

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 4:42,15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the saviour of the world:
give me the living water, so that I may never thirst again.
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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

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 worship 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, 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.'

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have travelled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshipping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.



Parish Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Lent

11 / 12 March 2023

*A spring of water welling
up to eternal life*



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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

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?'

PSALM 94:1-2,6-9

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

Come, ring out your 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 as Messah 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

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.

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& Roger Worth

Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am
Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm
Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am
Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters for 18/19 March 2023 4th Sunday of Lent	
Time	Commentator / Readers
6:30pm	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Bronwyn Gleeson
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Grace Yeow Maureen Fernando
Children's Liturgy	Antonetta and Suanne
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Saveria Librandi Shane Foley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit, Christina Wong, Sarita Ingham and volunteers
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	4/5 MARCH
First Collection	\$ 554.00
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$ 1050.50
Open Plate	\$ 561.40
TOTAL	\$ 2165.90



Pope Francis
@pontifex

The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and acts of love for wounded humanity (almsgiving), and familiar dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to incarnate a sincere faith, a living hope, and active charity. #Lent

Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary of death:
Gennaro Mazzei
Carmen Rodda
Domenica Forigione
Ebelina Ross

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick: John Joseph
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

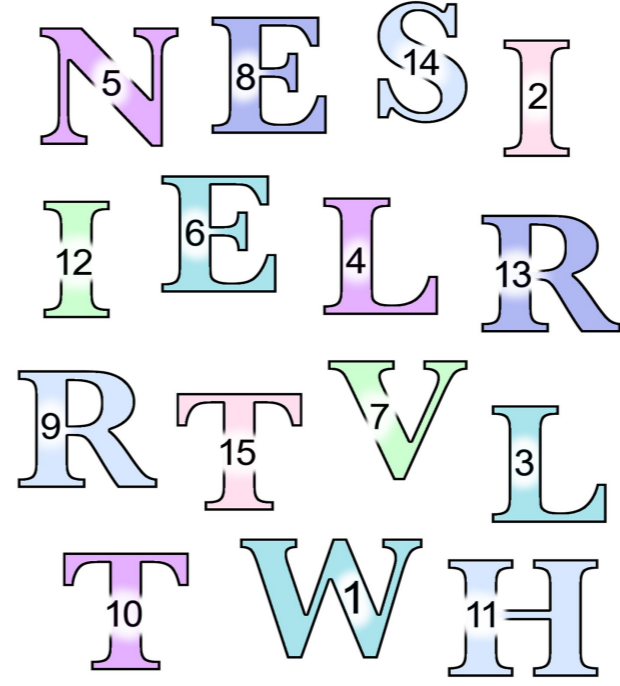
Ministry of Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

St. Joseph's church Tranmere is committed to pay special attention to our parishioners. The faithful who are ill or housebound are deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the Eucharistic community. In bringing communion to them the Minister of Communion represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. For the sick the reception of communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of support and concern shown by the Catholic community for its members who are ill or housebound. If the sick wish to celebrate the sacrament of penance, encourage them or the family to be in contact with the parish priest.

If you are feeling comfort in asking this assistance from the Parish Priest or anyone from the parish, please let the Parish office know your interest.



Third Sunday of Lent
March 12th, 2023



Jesus says that if we drink His living water, we

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10 11 12 13 14 15



Water...



In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.



Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.

When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!



Answer to puzzle on front: will never thirst.

Parish Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS
Christopher Quan Cao Truong & Lisa Ying Cheng
on celebrating their marriage this weekend at our Church.
God bless you both on this day with a lifetime of shared love and joy.

Lent Season
Stations of the Cross every Friday after Mass
(please see roster at the church entrance if you wish to lead one of the days)



Feast of St Joseph
We will celebrate this day on Sunday 19th March with tea and coffee after 9:30am Mass
Please join us!

Holy Week / Easter Roster
We are beginning with Holy Week and Easter preparations. If you wish to participate in a specific role, kindly complete the roster sheet at the entrance of the Church. Your participation is always appreciated.

Hubs of Love - Pregnancy Help Australia
One way you can support PHA provide services to help women choose life is by taking this "40 Days of Prayer and Fasting Book" so they can continue with their mission. Find the books at the church entrance and place your donation on the slip provided.

Archdiocese Events

Fringe Organ Recitals
St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Wed March 15
The Archdiocese of Adelaide with the Adelaide Fringe invite you to attend the *Lunchtime Organ Recitals* at the Cathedral. The half-hour recitals begin at 1pm. Entry is free. All are welcome. Please phone the Cathedral parish for any further information P: 8210 8155.

Churches Together SA Interfaith Vigil
Wednesday March 15
Praying together for peace and justice. All cultures, All faiths.
Wednesday March 15 at 6pm in Pilgrim Uniting Church, 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide. Near Tarntanyangga/Victoria Square.

Lenten Reflection Talks at Norwood Parish
Thursday 16th of March 7:00pm at St Ignatius' Parish Hall (137 William St, Norwood). No RSVP required. Donations at the door appreciated. All enquiries contact the Parish office at 8332 0600.

menALIVE - Men's Weekend
25/26 March 2023
Bring men together, renew their faith in God, and encourage them to become an active force within the Church. Henley Beach Parish For more information, contact Dennis Hoiberg at dennishoiberg@me.com or Glyn Ashman at glynashman@gmail.com

Mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government
Although the mandates have been lifted, we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.
Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety