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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
CELEBRATED AT
10AM MASS**

BAPTISMS

BOOKINGS TO BE MADE
THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE.

MARRIAGES

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S
(PRIMARY) 8251 9500
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WYNN VALE 5127

GLEESON COLLEGE
(SECONDARY) 8282 6600
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29th March 2020
5th Sunday of Lent, Year A - Violet

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**We acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of this region.
Let us share and learn together for reconciliation and justice.**

Coronavirus Protocols

We regret that due to the restrictions on all gatherings, which have been put into place in response to the Coronavirus outbreak, all Masses, Liturgies, Group Devotions and Group Activities are suspended until further notice.

If you need to access any of the Parishes buildings for any reason please contact the Parish office prior to going in.

We regret the inconvenience this may cause, but our priority at this time is to minimise the risk of spreading the Coronavirus in our community.

The Parish office will continue to be staffed for the time being, but this may change at short notice, therefore we ask that all queries are made over the phone or via email.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation at this difficult time.

Jesus Our Life

A few years ago, a letter appeared in the national news that was sent to a deceased person by the Department of Social Services at Indiana. It read as follows:

Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances. Well, except for an occasional Lazarus, there haven't been too many who have seen a change in those circumstances!

"Survival will be our first priority" in 2020, said Xu, who holds the chairmanship of Huawei telecom company under the company's rotating leadership scheme.

People desperate for a meal and a place to sleep are focused on daily survival, not whether they might have contracted the novel coronavirus, says Grant McKenzie of Our Place Society, which runs a drop-in centre for people who are homeless.

My brothers and sisters we live in a precarious time where people's inner urge to survive at any cost is creating a lot of panic resulting in panic buying, even going to the extent of fighting over toilet paper. Shut downs and lock downs have become very much part of our daily living and we hear more and more from the authorities about the need of isolating even though from our very birth we are taught that we are social and communal beings. Let us spend a moment in prayer for those who have lost their lives due to the impact of the coronavirus and for those who are struggling to survive during dangerous and trying times. Let us also bring all our leaders who are framing policies to fight this menace and specially place our health workers before God who is the healer and giver of life.

In the Gospel Reading of today from St. John we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus from death. This miracle is the seventh and greatest of the 'signs' that Jesus works in St. John's gospel. In the raising of Lazarus from death to life, Jesus

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proves the truth: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Jesus wants Martha to know that it is through Jesus himself that Lazarus will rise again, "I am the resurrection and the life..." Jesus is the resurrection. Jesus also wants Martha and us to know that for anyone who believes in Jesus, death has only the appearance of death because we live after death, "whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." In fact, if we believe in Jesus we will not die, in the sense that the life we live in Christ now will continue after death, "everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." When we live as Jesus calls us there is a continuation from this life to the next. When we live as disciples of Jesus, it is as if we will almost not notice passing from this life to the next because spiritually, we will never die. So, the resurrection is not just something in the future, Jesus offers life now. To prove his words to Martha, Jesus raised Lazarus. Live the life of Jesus now so that you will not die. Here comes the true emphasis of the story and it is on how we cooperate with a miracle-working God by our practical obedience and doing God's will.

To bring about the miracle, Jesus issues three commands and all of them are obeyed to the letter. That is how the miracle happens. First, "Jesus said, 'Roll away the stone.' ... So, they rolled away the stone" (verses 39-41). Did the people understand why they should do this heavy work of rolling away the tombstone to expose a stinking corpse? You bet they didn't. But it was their faith in Jesus expressing itself not through intellectual agreement with Jesus but through practical agreement with him, through obedience. Why didn't Jesus command the stone to roll away all by itself, without bothering the people? We don't quite know. All we know is that divine power seems always to be activated by human cooperation and stifled by non-cooperation. As C.S. Lewis said, "God seems to do nothing of Himself which He can possibly delegate to His creatures." God will not do by a miracle what we can do by obedience.

