



**The Parish of St Matthew's North Fawkner**  
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### March 26 – 5th Sunday of Lent (Year A)



“Roll away the stone, unbind him and let him go.” We often bind ourselves with chains of addiction to alcohol, drugs, sexual deviations, slander, gossip, envy, prejudice, hatred, and uncontrollable anger, and bury ourselves in the tombs of despair. Sometimes we are in the tomb of selfishness, filled with negative feelings, like worry, fear, resentment, hatred, and guilt. If we want Jesus to visit our dark dungeons of sin, despair, and unhappiness, we need to ask him during this Holy Mass to bring the light and the power of the Holy Spirit into our private lives and liberate us from our tombs. Are there times when we refuse to let God enter into our wallets, fearing that faithful tithing will endanger our savings? When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus will call our name and command, “Come out,

Mary”, “Come out, Joel!” This is Good News for all of us: “Lazarus, come out!” This can be the beginning of a new life.

*(frtonyhomilies)*

#### V Domenica di Quaresima (ANNO A)

Il racconto della risurrezione di Lazzaro è una delle “storie di segni” che racconta san Giovanni. Si tratta qui di presentare Gesù, vincitore della morte. Il racconto culmina nella frase di Gesù su se stesso: “Io sono la risurrezione e la vita. Chi crede in me non morrà in eterno” (vv. 25-26).

Che Dio abbia il potere di vincere la morte, è già la convinzione dei racconti tardivi dell’Antico Testamento. La visione che ha Ezechiele della risurrezione delle ossa secche - immagine del ristabilimento di Israele dopo la catastrofe dell’esilio babilonese - presuppone questa fede (Ez 37,1-14). Nella sua “Apocalisse”, Isaia si aspetta che Dio sopprima la morte per sempre, che asciughi le lacrime su tutti i volti (Is 25,8). E, per concludere, il libro di Daniele prevede che i morti si risvegolino - alcuni per la vita eterna, altri per l’orrore eterno (Dn 12,2). Ma il nostro Vangelo va oltre questa speranza futura, perché vede già date in Gesù “la risurrezione e la vita” che sono così attuali. Colui che crede in Gesù ha già una parte di questi doni della fine dei tempi. Egli possiede una “vita senza fine” che la morte fisica non può distruggere. In Gesù, rivelazione di Dio, la salvezza è presente, e colui che è associato a lui non può più essere consegnato alle potenze della morte. *(LaChiesa)*

### Holy Week masses (St. Matthews)

**Palm Sunday:** April 2 at 9.00 am / 10.30 am

**Reconciliation:** April 3 at 6.00 pm

**Anointing Mass:** April 5 at 9.30 am

**Holy Thursday: (Mass of the Lord’s Supper)**  
April 6 at 6.30 pm

**Good Friday: (Stations of the Cross) April 7 at 9.00 am /  
Passion of the Lord at 3.00 pm**

**Holy Saturday: (Easter Vigil) April 8 at 6.30 pm**

#### St. Mary’s Kahanaya masses

**Holy Thursday: (Mass of the Lord’s Supper)**  
April 6 at 8.45 pm

**Good Friday: (Stations of the Cross) April 7 at 10.00 am**

**Holy Saturday: (Easter Vigil) April 8 at 8.45 pm**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS ON APRIL 2.  
CLOCKS SHOULD BE BACKWARD ONE HOUR AT  
3.00 AM**

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann and Family, Bob Brown, Angela Barto, Diana Nash, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Floriano Pivetta, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Josie, Lori, Catarina Calvi.

**Recently deceased:** Vita Kosic, Joso Peric, Dario Della Valle, Saydeh Souaid, Beatrice Torchia (Italy), Angela Leggio (Italy), Joseph Feain

**Anniversaries:** Arthur Frances Jones, Eufrosina Galdo, Carmen Jones, Paul Xiem, Joseph Ngoc, John Thanh, Ersilia Salvatore, Nabih and Frangia Chalita, Pasquale Pannunzio, Giuseppe Cavalli, Pietro Nardella, Biondo and Filomena Di Felice, Percy, Audrey, and, Garry Tinker, Fillippo, Maria, and, Grazia Santone, Mario and Anna Gentile, Giulio Butera

*We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.*

#### Mass times

##### Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Friday (during Lent):

**Stations of the Cross/Mass: 6.00 pm**

##### Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

#### Mass times

##### St. Marks, Fawkner (Leo Street, Fawkner)

##### Weekday:

Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am

##### Weekend:

Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm

Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

#### Rosters for weekend masses (April 1)

**Lectors:** Saturday 5.30 pm: A. Proud ; Sunday 9.00 am: C. Schiavello ; 10.30 am: M. Costa

**Bus driver:** P. Capasso

#### Sacramental preparation

Any students from government schools in Grade 3 and up wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation in 2023, please contact Anna Proud on 0402741258.

#### Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

**As St Pope John Paul II said, “The future starts today, not tomorrow.”**

**St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**

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