in Lent (A)

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING:

**Ezekiel 37:12–14**

The Lord says this: I am 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

**All: Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 129**

**Response: 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 ear 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.

The Word of the Lord

**All: 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.

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### GOSPEL:

**John 11: 1-45**

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?' '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, '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

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PARISH SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass
7:30pm	Mass (longer liturgy)

### SUNDAY

8.00am	Mass
9:00am	Mass
10:15am	Mass (Italian)
11.15am	Mass (Brazilian-every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

### TUESDAY

8:00am	Mass
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### WEDNESDAY

8:00am	Mass
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### THURSDAY

7:30am	Adoration
8:00am	Mass

### FRIDAY

8:00am	Mass
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### BAPTISM

1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> Sunday	11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment
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### CONFESSION

Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/ by appointment

### WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

By appointment

### PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest	Fr. Wilson Donizzetti
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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday	12.30pm – 4:00pm
Friday	10.00am – 2:30pm

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## Mass intentions

Sat	6:30pm	Rosa Scafidi (1 year) Ryan Murphy (3 years)
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	Sebastian and Teresita Rebullo Antonia Luvera (Anniv.)
	9:00am	
	10:15am	Carmine Vetrone (Anniv.) Nunzio Bruno, Carmela Agnello
	11:15am	

## Readers

Sat	6:30pm	Margot Harness
	7:30pm	
Sun	8.00am	John Murray & Gabriel
	9:00am	Ria & Risa Valder
	10:15am	Italian Mass
	11:15am	Brazilian Mass (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month)

## Servers/Acolyte

Sat	6:30pm	Emma, Riccardo, Izzy, Alexandra, Nicholas & Campbell <i>Brad</i>
	7:30pm	
	8.00am	Gabriel, Jacob, Jonathon <i>Eugene</i>
Sun	9:00am	Grace, Abigail, Phoebe & Ahinsa <i>Brendon &amp; Pedro</i>
	10:15am	<i>Giovanni</i>

## Children's Liturgy

Sun Jo & Judy

## Hospital

## By appointment

### YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Our Plan-giving is an essential part of the parish financial needs. Talk to either Phil, Eugene or Judith Tresham to know more about it and be part of our plan-giving. You can either contribute weekly or monthly through our parish online accounts. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

*Thank you!*

There is in the Gospel of John a verse so small that one might almost step over it without noticing, and yet it bears a weight that could bend the whole world beneath it: **“Jesus wept.”** It appears at the tomb of Lazarus. Christ stands before the grave of a man whom He fully intends, within moments, to call back into the light of day. Death, in this particular encounter, will be forced to loosen its grip. And yet—before the miracle, before the command—He weeps. **COME OUT!!!!** If Christianity were merely a neat philosophy, tears would be quite unnecessary. A philosopher might offer an explanation of death; a moral teacher might supply a few words of encouragement about courage in the face of it. But Christianity does not begin with an explanation. It begins with a Person. And the astonishing claim of the Gospel is that God Himself has stepped into the tragedy of the human story. Christ does not observe our suffering from the cool distance of a spectator. He enters it. Before He removes sorrow, He shares it. Before He conquers death, He stands beside the mourners and weeps. This is a truth our own age greatly needs. Many people suspect religion of being little more than a gentle anaesthetic—pleasant words designed to dull the sharper pains of existence. Yet the scene at Lazarus’ tomb suggests something quite different. Christianity does not step around suffering; it walks straight through it. God does not ignore human grief. He meets it with tears of His own. For that reason, the Christian’s first duty in a skeptical age is not clever argument but faithful presence. Before we speak about God, we must learn to stand quietly beside those who mourn. Words are sometimes necessary—but companionship in sorrow is often the first sermon the world can hear. There is another detail in the story that is just as revealing. When Lazarus emerges from the tomb, some who witness the miracle believe. But others, rather astonishingly, begin plotting against Christ. The miracle itself does not settle the matter. Modern people often imagine that faith would come easily if only the evidence were strong enough. Yet this story hints that the real difficulty lies elsewhere. The problem is not simply a lack of proof; it is the posture of the heart. The same light that opens one man’s eyes may cause another to shut his more tightly. Then comes the command that echoes across the centuries: **“Lazarus, come out!”** It is worth noticing that Lazarus does nothing to earn this summons. He cannot improve himself, reason his way back to life, or struggle upward toward the sunlight. He is dead. The whole movement—from darkness to life—comes entirely from the voice of Christ. And here the story begins to speak very directly to our own time. Many people today appear energetic, productive, and outwardly successful. Yet inwardly they feel something curiously like a sealed tomb: habits they cannot escape, confusions they cannot untangle, a quiet despair they struggle even to name. In one way or another, we all know what it is to be bound in grave cloths. Yet the Christian message is that Christ still calls. Through Scripture, through conscience, through the quiet life of the Church, and sometimes through the most unexpected moments of grace, that same voice continues to sound in the human heart: **Come out.** When Lazarus does emerge, he is still wrapped in the cloths of burial. And Christ turns to the bystanders and says, **“Unbind him, and let him go.”** The life itself comes from Christ alone—but the community helps remove the wrappings. The Christian life, from beginning to end, was never meant to be lived in isolation. One final detail remains. Lazarus will, of course, die again. His return to life is temporary. It is not the final victory over death but a sign pointing forward to something greater—the resurrection of Christ Himself, where death is not merely postponed but defeated altogether. And here lies the great hope of the Gospel for an anxious age. Death is not the last chapter of the story. Christ stands even now before the tombs of our fears, our griefs, and our failures. He weeps with us in our suffering, calls us out of our darkness, and promises that one day even death itself will hear His voice—and obey.