The second command Jesus gives is directed to the dead man: "Lazarus, come out!" and the dead man came out" (verses 43-44). We do not know the details of what transpired in the tomb. All we know is that Jesus' word of command is followed by immediate obedience. Lazarus gropes his way out of the dark tomb even with his hands and feet tied up in bandages, and his face all wrapped up. Even a man rotting away in the tomb can still do something to help himself.

The third command again is addressed to the people, "Unbind him, and let him go" (verse 44). Even though Lazarus could stumble himself out of the tomb, there was no way he could unbind himself. He needs the community to do that for him. By unbinding Lazarus and setting him free from the death bands the community is accepting Lazarus back as one of them.

Many Christian individuals and communities today have

fallen victim to the death of sin. Many are already in the tomb of hopelessness and decay, in the bondage of sinful habits and attitudes. Nothing short of a miracle can bring us back to life in Christ. Jesus is ready for the miracle. He himself said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Are we ready to cooperate with him for the miracle? Are we ready to roll away the stone that stands between us and the light of Christ's face? Are we ready to take the first step to come out of the place of death? Are we ready to unbind (i.e. forgive) one another and let them go free? These are the various ways we cooperate with God in the miracle of bringing us back to life and reviving us as individuals, as a church, and a nation. We shall put the this time of shut down and isolations to the best use by reflecting on our own short comings and failures in promoting life and life sustaining activities, and then resolve to live our life to the fullest in the limited opportunities that we have at present, fulfilling all our social responsibilities and being obedient to what we are told.



Readings for next Sunday, 5th April 2020

1st Reading	Is	50:4-7
2nd Reading	Phil	2:6-11
Gospel	Mat	26:14-27:66

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

2nd Apr	St Francis of Paola
4th Apr	St Isidore



PASSING OF Dudley Dolman

It is with regret that we inform you of the passing of Dudley Dolman. Dudley was a long term parishioner who was actively involved in many areas of parish life and gave generously of his time and skills over many years.

He will be greatly missed.

We extend our condolences to Margaret and the family and ask you all to keep them in your prayers at this difficult time.

Spam Emails

Please note that parishes and priests do not solicit donations by email.

We have had reports of people being approached via email by people falsely claiming to be priests or parish representatives. If you should receive such an email please do not forward, respond to, or donate via any links contained in them.

Websites

Please visit our parish website and the Archdiocese website for links to information, prayers and streamed Masses.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm
or www.vinnies.org.au



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

*Lord your timeless lesson sings out in the
voice of constant waves, in the wind through
the trees and in the harmonies of life.*

*Wash clean our ears to hear you, make us
listen now, for we need your great wisdom to assist us in
our life. Amen.*

Seven home visits requested last week, and we're continuing to make them with added precautions against the risk of contagion.

It's a tough time for everyone, and we're trying to adapt as we go.

However, with the temporary cessation of Masses, and the difficulty in quantity buying, the stocks of food are rapidly depleting. We are trying to get a purchasing arrangement in place that will allow the purchase of box quantities, but not a lot of success so far.

We may have to provide just bread and Gift Cards if we run out.

The Parish Office will accept food donations if you're able to help.

(Please call ahead to check if the office will be open.)

The most pressing needs are Sugar, Pasta Sauce, Canned Meat/Fish and Long Life Milk.

Thank you and God Bless



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Due to the current restrictions regarding unnecessary social contact it has been decided that the

Development Fund weekly draws will be suspended until further notice.

Any monies already paid will be credited when draws resume

If you have any further questions or if you would like to be included in the draw when it resumes.

Please contact: Barbara Mathews 8258 8806

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020
Let's Go Further, Together.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MARCH/APRIL BABIES**



29th Mar	Joseph Gavini, Odessa Palmer
31st Mar	Eugene Augustine, Crystal Forrester
1st Apr	Patrick North
3rd Apr	Scott Keegan, James Gallery, Julie Lesniewski

Our Community's Prayer Petitions

PLEASE NOTE: THE NAMES ON THE SICK LIST WILL REMAIN FOR TWO MONTHS ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: Please note that names can only be added to this list by immediate family, or the ill person themselves (for reasons of privacy).

