

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A, 21- 22 March 2026.

RESIDER

Dear sisters and brothers, the raising of Lazarus from the dead pointed mysteriously towards Jesus' own resurrection, and to the promise that God wills that we shall all be raised and live forever

READER

We pray for the world-wide people of God. May they demonstrate to their neighbours the life-giving power of the Spirit of Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for an end to tyranny in every land of violent oppression. May all peoples on earth be blessed with peace and the freedom to flourish. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Caritas Australia responding to humanitarian crises around the world. May our generous giving to Project Compassion supply them with resources for emergency relief. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the composers, musicians and song leaders whose gifts help us sing our faith. May their ministry unite us in heartfelt prayer. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for single parents. With the support of family, friends and the community, may they be enabled to cherish and care for their children. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for ourselves. May this week's solemn feast of the Annunciation (25 March) encourage us, like Mary, to say yes to all that God is asking of us this Lent. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. We pray especially for Marian Sciberras, may they hear the risen Lord summoning them into eternal life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER

Lord, you always hear the cry of your people, stand close now to all humanity in these anxious times, and awaken in the hearts of everyone the virtues of kindness, concern and compassion. Through Christ our Lord.