



# RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1<sup>ST</sup> March, 2026

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

## OFFICE AND CONTACT DETAILS

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Parish Website

[www.resurrectionkingspark.org](http://www.resurrectionkingspark.org) 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

Resurrection Primary School  
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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

6.00 pm

Friday

7.00 pm

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

RECONCILIATION - FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 9.30AM



## Welcome, Fr Nestus

*We are delighted to welcome Fr Nestus from Buguya, Uganda. He will be celebrating Mass with this weekend. We pray that his time with us will be blessed and fruitful, and we look forward to sharing in faith and fellowship together.*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE – TEMPORARY EMAIL DELIVERY ISSUE

PACEM (Parish Administration and Communication Email Management system — the platform we use to send newsletters, bulk emails, and manage parish-wide communications) will temporarily stop sending bulk newsletter emails to **@hotmail, @outlook, and @live** accounts. Microsoft is currently blocking bulk messages sent to these addresses, so we cannot guarantee delivery at this time.

If you have an alternative email address, we encourage you to subscribe to our newsletter by registering it here: <https://www.resurrectionkingspark.org/copy-of-parish-groups>

Thank you for your understanding.

### Upcoming Events

- 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.

*We pray for all those who have died recently.*

*We pray for Antonia Attard, Oscar Robles, Bernardo Sembrano, Maria and Vincent Grech, Tarcisio and Carmela Hili, Sue Ramoldt, Francisca Vovilla and Ely Tan Scholten, Charlie Tabone, Anna Saliba, Rodrigo Labung, Errol Parel and all those whose anniversary occur at about this time.*

*Please also pray for Peter Walker 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.*

## 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.



## 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you have already booked can you please make payment at the office.

## LIFE IS A JOURNEY – SIX-DAY RETREAT INVITATION

### The details of this retreat:

- **Date:** 23rd - 28th March
- **Cost:** \$50 pp
- **Time:** 10am & 7pm daily

The retreat will be led by **Fr Chris McPhee** a Missionary of the Sacred Heart Priest

**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**.

### The focus of this retreat:

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.

## PASTORAL VISITATION BY BISHOP ASHE

On **Friday 13th March to Sunday 15th March**, Bishop Martin Ashe will be visiting Resurrection.

**Open Forum** - this is an opportunity in everyone in the parish to speak to the bishop about their perceptions on the parish on **Saturday 14th March at 12 noon in the School Staff Room**.

## St Sebastian Seniors Annual Picnic to Portarlington

Date: 8th March 2026

Time: 7am Departing from Resurrection

Cost: \$65 pp adult members travelling by bus

Includes: Morning Tea and Spit Roast lunch

RSVP: Monica 0413 539 046 by 5th March



## Almsgiving at Resurrection

### 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.



**Second Sunday of Lent**  
28 February – 1 March 2026

**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 studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



Please donate today.

**Enrolments are now open for 2027!**

*Do you have a child that will be aged 5 by 30th April 2027?*

*Do you know of anyone that has a child ready to start prep in 2027?*

**Enrol Today!**



**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>9.00 AM</b>	<b>10.30 AM</b>
<b>MASS OVERSEERS</b>	Marlene Axiak	Rosemarie Balfour	Marissa Medilo
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Rachael Bonavia	Vilinda Rebutillo Michael Donnelly Jacob Rebutillo	Tessie Villar Cecilia Navarro Yvonne Utoasega
<b>DATA PROJECTOR</b>	Harley Cassar	Renata Gorlin	Jet Fraser
<b>PROCLAIMERS</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Response 2 <sup>nd</sup> Intercessions	Jane Caruana Choir Jane Caruana Karen Colaco	Kristy Stojcevski Colleen Wolfe Kristy Stojcevski Colleen Wolfe	Calvin alderson Choir Calvin alderson Aurora Asuncion
<b>COLLECTORS</b>	Noel Oliver Joseph Caruana Harley Cassar Jimmy Attard Charlie Grech	Frank Grech 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	Huong Nguyen	
<b>SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	Fr Gerard Keith Phu Thang Le Joe Caruana Geraldine Holt	Fr Gerard Keith Michael Donnelly Minh Pham Kathy Wale	Fr Gerard Keith Felicita Baltazar Teddy Bernardo Marian Bernardo Cleo Oliveria
<b>SACRISTY DUTY</b>	Patricia Marek	Michael Donnelly	Aurora Asuncion
<b>COFFEE MAKERS</b>	Grace Eppingstall Need Volunteer	Leon D'Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Kate Pedralvez Emilia Rivera
<b>COFFEE CLEAN UP</b>	Mirjana Dutkowsky Michelle Polidano	Edwin Rebutillo 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](mailto:resoyouth@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office. We especially encourage 18–35 year olds to apply.



**READING 1**

Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!” The LORD answered Moses, “Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.” This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?”

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

**R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**READING 2**

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

**GOSPEL**

John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” His disciples had gone into the town to

buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink, ‘you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking with you.” Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”