**Please Remember in your Prayers
THOSE WHO ARE SICK, especially:**

Pat Collins, Ruby Brokensha, Anne Van Der Arend, Gerry McConnell, Margaret Pitt, Patricia Kopf, Darcy Ridley, Paul Holmes, Father Peter Milburn, Maria Hand, Emma Gammon, Asher Caudle, David North, Elijah Neri, Wayne Collins, Antoinette Pascale, Marg Dolman, Charlotte Fussell, Phyllis Anthony, Reta Lockyer, John MacGrath, Ken Robinson, Graham Armstrong, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed, Marlen Piineda, David Truman, Bruce McAndie, Rosa Maria Santos, Sean Molloy, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Maddison Calleja, Janice Forrester, Jim Marlow, Gerry Canavan, Jayden Lee, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy, Rita Robinson, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers.

Recently Deceased

Dudley Dolman, Patrick Healy, Selena Rose Quinn, Eileen Ryan, Anthony Tuanqui

Collections

We would like to thank all our parishioners who so generously support our Priests and Parish. We are all going through some difficult times and the parish requires your continuous support so that we are able to go on as the bills keep coming in.

If you can help in any way it is very much appreciated.

If you would like to contribute online please visit our website paramodcath.com.au and use link to make your contributions to both the presbytery fund (1st collection) and to the parish (2nd collection).

Once you click the link

- Choose the parish. Scroll down and choose Para Hills /Modbury and click submit.
- Once you have done this please make sure that you have filled in all the required fields.
- Choose first collection from the payment type for presbytery collection.
- Choose "general" at the payment type if you are making a donation for the second collection.
- *Please fill in your planned giving number in the space provided so that we will know from whom the debit comes.
- Click next
- Enter verification code
- Click next
- You will have the option to print or email a receipt for your records
- Click finish

Contributions can also be dropped off at the Parish office using the mail slot next to the office door.

Please mark envelopes clearly as 1st or 2nd collection.

Parish Bulletin

To help to keep you up to date with developments the Parish Bulletin will continue to be published weekly and posted online on the Parish Website <http://paramodcath.com.au>

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email please contact us at bulletin@paramodcath.com.au

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.



Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

March 25, 2020
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I write to you again, all too conscious of the rapidly changing information and the deep impact it is having on our entire community.

You would be aware of the new directions issued by Prime Minister Scott Morrison last night 24th March 2020.

I confirm the following comes into effect from midnight tonight:

1. **Funerals:** are only permitted in the presence of up to 10 people. Hygiene and social distancing regulations are to be rigorously observed. All surfaces must be disinfected after use and two arm's length distance must be maintained between all present. Please continue work with Funeral Directors to ensure this. Non-compliance can result in legal sanctions.
2. **Weddings:** are only permitted in the presence of the bride, groom and two witnesses with the minister. Hygiene and social distancing regulations are to be rigorously observed. All surfaces must be disinfected after use and two arm's length distance must be maintained between all present. For this time permission is granted to celebrate in the surrounds of a church (ie outside a sacred place). The limits of five people present must still be rigorously observed.

It is also timely to make a decision in relation to baptisms and Sacraments of Initiation:

3. **Baptisms:** are not permitted for the time being. In cases of danger of death or urgent pastoral necessity a baptism may be celebrated with no more than the parents and two godparents present with the minister, ensuring that all hygiene and social distancing regulations are observed as outlined above.
4. **Sacraments of Initiation:** are to be deferred except in individual cases of danger of death or urgent pastoral necessity, in which case only the catechumen/candidate and sponsor may be present with the minister.

I am profoundly aware of the disappointment and sorrow some will experience as a result of these directions. You and your people are deeply in my thoughts and prayers,

With fraternal regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Philip Marshall".

Fr Philip Marshall
Administrator Delegate

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