



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

22ND February, 2026

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

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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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Welcome, Fr Nestus

We are delighted to welcome Fr Nestus from Buguya, Uganda. He will be celebrating Mass with us on Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March. We pray that his time with us will be blessed and fruitful, and we look forward to sharing in faith and fellowship together.

Stewardship Envelopes

The next set of stewardship envelopes was mailed out on **Tuesday, 17 February**. Please check your letterbox over the coming days to ensure you have received them.

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of our parish.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” — 2 Corinthians 9:7

Upcoming Events

- Special Ministers to the housebound - **Wednesday 25th February at 7pm** in the school planning room.
- Pastoral Visitation to the Parish by the Regional **Bishop Ashe**, from **Friday 13th March to Sunday 15th March**.
- Men's Group - Presentation on Wills and Power of Attorney by Solicitor **Michelle Caruana Scott on Thursday 19th March at 10am to 12pm**. Everyone is welcome.

UGANDA CHILD SPONSORSHIP

All our sponsors - you are warmly encouraged to write a letter to your sponsor child, and we will ensure that all letters are passed on to Fr Nestus during his visit so he can deliver them personally.



STAFF COMMISSIONING MASS

We warmly welcome all staff of Resurrection Parish Primary School this Sunday at the 10.30am Mass.



We pray for all those who have died recently:

We pray for Afonso Sam, Lay Tui Fung, Jose Lay, Mira Vasilious Kozari, Lawrence D'Cunha, Custodio Lawrence D'Cunha, Maria Joseph Phule, Norma Nacion, Bezzina family and all those whose anniversary occur at about this time.

Please also pray for 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.*

Lent at Resurrection

PRAYER

- **Monday & Tuesday - 9.30am Mass** with the Prayer of the Church. Prior to the Mass there will be 20 minutes of Christian Meditation.
- **Wednesday - 9.30am to 12.00pm Communion Service and Rosary**
- **Wednesday Christ's Catholic Community Prayer Group 6.30pm - 8pm.** Reflection on Sunday readings, rosary and praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- **Thursday - 6pm Mass** with the Prayer of the Church. Prior to the Mass there will be 20 minutes of Christian Meditation. At the conclusion of Mass there will be the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- **Saturday - Gospel Reflection at 10am**

ALMSGIVING (HELPING OTHERS IN NEED)

St Vincent de Paul

Grocery bags from St Vincent de Paul will be available at the back of the church. Parishioners are encouraged to take a bag and fill it with non-perishable items that are within their use-by date.



Caritas Project Compassion 2026



Caritas invites us to take part in their 40-day campaign supporting vulnerable communities both here and around the world.

Throughout Lent, parishioners are encouraged to pray, fast, and give in solidarity with those in need. Your generosity helps Caritas continue its vital mission of compassion, justice, and hope.

LIFE IS A JOURNEY – SIX-DAY RETREAT INVITATION

The focus of this retreat:

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.” — Jer-emiah 31:3

Life is a Journey is a six-day retreat inviting you to reflect on your life through the lens of God's gentle and faithful presence. Each day offers space to explore themes of longing, grace, surrender, the Cross, and the healing power of the present moment. Rooted in the Heart of Christ Jesus, this retreat is not about reaching a destination but about discovering God walking with you in every step. You'll return home each day with time to reflect and come back ready to go deeper. Come as you are — the journey begins with love.

50th Anniversary Dinner Dance -

The dinner dance is now **sold out**. If you are interested in attending please contact the office and you will be placed on a wait list.



The details of this retreat:

Date: 23rd - 28th March -

If there is sufficient interest there will be two sessions each day one at 10am and the same session repeated at 7pm. The retreat will be held in the Church.

Each session will run for one hour, the cost is \$50 for the whole retreat.

The retreat will be lead by **Fr Chris McPhee** a Missionary of the Sacred Heart Priest who has served in parish, formation, and leadership roles throughout Australia and internationally. He was Provincial of the MSCs in Australia, guiding the Province through significant transitions with a focus on hope, transparency, and pastoral care.

Registration - If you would like to take part in the parish retreat, you may register by adding your name to the sign up sheet at the back of the **Church next week**.



If you have already booked and have any special dietary requirements, please contact the Parish Office so we can ensure your needs are accommodated.

