



Diocese of Broken Bay

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

Third Sunday of Lent – 15th March 2020

*You will
never
THIRST.*



This Sunday's **Gospel** centres on a very personal encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Jesus sees into the heart of her being; he understands her true longing and invites her to draw from the well of living water.

In Lent we are all invited to meet Jesus in a personal way. Jesus understands all that we truly need. So as we try to make time to pray during these weeks, we too can come to the living waters and drink from the wellspring of life

that Christ pours out for all people.

In the **First Reading**, the Israelites, exiled in the desert, express their desperate thirst. They doubt the future that has been promised to them. The Lord provides water from a rock in the desert.

The **Psalm** is a collective song of praise expressing a longing for God, where we also hear the voice of God himself. It calls us to soften our hearts, to listen to his voice, and to trust in his grace. It is a reminder that God will always respond to our thirst for him.

The letter to the Romans offers encouragement to remain faithful to God's wonderful grace that has been freely given to us. We can be hopeful because of the love of God that has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. It is that same love that was shown to us through the death and resurrection of Christ. (**Second Reading**).

Let's pray in that in this Lent, we may listen and respond with open and welcoming hearts to Christ's invitation to drink from the wellspring of his love. *Pathways to God 2020*

Parish Priest: Fr David Taylor

Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Kim

Parish Secretaries: Jenny Beninati

Paula Martin

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Mon – Thurs: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Fri: 9am – 4pm

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Weekend Masses:

Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses:

Manly: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Freshwater: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

**Liturgy of the Word and
Holy Communion**

Manly: Monday 9:15am

Freshwater: Monday 9:15am

Mary Immaculate Church

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

St John the Baptist Church

cnr Johnson & Oliver St,

Freshwater NSW 2096

Baptisms: *by appointment only*

Manly 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation:

Manly Sat 10am – 11am

Freshwater Sat 4:30pm

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

Thank You for your financial support of our Priests and Parish Community

The 1st Collection is for the financial support of our priests.

The 2nd Collection is for the maintenance & running costs of our Parish Community.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March – Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes **SAFEGUARDING** which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community.

Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath
St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225 Principal: Paul McGuire
St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699
 Principal: Judy Slattery
St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111 Principal: Chris Browne
Stella Maris College 9977 5144 Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

March 2020

Mon 16/3 – 3rd week of Lent	2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30
Tue 17/3 – St Patrick	Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12
Wed 18/3 – 3rd week of Lent	Deut 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thurs 19/3 – St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16; rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24
Fri 20/3 – 3rd week of Lent	Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Sat 21/3 – 3rd week of Lent	Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14
Sun 22/3 – Third Sunday of Lent	
	1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Year A

LET US PRAY FOR

15th March 2020

Recently Deceased: Fr Geoffrey Meagher SJ; Kevin Leys; Mary Dungan; Joseph Panetta; Mark Holmwood

Anniversary: Diana Music

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Eugenia Cavazzoni, Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Vanessa Squirrell; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge;

Mass Intention Publications: All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because they are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing



St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.



Pope Francis We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



FR PAUL'S YOUTUBE Please take a minute to watch Fr Paul Kim's presentation on today's Gospel reading. You can view it through YouTube – search frpaulkim (one word with no space).



Please **TURN OFF** your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **Reconciliation Classes continue 14th - 15th March**
- **SJB Kinder Class Mass** Tues 17th March @ 9:15am
- **RCIA** Tues 17th March @ 7pm
- **SMM Yr 5/6 Class Mass** Thurs 19th March @ 9:15am
- **Wesley Heights Mass** Thurs 19th March @ 1:30pm
- **Lenten Program** Thurs 19th March @ 7pm
- **Stations of the Cross** Friday 20th March @ 7pm

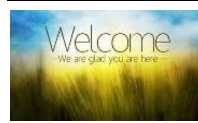
SUNDAY MORNING TEAS



FRESHWATER: following the 9am Mass

MANLY: following the Sunday 8:30am

Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.



welcome.

Craft Group meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring along your knitting or other craft if you wish. Visitors to the area are more than



Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.

Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina groups meets

Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Room and
 All Welcome

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Anyone interested in this form



of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. We meet each Monday at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Enq: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088

"Be still and know that I am God"
 (Psalm 46: vs 10)



Children's Liturgy is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass

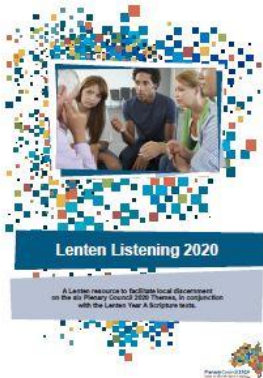


The Parish Playgroup is held during school terms on Monday morning in the Parish Hall at Manly from 8.30am to 10.30am.