## PARISH EVENTS

### Fr. Oscar’s Thank you, message

Thank you to the St Kieran community for your unconditional support and friendship. It was a joy to celebrate another year of my life among you. I’m truly grateful for the opportunity to serve you to the best of my abilities

### Way of the Cross during Lent and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Friday at 6.00pm, Confession available during the Way of the Cross.



#### 29/03/26 Palm Sunday masses:

7.45am 8.45am (English) 10:15am (Italian)

#### 02/04/26 Holy Thursday (Institution of the Eucharist & Washing of the Feet) No morning Mass

Mass of the Lord’s Supper 6.30pm

#### 03/04/26 Good Friday

Family Stations of the Cross 10.00am (Parish Grounds)

Passion of the Lord / Veneration of the cross 3.00pm

04/04/26 Saturday Easter Vigil: 6.30pm

Whole night Vigil: 10.00pm to 4:00am (School Hall)

05/04/26 Easter Sunday 8:00am, 9:00am (English) & 10:15am (Italian)

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for a meaningful Stations of the Cross Children’s Play, presented by our wonderful children and teenagers. To participate in the play, please attend the rehearsal dates as noted on the flyer. Any questions please contact Ruby 0433 636 476 or Dana 0417 002 135 We look forward to seeing you.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### CHILDREN’S PLAY

## ST. KIERAN CHURCH

Friday, 3rd April 2026 at 10am

★ ALL CHILDREN & TEENAGERS WELCOME ★

Come and be part of this beautiful journey of faith, reflection, and community.

Rehearsals at Church 3.30pm–4.30pm

## LITURGIA DELLA PAROLA

### PRIMA LETTURA

Ez 37,12-14

Così dice il Signore Dio: «Ecco, io apro i vostri sepolcri, vi faccio uscire dalle vostre tombe, o popolo mio, e vi riconduco nella terra d'Israele. Riconoscerete che io sono il Signore, quando aprirò le vostre tombe e vi farò uscire dai vostri sepolcri, o popolo mio. Farò entrare in voi il mio spirito e rivivrete; vi farò riposare nella vostra terra. Saprete che io sono il Signore. L'ho detto e lo farò». Oracolo del Signore Dio.

Parola di Dio

**A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

### SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Sal 129

*Il Signore è bontà e misericordia.*

Dal profondo a Te grido, o Signore; Signore, ascolta la mia voce. Siano i Tuoi orecchi attenti alla voce della mia supplica. **R**

Se consideri le colpe, Signore, Signore, chi ti può resistere? Ma con Te è il perdono: così avremo il tuo timore. **R.**

Io spero, Signore. Spera l'anima mia, attendo la Sua parola. L'anima mia è rivolta al Signore più che le sentinelle all'aurora. **R.**

Più che le sentinelle l'aurora, Israele attenda il Signore, perché con il Signore è la misericordia e grande è con Lui la redenzione. Egli redimerà Israele da tutte le sue colpe. **R.**

### SECONDA LETTURA

Rm 8, 8-11

Fratelli, quelli che si lasciano dominare dalla carne non possono piacere a Dio. Voi però non siete sotto il dominio della carne, ma dello Spirito, dal momento che lo Spirito di Dio abita in voi. Se qualcuno non ha lo Spirito di Cristo, non gli appartiene. Ora, se Cristo è in voi, il vostro corpo è morto per il peccato, ma lo Spirito è vita per la giustizia. E se lo Spirito di Dio, che ha risuscitato Gesù dai morti, abita in voi, colui che ha risuscitato Cristo dai morti darà la vita anche ai vostri corpi mortali per mezzo del suo Spirito che abita in voi

Parola di Dio

**A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

### CANTO AL VANGELO

*Gloria a Te, o Cristo, Verbo di Dio!*

*Io sono la luce del mondo, dice il Signore; chi segue me, avrà la luce della vita.*

*Gloria a Te, o Cristo, Verbo di Dio!*

### VANGELO

Gv 9, 1.6-9.13-17.34-38

In quel tempo, Gesù passando vide un uomo cieco dalla nascita; sputò per terra, fece del fango con la saliva, spalmò il fango sugli occhi del cieco e gli disse: «Va' a lavarti nella piscina di Siloe», che significa "Inviato". Quegli andò, si lavò e tornò che ci vedeva. Allora i vicini e quelli che lo avevano visto prima, perché era un mendicante, dicevano: «Non è lui quello che stava seduto a chiedere l'elemosina?». Alcuni dicevano: «È lui»; altri dicevano: «No, ma è uno che gli assomiglia». Ed egli diceva: «Sono io!». Conducessero dai farisei quello che era stato cieco: era un sabato, il giorno in cui Gesù aveva fatto del fango e gli aveva aperto gli occhi. Anche i farisei dunque gli chiesero di nuovo come aveva acquistato la vista. Ed egli disse loro: «Mi ha messo del fango sugli occhi, mi sono lavato e ci vedo». Allora alcuni dei farisei dicevano: Quest'uomo non viene da Dio, perché non osserva il sabato». Altri invece dicevano: «Come può un peccatore compiere segni di questo genere?». E c'era dissenso tra loro. Allora dissero di nuovo al cieco: «Tu, che cosa dici di lui, dal momento che ti ha aperto gli occhi?». Egli rispose: «È un profeta!». Gli replicarono: «Sei nato tutto nei peccati e insegni a noi?». E lo cacciarono fuori. Gesù seppe che l'avevano cacciato fuori; quando lo trovò, gli disse: «Tu, credi nel Figlio dell'uomo?». Egli rispose: «E chi è, Signore, perché io creda in lui?». Gli disse Gesù: «Lo hai visto: è colui che parla con te». Ed egli disse: «Credo, Signore!». E si prostrò dinanzi a lui.

Parola del Signore

**A: Lode a Te, o Cristo.**