28th February & 1st March Sunday 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

	6.00pm	9.00 AM	10.30 AM
MASS OVERSEERS	John Borja	Vilinda Rebustillo	Yvonne Utoasega
HOSPITALITY	Melanie Apap Grace Eppingstall	Anna Cassar Michael Donnelly	Tessie Villar Dolly Zipagan Nyanrob Deng
DATA PROJECTOR	Marlene Axiak	Christian Dizon	Calvin Alderson
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Cristina Salcedo Connie Attard Cristina Salcedo Connie Attard	Marc Dicconson Minh Tham Pham Marc Dicconson Minh Tham Pham	Jet Nacional Joana Nacional Jet Nacional Joana Nacional
COLLECTORS	Noel Oliver Joseph Caruana Harley Cassar Jimmy Attard Charlie Grech	Frank Grech Mario Vella Virgilio Romerona Edwin Rebustillo	Isidro Asuncion Graeme Fraser Marta Molina Teddy Bernardo Carmel Vassallo Yvonne Utoasega
Children's Liturgy	n/a	Huong Nguyen	
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Judith Santiago Phu Thang Le Karen Colaco	Fr Gerard Keith Kathy Wale Marc Dicconson Nadia Young	Fr Gerard Keith Jacqueline Wolfe Suzan Tienzo Brian Briffa Clem Beltran
SACRISTY DUTY	Melanie Apap	Roselyne Collard	Margaret Vilardo
COFFEE MAKERS	Henry Dunn Marissa Dunn	Margaret Bannerman Anthony Scerri	Kate Pedralvez Leanne Alderson Suzana Tienzo
COFFEE CLEAN UP	Mirjana Dutkowsky Michelle Polidano	Edwin Rebustillo Need Volunteer	Jane Inot Paul Bossini Carmel Vassallo Michael Utoasega



Sisilia's story, Tanzania

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time.



7th & 8th March 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent

	6.00pm	9.00 AM	10.30 AM
MASS OVERSEERS	Marlene Axiak	Rosemarie Balfour	Marissa Medilo
HOSPITALITY	Rachael Bonavia	Vilinda Rebustillo Michael Donnelly Jacob Rebustillo	Tessie Villar Cecilia Navarro Yvonne Utoasega
DATA PROJECTOR	Harley Cassar	Renata Gorlin	Jet Fraser
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Jane Caruana Choir Jane Caruana Karen Colaco	Kristy Stojcevski Colleen Wolfe Kristy Stojcevski Colleen Wolfe	Calvin alderson Choir Calvin alderson Aurora Asuncion
COLLECTORS	Noel Oliver Joseph Caruana Harley Cassar Jimmy Attard Charlie Grech	Frank Grech Mario Vella Virgilio Romerona Edwin Rebustillo	Isidro Asuncion Graeme Fraser Brian Briffa Marta Molina Teddy Bernardo Tilo Matagi Carmel Vassallo Yvonne Utoasega Paul Bossini
Children's Liturgy	n/a	Huong Nguyen	
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Phu Thang Le Cathy Downing Geraldine Holt	Fr Gerard Keith Michael Donnelly Minh Pham Kathy Wale	Fr Gerard Keith Felicitas Baltazar Teddy Bernardo Marian Bernardo Cleo Oliveria
SACRISTY DUTY	Patricia Marek	Michael Donnelly	Aurora Asuncion
COFFEE MAKERS	Grace Eppingstall Need Volunteer	Leon D'Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Kate Pedralvez Emilia Rivera
COFFEE CLEAN UP	Mirjana Dutkowsky Michelle Polidano	Edwin Rebustillo Need Volunteer	Paul Bossini Michael Utoasega

Children's Liturgy – Helpers Needed

We are seeking enthusiastic helpers to assist with Children's Liturgy at the 10.30am Mass. This ministry runs every fortnight and is a wonderful way to support the faith formation of our young parishioners.

If you are interested, please email resoyouth@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office. We especially encourage 18–35 year olds to apply.



