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**Community Information**

*Sunday 9 March 2008*

**Passiontide:  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**



***"Lord, if you had been here,  
my brother would not have died".***

Staring into the eyes  
of the final  
enemy,  
death,

Jesus wept.

"Lazarus, come out!"

And Lazarus came out.

Jesus,  
You said to death,  
with your own life and death,

"Untie them. Let them go."

Let us live with you  
and the Father  
and Spirit  
always.

## Welcome to the Fifth Sunday of Lent, & the beginning of Passiontide.

Passiontide marks the shift in the season Lent towards the events of Christ's life-giving death and resurrection of Jesus.

Today's Gospel reading is about the raising of Lazarus from death. Jesus wept for the death his dear friend Lazarus. Although we read further along in this Gospel passage (John 11:1-45) that Jesus brought Lazarus back to life, we know that Jesus felt true sorrow for his friends. He was so moved that the people looking on said, "See how much he loved him." God loves us this much too. He sent his Son, who brought Lazarus back to life, to bring us back to life also. In fact, Jesus was about to do far more in order to save us. He prayed to God the Father to bring Lazarus back. But Jesus had to give up his life in order to bring us to new life in heaven when we die. Lazarus was untied from his burial cloths by Jesus' command. We are untied from sin by Christ's sacrifice. Not only did Jesus save Lazarus—and us; Jesus tried to help us understand what he was doing. He knew that people were confused about who he was. Standing in front of Lazarus' tomb, Jesus thanked God for hearing his prayer "that they may believe that you sent me" (John 11:42). By restoring Lazarus to his human life, Jesus gave disciples of all times a sign of the power over death that he and his Father shared. Imagine how thankful Lazarus' sisters Mary and Martha felt. Imagine what they might have said to Jesus. How should we respond to the new life we have been given in Baptism? It is a gift too great for words, yet we can give thanks in our own way.

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## Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter Times of Services

### **Palm Sunday 8am**

(One service only)

### **The Three Holy Days / Sacrum Triduum**

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm. Camp Hill  
*'The Watch' from the end of mass to Night Prayers at 10.30am*

#### **Good Friday**

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 8.30am Norman Park  
PowerPoint Stations of the Cross 3pm Camp Hill

### **The Great Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter**

Saturday 6.00pm Camp Hill

#### **Easter Day**

8am Mass Camp Hill.

### **Notes on Service Times**

The services of Holy Week and Easter are the most important services of the Christian year. One of minimal requirement for an Anglican is that *at least* Holy Communion must be received at Easter. The services of this week are celebration of the saving events of Christ, the heart and centre of what we believe in – the life-giving death and resurrection of Jesus. This is what we are baptised into, this is what we celebrate on the altar each Sunday. For this reason it is appropriate that we gather as a single worshipping community on these days. For that reason, as in past years, there is only one celebration on each of these days. On Good Friday morning is the traditional Liturgy of the Passion. However, at 3pm, the hour when Christ died there is the devotion *Stations of the Cross*. This year the *Stations* will be in a PowerPoint presentation.

## ***Parish Council Meeting***

***Thursday 13 March at the home of Damien & Lyndal.***

## ***Contact Details & Service Times***

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### ***Service Times***

#### ***Sunday & Weekday Services***

**Sunday**      8am Family Service.  
                  9.30am Sung Eucharist  
**Wednesday** 10am Mass at Camp Hill

### ***Contact Details***

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midday on Thursday.***

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### ***Thanks to Fr John Campbell***

Whilst Fr Martyn was away in the past week Fr John Campbell made himself available for emergencies. It is great having two experienced priests worshipping in our parish in Fr John and Fr Theo, and for the contribution and advice they give from their range of experience.