Fitness Sessions Manly Saturday Mornings at 9am & Wednesday Mornings at 8am Strength, Tone and Balance Training for over 50's both female and male. The trainer

is Paul Pervan who is a fully qualified Cert 4 Fitness Professional. Specialist in training Older Adults, fully insured with First Aid Certificate. Come along and Try!



Lenten Program

discernment on the six Plenary Council 2020 Themes, in conjunction with the Lenten Year A Scripture texts.

Thursday Evenings

7pm in the Parish Centre.

As we journey together towards the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021, all Australians are invited to contribute through listening and discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying to us here and now. This Lenten program experience draws on the rich Scripture texts of this Year A Lenten Season, and invites us to reflect on these in conjunction with the Plenary themes, to discern what the Spirit is saying to us in our own local communities today. The focus, therefore, moves from a national conversation to a local community conversation, whether it be our parish, school or other ecclesial community group.

All Welcome to come along on the night – each week is a different theme



Stations of the Cross

will be held at Manly 7pm each Friday during Lent.



Youth Masses are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at the 6pm Mass in Manly.

We will be serving a supper following the Mass on 3rd Sunday.



We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2020

Currently we have classes at all our schools that do not have a Teacher or Helper so please consider joining our wonderful team.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact

Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)

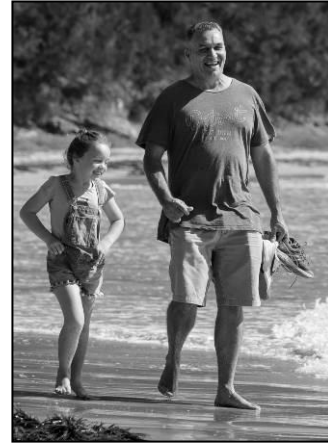
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Units set at \$10 and \$20 *Thank you for your generous support.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FR PAUL!!!

May he have a happy day and we will keep him in our prayers.



Project Compassion 2020 "Go Further Together"

Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his

four girls and a leader in his community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or

phoning 1800 024 413.



ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Rosters for Holy Week - Easter ceremonies will be prepared over the coming weeks. We would be very grateful if Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Greeters & Projectionists could advise the Parish Office of their availability for these services 9977 5822



Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

will be held at St Mary's Church, Manly on Tuesday 31st March at 7pm

Quote from "The Name of God is Mercy" written by Pope Francis

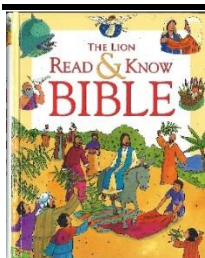
Many humble people confess to having fallen again. The most important thing in the life of every man and every woman is not that they should never fall along the way. The important thing is always to get back up, not to stay on the ground licking your wounds. The Lord of mercy always forgives me; he always offers me the possibility of starting over.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE...

Since the emergence of the Coronavirus, COVID-19, Bishop Anthony has offered instruction for our Diocese on preventative measures appropriate to any situation of concern about public health. These are continually being reviewed.

- Health authorities continue to advise that the best precaution is frequent handwashing.
- Holy Water will be temporarily removed from stoups at the doors of the Churches to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus. Holy Water will be available for people to take home.
- At the Sign of Peace (before Communion), individuals should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you".
- All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to use the hand sanitisers on the Sanctuary before and after distributing Communion.
- Across our diocese and many Australian dioceses, we are taking the precaution of not sharing the Communion chalice until further notice. You are reminded that Jesus Christ is fully present under either species of bread or wine.
- The option of receiving Communion on the tongue is still available until the situation is further reviewed. If however you are unwell in any manner, for health reasons please do not receive communion on the tongue.
- In light of these health issues, those who are unable to attend Sunday Mass can honour their Sunday obligation by having a time of prayer at home, reading the Scriptures, or watching Mass on TV or online.

Let us keep each other in our prayers.



PIETY STORE Just Arrived Children's Bibles \$18

Movie of the month "An interview with God" During Lent it is always a good to reflect on how we will respond when we meet God. This movie is an intriguing mystery drama. Honesty with ourselves is always the best starting point. Only \$10 at the piety store.

CD of the month "The true meaning of Easter" – Venerable Fulton Sheen & Bishop Robert Barron. The meaning behind Lent and Easter is so rich. Without the Resurrection, there would be no Christianity. Without sacrifice there can be no joy. Journey deeper this Lent. Only \$5 at the piety store.

Fast



Give



Prepare



Pray



CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT



Are you able to lend a hand and clear all the debris that our Cockatoo's and friendly Batts spread all over our Church carpark from chewing on the branches of our much-loved huge FIG TREE in Raglan Street, that is admired by the Manly Community.

We need to sweep every second day. Brooms, rakes and bins supplied. Let's care about our environment!!! PLEASE let Jenny in the office know if you are able to assist.....thank you.

