



# RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2025

*Resurrection Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults*

## OFFICE AND CONTACT DETAILS

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.  
Closed for lunch between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm.  
Sunday 8.30am - 12.30pm

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## Parish at Prayer

### Mass Times

Saturday

6.00 pm

Sunday

9.00 am  
10.30 am

### Weekdays

Monday

9.30 am

Tuesday

9.30 am

Thursday

6.30 pm

Friday

7.00 pm

(1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH)

RECONCILIATION - FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 9.30AM

# Lent at Resurrection

Gospel Reflection - Every Saturday at 10am

2nd Rite Reconciliation - Tuesday 8th April  
7pm

Anointing Mass - Saturday 12th April  
10am followed by light refreshments

Palm Sunday - 12th & 13th April  
Saturday 6pm - Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am  
Procession of palms at each Mass

*We pray for Jessica McDonald and all those who have died recently.*

*We pray for Nancy & Angelo Grima, Julia Ducabo, Helen Ziemnicki, Emanwel Calleja, Bill Nicol and all those whose anniversary occur at about this time.*

*Please also pray for Dolores Porto, Rolando Brinas, Remedios Casin and all those who are sick.*

**We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we stand.  
We pay our respects to the Elders, past and present.**

## WELCOME AND THANK YOU FR NOEL!

Fr Noel has kindly agreed to preside over our Sunday morning Masses this week, allowing me to attend the 50th Anniversary celebration of my former Parish in Geelong.

*Thank you!*

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

As we approach Easter, St Vinnies is asking you collect a shopping bag and fill it with non perishable items to distribute to the needy families in our area. The foods they are seeking are canned beans, spaghetti, tuna salmon, sardines, vegetables, soup, stew, condiments such as jam, peanut butter, vegemite, cereals, porridge, coffee, team UHT milk, tomato sauce, sugar.



Please refrain from donating items that need refrigeration, expired and unsealed food items.

These bags will be available at the back of the Church.



## UPDATES FROM UGANDA - FR NESTUS

### Parish Sustainability Projects - Coffee Plantation

It's good news that we really took a pragmatic approach as soon as we started our parish and looked beyond the present challenges which we were struggling through and start a coffee plantation project. At the moment we have ten acres of grown up coffee which have started harvesting. Last year we were able to earn Uganda shillings 23,000,000/=. This was a great relief to the parish for we used it to pay some earlier salaries for the parish workers and other parish daily running expenses. We also used it to contribute to the ongoing presbytery construction. We are hoping that possibly this year we may earn little bit higher than last season. We have also started another five acres of coffee plantation. Thanks for the startup capital to this wonderful project. We are looking forward to continue investing in coffee growing for it is the way to for Uganda.



## LAM from VIETNAM

Lam was born and raised in rural Vietnam with his farming parents and three siblings. As a 27-year-old man of very short stature, he experienced significant physical and social barriers due to his disability.



When Lam graduated high school, many of his fellow students pursued career aspirations at university. But it wasn't the same for Lam, whose physical disability meant few vocations available to him. Without access to employment opportunities, he stayed at home with his parents in their rural home where he spent most of his time completing household chores with his family, harvesting vegetables, feeding chickens and cooking meals. Lam felt increasingly isolated and felt disconnected from his friends, from society and from his dream of becoming a graphic designer.

Caritas Australia's partner in Vietnam, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), opened the door for Lam to pursue his dream of becoming a graphic designer. The I-SHINE program is designed to help children and youth with disabilities in Vietnam access education, vocational training and start-up opportunities to generate an income.

## MEN'S GROUP

Come and join us, consider this your personal invitation. Men that might be retired or at home on their own, and looking to socialise with like-minded men. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th March at 10am in the Narthex

## FIRST RECONCILIATION:

The catechetical children will make their First Reconciliation on Thursday 27th March at 4pm and the Parish Primary School Children on Friday 28th March after the 9am Mass.

## SIGN UP FOR HOLY TRIDUUM

Should you wish to participate in a ministry during any of our Holy Triduum Masses, please place your name on the sign up sheet.



## EXITING THE CHURCH CARPARK

As you exit the car park, kindly follow the directional arrows and remain on the left-hand side. This helps reduce congestion, particularly after the 9am Mass and before the 10:30am Mass. We appreciate your cooperation.

## HOW TO MEDITATE..

Sit down. Sit still and upright. Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Breathe calmly and regularly. Silently, interiorly begin to say a single word.

Fr John Main recommends the prayer phrase or mantra "Ma-ra-na-tha'. Recite it as four syllables of equal length. Listen to it as you say it, gently, with love and continuously.

Do not think or imagine anything - spiritual or otherwise. If thoughts or images come, these are distractions at the time of meditation, so keep returning to simply saying the word.

**29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>9.00 AM</b>	<b>10.30 AM</b>
<b>MASS OVERSEERS</b>	Judith Santiago	Vilinda Rebutillo	Aurora Asuncion
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Marlene Axiak Michelle Mercieca	Kathy Wale Michael Donnelly Maria Grasso	Dolly Zipagan Cecilia Navarro Nyanrob Deng
<b>DATA PROJECTOR</b>	Hannah Dunn	Christian Dizon	Jet Fraser
<b>CAMERA OPERATOR</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>PROCLAIMERS</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Response 2 <sup>nd</sup> Intercessions	Marlene Axiak Isabella Portelli Marlene Axiak Isabella Portelli	Minh- Tham Pham Choir Minh- Tham Pham Kathy Wale	Marissa Medilo Maria Lagura Marissa Medilo Maria Lagura
<b>COLLECTORS</b>	Noel Oliver Joseph Caruana Harley Cassar Jimmy Attard Charlie Grech Dominic Boland	Frank Grech Anthony Scerri Milton Young (A) Mario Vella Virgilio Romerona Edwin Rebutillo	Isidro Asuncion Graeme Fraser Brian Briffa Marta Molina Teddy Bernardo Tilo Matagi Carmel Vassallo Yvonne Utoasega Paul Bossini
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	n/a	Megan Treanor	<b>Daniel D'Souza</b> Oliver D'Souza Christian Dizon Leanne Alderson Emanuelle Brizuela Lyn Nguyen Vyvy Nguyen
<b>SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	Fr Gerard Keith Joseph Caruana Jane Caruana Jacqueline Wolfe	Fr Gerard Keith Marc Dicconson Phuong Nguyen Michael Donnelly	Fr Gerard Keith Angelita Ramat Clem Beltran Eddy Nedilo Cleo Oliveria
<b>SACRISTY DUTY</b>	Melanie Apap	Roselyne Collard	Teresita Villar
<b>COFFEE MAKERS</b>	Merlene Camenzuli Louis Camenzuli	Anthony Scerri Margaret Bannerman	Yvonne Utoasega & Family
<b>COFFEE CLEAN UP</b>	Mirjana Dutkowsky Need Volunteer	Edwin Rebutillo Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer Need Volunteer



### READING 1

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.” While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7.

**R. (9a) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

### READING 2

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

### GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them Jesus addressed this parable: “A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of

the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.’” So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’ Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”

