



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8TH March, 2026

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



WELCOME FR CHRIS MCPHEE MSC

Fr Chris McPhee is 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.

LIFE IS A JOURNEY – SIX-DAY RETREAT INVITATION

The details of this retreat:

- **Date:** 23rd - 28th March
- **Place:** Resurrection Church
- **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.

Fr Nestus will be returning from Geelong and will be with us again from Tuesday 10th March through to **Monday 16th March**. During his time here, he will be spending time with Resurrection Parish Primary School, CRC Caroline Springs, and CRC St Albans.

For parishioners, there will be an opportunity to meet with Fr Nestus after the 6pm Mass on Thursday 12th March. Light refreshments will be provided.

Also, from Friday to Sunday, he will accompany the Bishop in meeting various parish groups (see the timetable on page 2). If you belong to one of these groups, this will be a chance for you to meet with him.

On **Sunday 15th March**, the Ubuntu team will meet with Fr Nestus at 12 noon for future planning.

Fr Nestus will concelebrate all weekend Masses on 14th and 15th March.

50th Anniversary Dinner Dance

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

Upcoming Events

- St Sebastian Social Event - Saturday 14th March at Resurrection Hall. \$12 pp. BYO Food and drinks. RSVP 9th March call Monica on 0413 539 046.
- 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 Ray Catania, Joseph Puhajl all those who have died recently.

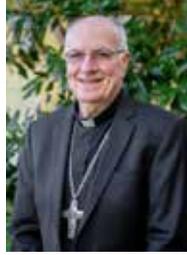
We pray for John Oliver, Margaret Wale, Mario Muscat, Paul Micallef, David Micallef, Lucio Vong, Sr. Ellen Russell RSJ, Mario Rosse, Myrlene Hennequin, Joe Spiteri, Eufrocina Parel, Rena Apap and all those whose anniversary occur at about this time.

Please also pray for Julian Angemi 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.***

PASTORAL VISITATION BY BISHOP MARTIN FRIDAY 13TH ~ SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

We welcome Bishop Ashe who will be undertaking a pastoral visitation at Resurrection Parish. The purpose of the visitation is an opportunity for him to see and hear how the parish is going. After the visitation he will provide feedback.



The program:

Friday, 13 March 2026

- Meet with the Parish administrative staff, Parish Primary school staff and students and secondary school principals CRC STA & CRC S.
- 4.30pm onwards - Visitation to the sick

Saturday, 14 March 2026

- 9.30am Meet with the Special Ministers to the Housebound and Ministers to Kayla Care Nursing home.
- 10.00am – 11.00am quick visit to the Gospel Reflection group (Parish Office)
- 10.30am Morning tea with St Vincent de Paul
- 12.00pm **Open Forum**-this is an opportunity in everyone in the parish to speak to the bishop about their perceptions on the parish **in the School Staff Room.**
- 1.00pm Lunch with Parish Leadership Team and Young Adult Group
- 5.00pm Meeting with Youth Choir
- 6.00pm Mass
- 7.00pm Meet and greet with Choirs and Liturgy Team
- 8.00pm St Sebastian Maltese Dinner Dance (Hall)

Sunday, 15 March 2026

- 9.00am Coffee with parishioners and meet with the 9am Children's Liturgy Group
- 10.30am Mass, followed by coffee
- Lunch and meeting with Fr Nestus from Uganda and the Ubuntu Team (partnership with the parish and senior school in Bugaya)
- 2.00pm Meeting with the Sudanese

community

- 3.00pm Concelebrate Mass with the Sudanese community,
- 5.30pm – 7.00pm To meet with Fr Nehad, leaders of the Iraqi faith community and some members of their young adult's group to give an overview of the past and look at proposed ways of moving forward together. Conclude with a cultural dinner.

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.

If you would like to sponsor a child please contact the parish office.

SHORT NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Feast of St. Joseph Novena
Dates March 10-18,
Feast Day March 19

O good father Joseph!
I beg you by all your sufferings, sorrows and joys, to obtain for me what I ask.

(Name your petition).

Obtain for all those who have asked my prayers, everything that is useful to them in the plan of God. Be near to me in my last moments, that I may eternally sing the praises of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)



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!



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 Rebutillo	Jomar Inot
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Cathy Downing Geraldine Holt Cathy Downing Geraldine Holt	Vilinda Rebutillo Choir Vilinda Rebutillo Jacob Rebutillo	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 Rebutillo	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 Bishop Martin Ashe Fr Nestus Karen Colaco	Fr Gerard Keith Bishop Martin Ashe Fr Nestus Nadia Young	Fr Gerard Keith Bishop Martin Ashe Fr Nestus Atalina Ulugia-Sa'ena Yvonne Utoasega
SACRISTY DUTY	Melanie Apap (A)	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 Rebutillo Need Volunteer	Paul Bossini Michael Utoasega Carmel Vassallo

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 reso youth@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office. We especially encourage 18–35 year olds to apply.



READING 1 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: “Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons.” As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.” But the LORD said to Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any one of these.” Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied, “There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.” Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, “There—anoint him, for this is the one!” Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

READING 2 Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

GOSPEL John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

Reflection

“.... Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

Stewardship is a matter of the heart. As the comedian Bob Hope once said: “If you haven't got charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.”