Leaving a Legacy. Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Manly Freshwater Parish? Once you have provided for your loved ones in your Will, you may like to consider leaving a meaningful and profound gift to our Parish. There are many ways to leave a legacy to the Church and your Parish community by including a specific gift or a percentage of your estate in your Will. To learn more please contact Fr David in the Parish office on 9977 5822 for information on bequests and legacy giving. Thank you for your consideration.

Lost and Found – a pair of sunglasses were found at Manly last weekend (7-8 Mar). Please contact the parish office 9977 5822.

Sacramental Dates for 2020

First Holy Communion Sunday 31st May
Program commences weekend of 3rd May
Freshwater: Sat 4pm and Sun 10am
Manly: Sun 9:30am and 5pm
Confirmation Sunday 30 August

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN



Take a glimpse into the life and formation of the Priesthood.

Date: 27-29 March 2020

Venue: **Seminary of the Good Shepherd**
50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush.

For more information, please contact
Vocations Office Diocese of Broken Bay

Vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au Ph:0418522449



St Mary's School News...

Our Year 6 leaders will be meeting with other Year 6 leaders across the Diocese to explore the themes - humility, healing and mercy. They will explore these themes with Father David Ranson, in light of what this means for student leaders in our school today. Following these workshops, they will participate in a reflection and conclude with a Mass and Commissioning. We wish our leaders a fulfilling and reflective day.

Kind regards, Alexis Conn (REC)

St John the Baptist School News...

On Monday, our students in Years 3 - 6 enjoyed the much anticipated, annual **Anti-Bullying Play** presented by the Year 10 Drama students from Mater Maria, Warriewood. The performance addressed; ways students can identify various types of bullying such as physical, verbal and cyber along with demonstrating strategies of how students can manage and deal with such situations if they do arise.



Each year, the students from St John the Baptist take part in **National Day of Action against bullying** (next Friday 20th March).

This year, some of our students will be participating in a Diocesan Virtual Classrooms activity, focusing on being respectful to others.

Kind regards, Sharna Taranto (REC)

OUTSIDE OF THE PARISH...

Youth & Young Adult Discernment Evening – Frenchs Forest Parish Following the success of our last discernment evening that was held at Carlingford Parish last November, our next evening will take place on Friday 17 April at Frenchs Forest Parish. These evenings aim to foster a greater understanding of the Priestly Vocation and formation, offer a testimony of a discernment journey prior to entering a Seminary, build stronger bonds between the seminarians of the Diocese and the people of Broken Bay and allows people to interact with Priests, Seminarians and Religious Brothers/Sisters in a social environment. Please consider personally inviting young adults who may be interested in your parish.

Date: Friday 17 April 2020

Where: The Catholic Parish of Frenchs Forest- Our Lady of Good Counsel, 9 Currie Road, Forestville

To RSVP email vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au or parishoffice@ffcp.org.au

Positions Vacant - There are three positions available in parishes at the moment. For more information see: www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant



The Catenians
Strengthening Family Life
Through Friendship and Faith

Tackling mental illness together – a discussion worth having. Manly Catenians invite you to hear about the work of the Black Dog Institute. Date: Wed 18 March 2020 at Manly Golf Club

The Catenians, a Family focussed Catholic men's organisation, cordially invite parishioners and friends (wives and partners very welcome) to join them for dinner at Manly Golf Club on **Wednesday 18 March 2020 – 7:30pm for dinner at 8pm**. The speaker will be Shannai Mikus from the Black Dog Institute and she will speak about Breaking Down Depression and Building Resilience. Each year, 1 in 5 Australians experience a mental illness, so Shanni's talk will be most interesting. Cost: \$50 per person (includes a meal). **RSVP: Monday 16 March at the latest.**

Romano Di Donato (Catering coordinator):

0407 153 626 or Email: romano@romanodidonato.com.au

Manly Catenians: President – Mike Guy

Secretary - Terry Hayes, Treasurer - Michael McMahon

St Mary's Tower Retreat Centre Paul's Letter to the Galatians: 6 Day 20-26 March \$750 or weekend 20-22 March \$250: Fr Michael Fallon msc.

Men's Prayer Weekend: 27-29 March \$250: Paul White and Fr Thang Nguyen msc.

Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquility at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW.

RSVP Ph: (02) 4630 0233 OR Email

contact@towersretreat.org.au website:

<https://towersretreat.org.au>

National Association of Catholic Families National Conference 2020 – 3rd – 5th April

The Collaroy Center – brochures can be found at the entrances to the Churches.

