

# NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY BY MARY COLOE PBVM

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14; JOHN 8:1-11

The reading from Paul to the community at Philippi comes straight from the depths of his heart and is one of the richest expressions of Christian spirituality: 'All I want is to know Christ'; everything else is so much rubbish.

Sometimes our efforts to be a disciple of Jesus can lead us astray. We can put our focus on pious practices, or the efforts we make, when all that is required is to keep our focus on Jesus and what God has already done for us. Paul has grasped this insight, as have the great spiritual leaders within our tradition. For Paul, knowing Jesus means living a life that conforms to the pattern of Jesus' life it will involve times of suffering as well as peace. For Paul, such times provide a means of identifying with Jesus, knowing that this will also mean identifying with Jesus in his resurrection. This reading invites us into prayerful surrender of our lives with and in Jesus. This might be a good week to review how Lent has been for you, and a chance to recommit yourself to more deliberately continue in these final weeks.

The episode of the woman taken in adultery is clearly an important story in the life of the early Christian communities.

Scholars are not sure exactly where this episode belongs since some very early manuscripts place this episode in Luke's Gospel, and others place it at some point in John's Gospel. The variations testify to an uncertainty about where the episode belongs, but they also testify that the story is so significant that it must appear within the Gospel tradition.

There is hypocrisy in the actions of the scribes and Pharisees. These were the scholars of the Jewish

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#### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention**

#### **APRIL**

For the use of the new technologies
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Law, perhaps the equivalent of today's lawyers. Firstly, they only bring along one of the guilty parties, the woman, while the male partner is free from public condemnation. Secondly, their concern is not really with this woman. She is a pawn in their real purpose, which is to find something against Jesus. In this, they have no real respect for the Law they claim to uphold. And finally, as Jesus points out, they too are sinners.

Why might this story be so important for the early Christian communities, so that even though there is uncertainty about its location there can be no doubt about its inclusion within the good news Jesus offers? Perhaps John's or Luke's community needed to be reminded that for all our Christian ideals and desires, we are all frail followers of Jesus, but sin is no barrier to discipleship. The only barrier is the despair that comes from self-condemnation and a failure to trust in God who refuses to condemn. Jesus does not condemn the woman even as he encourages going and striving to live without sin. As the journey of Lent moves to its end, let us place our confidence in the loving mercy of God



the call of God. MM in LD Note 84





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 Mon:
 9:00am
 Wed:
 11:30am

 Fue:
 9:00am
 Thu:
 9:00am
 Fri: 12:00pm Sat: 9:00am Devotion to St JPII after Mass Mon: Tue:

Adoration and Confession 30 minutes before each weekday Mass. WEEKEND MASSES INCL. CONFESSION 30 MIN PRIOR

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Sat Vigil: 5:00pm Sun: 7:30am, 9:30am & 6:00pm Filipino Mass: 2nd Sunday of each month: 12:00pm Sat Vigil 5:00pm St Dionysius Church Mangrove Mountain 21 Nurses Road, Central Mangrove

SPENCER, 4200 WISEMANS FERRY RD 4:00pm 2nd Sat of Month

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN OUR CHURCH

Mon 8:30 - 9:00am	Wed 11:00 - 11:30am	Fri 12:30 - 3:00pm
Tue 8:30 - 9:00am	Thu 8:30 - 9:00am	Sat 8:30 - 9:00am

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu	Rosary Begins 1 Hour Befo	ore Mass
Fridays	11:35 am to 11:55 pm (30	0 Mins Before Mass)
Saturday	8:05am until 8:25am:	1st Priests & Religious 2nd Mothers & Babies 3rd Persecuted Christians
Sunday	7:05 am to 7:25 am	