14th & 15th March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent

	6 P M	9.00 A M	10.30 A M
MASS OVERSEERS	Judith Santiago	Kathy Wale	Aurora Asuncion
HOSPITALITY	Marlene Axiak Michelle Mercieca	Michael Donnelly Maria Grasso	Dolly Zipagan Celia Navarro Nyanrob Deng
DATA PROJECTOR	Hannah Dunn	Jacob Rebustillo	Jomar Inot
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Cathy Downing Geraldine Holt Cathy Downing Geraldine Holt	Vilinda Rebustillo Jacob Rebustillo Vilinda Rebustillo Jacob Rebustillo	Jacqueline Yuan Choir Jacqueline Yuan Marissa Medilo
COLLECTORS	Noel Oliver Joseph Caruana Harley Cassar Jimmy Attard Charlie Grech	Frank Grech Mario Vella Virgilio Romerona Edwin Rebustillo	Isidro Asuncion Graeme Fraser Brian Briffa Marta Molina Teddy Bernardo Tilo Matagi Carmel Vassallo Yvonne Utoasega Paul Bossini
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Joseph Caruana Jane Caruana Karen Colaco	Fr Gerard Keith Rosemarie Balfour Nadia Young Eve Balfour	Fr Gerard Keith Margaret Vilardo Teresita Villar Atalina Ulugia-Sa'ena Yvonne Utoasega
SACRISTY DUTY	Melanie Apap	Roselyne Collard	Teresita Villar
COFFEE MAKERS	Marlene Camenzuli Louis Camenzuli	Anthony Scerri Margaret Bannerman	Yvonne Utoasega & Family
COFFEE CLEAN UP	Mirjana Dutkowsky Need Volunteer	Edwin Rebustillo Need Volunteer	Paul Bossini Michael Utoasega Carmel Vassallo

21st & 22nd March 2026

5th Sunday of Lent

	6.00pm	9.00 AM	10.30 AM
MASS OVERSEERS	Michelle Mercieca	Vilinda Rebustillo	Angelita Ramat
HOSPITALITY	Jane Caruana Joe Caruana Charlie Grech	Margaret Vella Mario Vella	Maria Lagura Brian Briffa
DATA PROJECTOR	Julia Portelli	Christian Dizon	Calvin Alderson
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Connie Attard Marlene Axiak Connie Attard Marlene Axiak	Kathy Wale Elizabeth Michaelsen Kathy Wale Elizabeth Michaelsen	Atalina Ulugia-Sa'Ena Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'Ena Atalina Ulugia-Sa'Ena Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'Ena
COLLECTORS	Noel Oliver Joseph Caruana Harley Cassar Jimmy Attard Charlie Grech	Frank Grech Anthony Scerri Mario Vella Virgilio Romerona Edwin Rebustillo	Isidro Asuncion Graeme Fraser Brian Briffa Marta Molina Teddy Bernardo Tilo Matagi Carmel Vassallo Yvonne Utoasega Paul Bossini
Children's Liturgy	n/a	Megan Treanor	Daniel D'Souza Oliver D'Souza Christian Dizon Leanne Alderson Emanuelle Brizuela Lyn Nguyen Vyvy Nguyen
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Doris Oliver Gina Snudden Henry Dunn	Fr Gerard Keith Marc Dicconson Michael Donnelly Minh Pham	Fr Gerard Keith Jet Nacional Marissa Medilo Eddy Medilo Jacqueline Wolfe
SACRISTY DUTY	Helen Muscat	Renata Gorlin	Cecilia Navarro
COFFEE MAKERS	Need Volunteer Need Volunteer	Leon D'Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Jacquelin Yuan Wes Yuan
COFFEE CLEAN UP	Need Volunteer Need Volunteer	Imelda Dizon Rosita Perez	Paul Bossini Michael Utoasega