Enq: Mary Clare Meney – 0435 496 624

The Addams Family: Senior School Musical presented by St Augustine's College and Stella Maris College. Come and meet Gomez, Morticia, Fester, Grandma, Wednesday, Pugsley, Lurch and Cousin IT as they gather in the family graveyard, to celebrate life and death in a yearly ritual to connect with their past and ensure their dark future. But brace yourself, Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man, a boy her parents have never met. Venue: Star of the Sea Theatre (Stella Maris College) between Wednesday 25/3/20 7:00pm and Saturday 28/3/20 7:00pm (Sat 28 March matinee 2 PM). Tickets \$20 each from www.trybooking.com/bijgn



Office of the
Children's Guardian

The Office of the Children's Guardian is holding free information sessions

about the new Children's Guardian Act. They are being supported by the Diocese of Broken Bay through two parishes hosting their sessions:

St Kieran's Manly Vale (2 King St, Manly Vale) on 26 March 2020 at 10am – 12pm. To register go to

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Event/manly-vale-childrens-guardian-act-26-mar-2020-north-harbour-parish-centre-st-kierans-church-manly-vale-nsw-australia/0x0/register>

Manly and Freshwater Roster 21st – 22nd March 2020

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Freya Zemek	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravolin	Ivica Covic	Lou Maruca	Mick O'Farrell
Servers			Bernie Lawler	Ivana Covic Evan & Byron Cahill		
Readers	John Stapleton Bill Tango	Jan Van Den Broek Assistance Required	Carmel Lawler Rita Bruzzese	Family Mass	Amanda Whitfield	Jasmin Wright Josh Wright
Ministers of Communion	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	Madeleine Le Surf Tiere Morgan	Assistance Required	Pam Rawson Shaun & Liana Hearn	Angela Vumbaca	Toni Walsh Pam Brown
Music	Bianca Zatz	Parish Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Family Mass	Josh Willard	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Robert Marshall	Family Mass	Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	Peter Bartolotta	Family Mass		
Piety Shop	Louise Wareham	Jan Dorsen	Anne Gaughan Kim McGrath	Lynette & Eliza Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society	Liz de Ambrosis				Marg Norrie Meg Storey	
Morning Tea		Lynn Parkes	Assistance Required			Brigid, Lynne, Wright family
Children's Lit		Fiona C				Leanne Ippolito

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

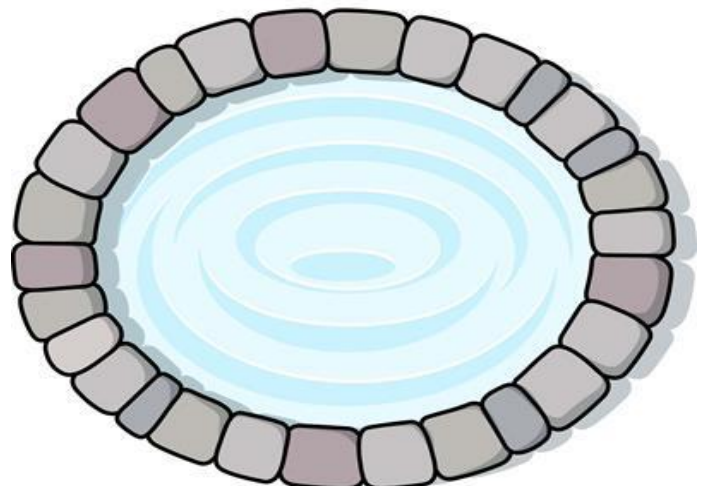
- Christian Meditation: Mon 6pm – 6:45pm in the Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration on Wed from 3pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- Piety Store: Open 15mins before & after Mass
- Reconciliation:
Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
Freshwater: Sat 4:30pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Manly: Mon – Fri at 9.45am
Freshwater: Tues – Fri before 9.15am Mass

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass at Manly and Freshwater
1st Friday of each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist Morning: last Tues of each month at 10:00am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences
2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

The Samaritan woman led many people to believe in Jesus. How can we share our faith with others?

Imagine that you have just met Jesus at the well. Write down what you think Jesus will ask of you, or perhaps share with him something that you are really in need of in your life right now.



Third Sunday of Lent- Year A

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7 (JB)

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

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 (JB)

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

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.

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.

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

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 (JB)

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 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

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

cf John 4:42, 15 (JB)

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

John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42 (JB)

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 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. 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 do 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 worshiper 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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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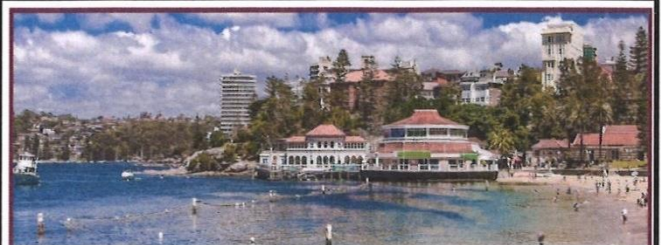
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