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL WITHIN THE CHUCH

Monday to Friday Access during Parish office hours

#### ACTIVE GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF ST PATRICK'S

Cancer Prayer Group	After 9:00am Mass, 4th Tuesday of the Month, in the Jordan room.
Craft Group	9:00am to 12:00pm Every Friday in the Jordan Room
Grief & Loss Support	Please contact Margaret on 0439257817
Women's Faith Circle	2nd and 4th Friday of the Month in the Primary Learning And Resource Centre 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm
Men of the Sacred Heart	$3^{\text{re}}$ Saturday of the month. 5:00pm Mass followed by meeting in the Jordan room.
Seniors Ministry	Activities 1st Tuesday of the month. Enquiries: Barb: 4322 0250 or Eunice: 0438 272 141
	Prayer Group DVDs 1st Monday of the Month
Monday Morning Prayer Groups 9:30 am after Mass	Prayer & Bible Discussion 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday of the Month
	Prayers for Christian Unity 3rd Monday of the Month
Bible Study - Monday night	7:00pm to 9:00pm Monday, in the Jordan Room, all are welcome!
Divine Will Prayer Group	Based on the writings of Luisa Piccarreta 6:00pm to 7:15pm every Wednesday in the Jordan Room.
Salvatorian Collaborators	3:00pm, 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, in the Jordan room.
Paddies - Youth	Years 3 & 4 students, meet every Friday during school terms in the Hall 3:00 to 4:30 pm.
Arise - Youth Group	Years 5 & 6 students, meet every Friday during school terms, in the school Library 6:00pm.
Ascend - Youth Group	Years 7 to 12 meet every Sunday night during school terms, after 6:00 pm Youth Mass
Awake - Young Adults Group	18 to 35 year olds meet the last Saturday of each month 7:00 pm in the Jordan Room
Children's Liturgy	Every Sunday during the 9:30am Mass except during school holidays and during Sacramental program formation. All Children's Liturgy Leaders are cleared with Working with Children Checks.

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Join in celebrating Father Greg's birthday with cake and morning tea after the **9.30am Mass on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> April** 





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#### PALM SUNDAY CROSSES

Anyone willing / able to assist in making our Parish Palm Sunday Crosses on April Thursday 10th please contact the Parish office 4325 1042, this would be much appreciated! Instructions will be available on the day.

#### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**Gardeners** - We would like to invite parishioners to assist in keeping our Parish gardens and lawns maintained. Please call the Parish office 4325 1042 with your contact details and days you are able to assist. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

**Altar Society** - Assistance is required with arranging the Church flowers for weekend Masses, this is typically carried out on a Saturday morning, but if you organise your own team you can work around the weekday Masses on a day and time that suits. Please call the Parish office 4325 1042 or Helen Moore 0428 237 708 for further details

#### CHRISM MASS

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 15 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral. All are invited to attend. The Parish Bus will be available, please include your name and contact number on the list in the Church foyer.

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Holy Thursday 17th April @ 7pm

Stations of the Cross Friday 18th April @ 10am - Gosford & Spencer

Passion of our Lord 18th April @3pm

Easter Vigil 19th April @7pm

Easter Sunday 20th April @ 7.30am 9.30am and 6pm

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11th April @ 7pm

#### CONGRATULATIONS

## TO OUR PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING THIER MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY THIS APRIL

Gerard & Lucy Price celebrating 55 years on the 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Elizabeth & George Wolscy celebrating 44 years on the 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Francoesco & Rosa Lentini celebrating 50 years on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.





**6th April -** Pilgrimage of Families to the Shrine of JPII – Mass 9.30am followed by hospitality . Special Blessing for Marriage Anniversaries for the month of April

**11th April** – 7pm - Lenten Mercy Night – 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, Adoration, Praise and Worship

**2nd May** - 12 noon Mass - Anointing Mass for sick and seniors followed by lunch, all welcome

3rd May - Walk of Hope for families -

Saint John the Baptist church Woy Woy to Saint Patrick's church East Gosford

**3/4th May** – Special Blessing for Marriage Anniversaries for the month of May at all Masses followed by hospitality

**10th May** – Our Lady of Fatima night - 5pm Mass followed by candle-lit procession and

Rosary

11th May – Mother's Day – All Masses - Special Blessing for Mothers

**31 July/1st June** - All Masses - Special Blessing for Marriage Anniversaries for the month of June at Masses followed by hospitality

**6th June** - 12 noon Mass - Anointing Mass for sick and seniors followed by lunch, all welcome

14th June- Our Lady of Fatima night -

5pm Mass followed by candle-lit procession and Rosary - all families welcome

**4th July** - 12 noon Mass - Anointing Mass for sick and seniors followed by lunch, all welcome

**5/6th July** - All Masses - Special Blessing

for Marriage Anniversaries for the month of July at Masses followed by hospitality

12th July - Our Lady of Fatima night -

5pm Mass followed by candle-lit procession and Rosa – all families welcome

**26/27th July** – Grandparents Day –

Special Blessing for Grandparents at all Masses

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

CF PSALM 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,

and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

#### FIRST READING

ISAIAH 43:16-21

## A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 125. R. v.3

# (R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)

# (R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)

# (R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

#### **SECOND READING**

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14

## A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

JOEL 2:12-13

## Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

#### **GOSPEL**

Јони 8:1-11

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

JOHN 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more..

