

will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up
to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form 4:5-42

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Breaking Open the Word



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / A

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LIVING WATER

Despite the floods of recent years, Australians more than many people appreciate just how precious a resource water is. There would be very few of us who would not be able to remember living through some period of drought or scarcity of water. Our experience places us in a good position to appreciate the problem faced by the people of Israel. Having been rescued from the oppression of the Egyptians the people of Israel felt betrayed – had they been saved from Egypt only to perish in the desert by thirst? Despite their lack of faith God reached out through Moses and provided them with water in the desert.

When the Samaritan woman came to the well searching for water she could barely have imagined where her encounter with Jesus would lead. She came seeking water but left having come to terms with her past, and having led others to Jesus, the source of living water. As is so often the case, personal experience is the best teacher and having heard Jesus for themselves her fellow Samaritans come to see Jesus as their saviour and source of living water.

When Paul reflected on salvation history he came to see that despite the hardness of the human heart God has always been as he was with the people in the desert. The life-giving love of God has been poured into our hearts to quench our thirst and bring us to life. This love has always been freely given and undeserved. The most powerful proof of this is that Jesus died for us while we were yet sinners.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have

entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 4:42, 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; / give me living water, that I may never thirst again. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 4:4-5, 19-26, 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give



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MASS TIMES

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

3rd Week of Lent Time YR A

12 Sun: 3rd Sunday of Lent
13 Mon: No Mass
14 Tues: 3rd Week of Lent
15 Wed: 3rd Week of Lent (Yr 6 ND School Attending)
16 Thu: 3rd Week of Lent
17 Fri: St Patrick
18 Sat: 3rd Week of Lent /Vigil 4th Week of Lent


SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS


- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
 - Rosary: Sat 8am
 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
 - Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.30pm
- *For Baptisms & Weddings***
Please call the Parish Office

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

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 **St Maria Goretti's Catholic School**
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104
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WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

THE WATER OF LIFE. Jesus is the saviour of the world. In today's Gospel he offers the water of life to a Samaritan woman who, in turn, becomes the first missionary of Jesus. She hurries to tell the people of her town about him. We, who have received the life of God in baptism, are also called to be missionaries by inviting others to come and see Jesus.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

| PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS | First Collection EFT Details | | Second Collection EFT Details | |
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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

| Mass | Acolyte | Commentator | Readers | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
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| Saturday 18th Mar 6.00pm | Greg Kempton | | I Iwansantoso T Khoo | C Lopera Sr Margaret | D & C Oee G Iwansantoso |
| Sunday 19th Mar 8.00am | Jerome Can Truong | S Robinson | D Rodrigues Alina Sali | P Subrata D Panzich Sekulla | C Rozario |
| Sunday 19th Mar 10.00am | Renato Gomes | V Erskine | A Semaan T Gomes | Ranjit Ratnayake J Branchi | T Harding J Carson |
| Sunday 19th Mar 6.00pm | Ashley Rebeiro | | M Ward Reader Req | J&R Fernandez | A Pravin Leo S Surin |

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

As of Friday 4th November 2022, the State Government announced that WA was no longer in a State of Emergency, however some restrictions will still apply.

Sunday 4th September 2022, 'The Sunday Obligation' for the faithful was re-instituted by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe. This means that you are required to attend Sunday Mass, unless you are unwell. Although Mask-wearing is no longer mandatory in places of worship, it is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to continue to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. If you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

Mass at Home available on CH10 6am Sunday morning or go www.massforyou.com.au

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. March 11th:
M Tatum 6/293 Epsom Ave Redcliffe & L King 3 Pratt St, Cloverdale.

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2023

You have until next Thursday 16th March to get entries in. Late entries will be accepted but no points will be awarded. Forms are available from either entrance of the church. Invite family members and friends to participate. The more entrants the bigger the prizes. Completed forms can be given to Glenis Ottaway & John York, dropped off at parish office or put in an envelope and placed in Second Collection.

Readers and Commentators

We are seeking Commentators for either 8am or 10am Masses and readers for any Mass but would like new Proclaimers of the Word for our evening Masses. Contact the parish office or speak with Fr Quynh if you are interested.

Proclaimers of the Word Workshop

Wednesday 15 March 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Centre for Liturgy, Nollamara. Cost \$10. Registration is essential for the workshop. Please note a minimum of four attendees are required for the workshop to proceed. To register please visit www.liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au. **Further info:** cfl@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9207 3350.

Working with Children Card

Just a gentle reminder for those who volunteer in the ministries, that you have to have a current WWC Card. Please check the expiry date on the card, it can be renewed online or contact the Parish Office for forms.

Feast of St Joseph – 20th March

Mass will be offered in the Church @ 6pm to celebrate the feast of St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Around the Archdiocese

Project compassion 2023 – For all future Generations
Week 3: Priscilla's Story Zimbabwe Priscilla lives with her husband and 2 grandchildren in the Hwange region. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla and her community learnt conservation farming to grow drought-resistant crops. Her increased harvest allowed Priscilla to sell her crops and start poultry farming, selling eggs to grow her income stream and to pay for her grandchildren's education. Caritas Hwange also helped rehabilitate the dip tank in her community so that Priscilla's cattle can be healthy and free from tick-borne diseases. Through your donations to PC, you can help more people like Priscilla. **Boxes & Envelopes are available from both entrances of the church. If Tax Receipt required please mark box clearly.**

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Safeguarding Induction Training Level 1, Online, Friday 17th March 10am – 11am. This is for all church workers, paid or volunteers. Further info: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9221 7762. <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.

Notre Dame Community

Stations of the Cross – Friday's @ 6pm

In the church during Lent. All are invited to attend to make this part of your Lenten Journey in preparation for Easter.

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Pat Stahlmann, Stephen Gunter, Margaret D'Cruz, Carmela & Nicola Di Giovanni, Gladys Bodestyne, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, and all souls in Purgatory.*



Parishioners who are unwell:

Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Anne Redmond, Maureen Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Fran Carter, Elizabeth Allen, Glen Arathoon, Maria Di Franco & Roland Blake.

Baptisms:

We welcome to our Catholic Faith Community; *Evelyn Marie Silva Romero, Isabella May Dabalos & Millicent Hiraya Cauilan.*