28th & 29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

	6.00pm	8.30 AM	10.30 AM
MASS OVERSEERS	Judith Santiago	Rosemarie Balfour	Aurora Asuncion
HOSPITALITY	Marlene Axiak Michelle Mercieca	Kathy Wale Michael Donnelly Maria Grasso	Dolly Zipagan Cecilia Navarro Nyanrob Deng
DATA PROJECTOR	Hannah Dunn	Renata Gorlin	Jet Fraser
PROCLAIMERS			
1 st Response	Isabella Portelli Marissa Dunn Isabella Portelli	Nadia Young Marc Dicconson Nadia Young	Angelita Ramat Maria Lagura Angelita Ramat
2 nd			
Narrator	Michelle Mercieca	Jacob Rebustillo	Atalina Ulugia-Sa'Ena
Jesus	Fr Gerard	Fr Gerard	Fr Gerard
Other Part 1	Cathy Downing	Elizabeth Michaelsen	Sacreana Ulugia-Sa 'Ena
Other Part 2	Henry Dunn	Colleen Wolfe	Jomar Inot
Intercessions	Marissa Dunn	Marc Dicconson	Maria Lagura
COLLECTORS	Noel Oliver Joseph Caruana Harley Cassar Jimmy Attard Charlie Grech	Frank Grech Anthony Scerri Mario Vella Virgilio Romerona Edwin Rebustillo	Isidro Asuncion Graeme Fraser Brian Briffa Marta Molina Teddy Bernardo Tilo Matagi Carmel Vassallo Yvonne Utoasega Paul Bossini
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Rocky Hughes Olga Hughes Phu Thang Le	Fr Gerard Keith Nadia Young Vilinda Rebustillo Kathy Wale	Fr Gerard Keith Calvin Alderson Jane Inot Kenneth Inot Clem Beltran
SACRISTY DUTY	Melanie Apap	Roselyn Collard	Fely Baltazar
COFFEE MAKERS	Marlene Camenzuli Louis Camenzuli	Anthony Scerri Margaret Bannerman	Yvonne Utoasega & Family
COFFEE CLEAN UP	Mirjana Dutkowsky Need Volunteer	Edwin Rebustillo Need Volunteer	Paul Bossini Michaéal Utoasega Carmel Vassallo



READING 1

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram: “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you.” Abram went as the LORD directed him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.

R. (22) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

READING 2

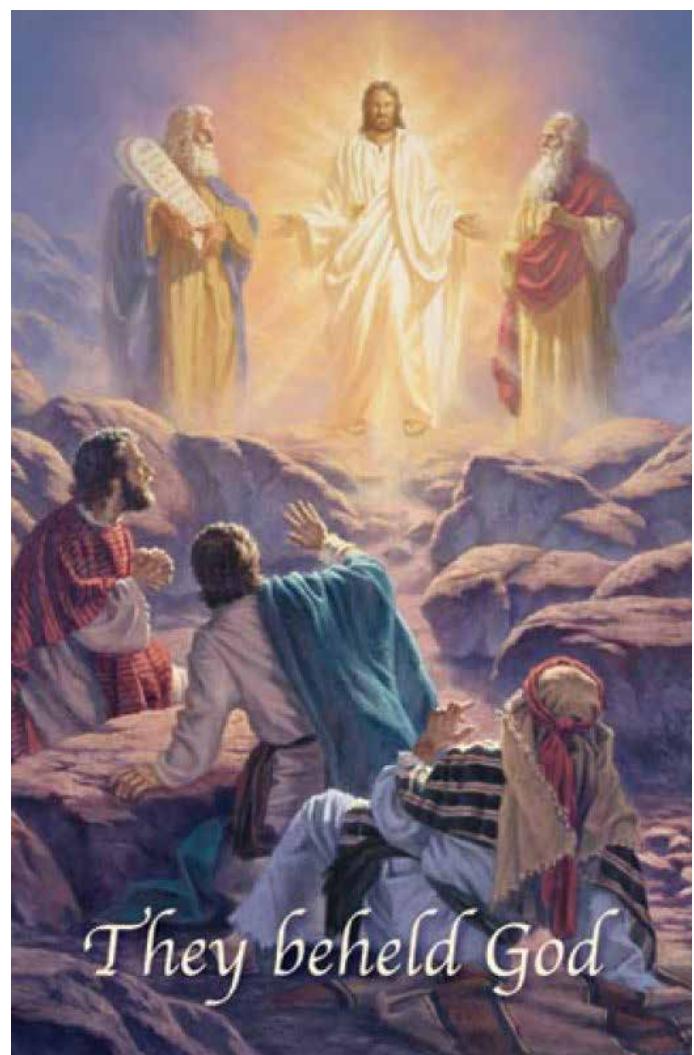
2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”



Reflection

“The Lord said to Abram.... 'I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.’”

Genesis 12:1-2

In Baptism, God says the same thing to each of us. Stewardship is our response to our baptismal call. The stewardship lifestyle can unlock our full potential.