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Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm	Mangrove Mt Vigil 5:00 pm
Date	12/4/25	13/4/25	13/4/25	13/4/25	12/4/25
Audio Visual	Ron Begg	Michael Lynch	Greg McBride	Cheryl Walsh	
	Anna Jung	Eunice Dal Busco	Peter Julius	Kevin O'Donnell	
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Music					
Commentator	Nicole Murphy	Gerard Price	Patti Beattie	Barbara McCarthy	Mark Bigeni
Lastava	Nicole Murphy	Jane Eager	Neil Murphy	Rayden Gomez	Marisa Xuereb
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Altar Servers	Dominic Chehade Christopher Chehade Amin Chehade	Veronica Chechelska Sabina Chechelska	Cara Eades Alexander Warner Jamie Nardi Aila Rahkola	Reagan Gomez Evana Jose Gabriel Guirguis Diesel Parletta Victoria Bennett	
/4/25 Janne Addis Jargaret Hunter Junice Dal Busco Jarjaret Cradock Jarjaret Cradock Jarjaret Cradock Jarjaret Cradock Jarjaret Cradock Jarjaret Dal Busco	ALTAR LINEN Sheila Evans  Pick up - Monday 7th April  Drop off - Friday 11th April  Coffee Shop Salvatorian Collaborators	ALTAR SOCIETY Sat 12/04/2025 Fran Thompson Audrey Morris Thea Dowsett Barbara Mills Regina Fong CHILDRENS LITURGY 13/04/25 School holidays	PARISH BUS 12/4/25 Driver - Joseph Nicholls Helper - Frances Hickey	FRIDAY HOSPITAL 11/4/25 Co- Theresa Giddings John McCrae Denise Nicholson Sandrea Petith Joan Vella-Critien Gary Wills	SUNDAY HOSPITAL 13/04/25 John McCrae Johnson Fernandes 27/04/25 Sheila Evans Michael Lynch

## PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Paul Summerhayes, Frank Lentini, Sharon Barnes, Peter Rudd, Gloria Emara, Tom Milostic, Kevin O'Donnell, Mary-Anne Bonnici, Carmen Gaha, John Powell, Chris Golden, Clair Hasting, Paul & Patricia Jones.

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#### **CONDOLENCES:**

We offer our sincere condolences to anyone in our Parish who have recently experienced the loss of loved ones. May God welcome them into his Heavenly home and grant them eternal rest.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 5/4	9:00am Gosford	JPII Intentions
Sat 5/4	4:00pm Spencer	
Sat 5/4	5:00pm Gosford	Ma Nenie Boyd birthday blessings
Sat 5/4	5:00pm Ct Mangrove	Recently deceased FATHER EUCARISTICO SULTANA
Sun 6/4	7:30am Gosford	Intention available
Sun 6/4	9:30am Gosford	Rememberance GLENN MILLS
Sun 6/4	6:00pm Gosford	Soul of JUDITH WENNERBOM
Mon 7/4	9:00am Gosford	Intention available
Tue 8/4	9:00am Gosford	Birthday blessings ABBY

Date	Mass	Intention
Wed 9/4	11:30am Gosford	Birthday Blessings FATHER GREG
Thu 10/4	9:00am Gosford	Anniversary of Death ANNIE MUIR
Fri 11/4	12:00pm Gosford	20TH Anniversary Parish Craft Group, for Past Members
Sat 12/4	9:00am Gosford	JPII Intentions - Birthday blessings Father Greg on his 40 <sup>th</sup> birthday
Sat 12/4	5:00pm Gosford	Parish intentions
Sat 12/4	5:00pm Ct Mangrove	Recently deceased JOSEPHINE GAUCHI
Sun 13/4	7:30am Gosford	Intention available
Sun 13/4	9:30am Gosford	Soul of JUDITH WENNERBOM
Sun 13/4	6:00pm Gosford	Intention available

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