

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.
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GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

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.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' '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 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 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.'

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 At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work.

Have you not got a saying:

Four months and then the harvest?

Well, I tell you:

Look around you, look at the fields;

already they are white, ready for harvest!

Already the reaper is being paid his wages,

already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life,

and thus sower and reaper rejoice together.

For here the proverb holds good:

one sows, another reaps;

I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for.

Others worked for it;

and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

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.

WELCOME

Oden MILLMORE
 To God's family through
 Baptism on
 8th March 2026



Our prayers and blessings to you and your family!



Morning Tea
 after 9:30am morning mass
 on Sunday 8th March 2026
 All welcome!



Parish Bulletin

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Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

7 / 8 March 2026

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

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today-our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

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

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

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. And 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**

Stations of the Cross During the Season of Lent

Every Friday evening:
 20th, 27th February; and 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March
 Service at 7:00pm (Confession at 6:30pm)

Brief Stations of the Cross

Every Lenten Sunday after Morning Mass

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Tranmere Parish

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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

St. Joseph's Primary School

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Chair— Brendan Moran

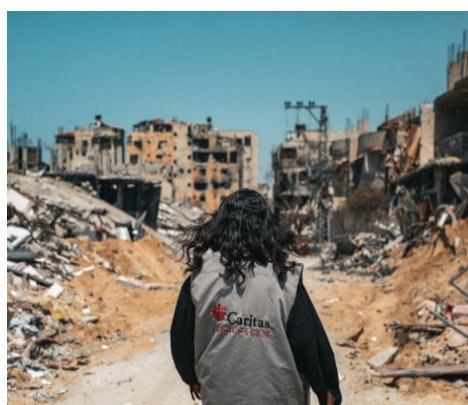
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Vinnies Assistance Hotline

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| ROSTERS 14/15 Mar 2026 Fourth Sunday of LENT | |
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| Time | Commentator/Readers |
| 6.30pm Vigil | Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani |
| 9:30am | Alan Tyson Liesel Salcedo Thilini Silva |
| Children's Liturgy | Charlotte Bartley Jessie Yesudas P |
| Count team | Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon |
| Altar and Flowers | Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Francesca Ciancio Sarita Ingham and volunteers |
| All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass | |



Project Compassion Donation Envelopes:

How do I use them?

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for *Uniting Against Poverty* with us this Lent.



Please remember in your prayers

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

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:
Gennaro Mazzei

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

Sick:

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

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

| SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY | 28 Feb / 1 Mar 2026 |
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| Open Plate | \$519.10 |
| Planned Giving | \$323.00 |
| PARISH TOTAL | \$842.10 |
| Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund | \$719.50 |

Donate now to provide support where it's most needed today

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ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Morning Reflection with Fr Tom

"Dying and Rising with Christ – Praying the Triduum"

Join us for our next Morning Reflection with Fr Tom McDounough CP on the 28th of March at The Monastery.

As the title suggests, we immerse ourselves in the attitudes, prayers and joys of being totally alive in Christ.

We remember that Easter is not a weekend, but seven weeks of celebration and the beginning of Heaven on Earth.

Doors open at 9:00am. Morning tea will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring a packed lunch to enjoy in The Monastery Gardens. Bookings essential - please contact The Monastery office to book, email conference@themonastery.net.au or call 8338 8700 *Suggested donation of \$25.00

Theology at the Bar

Faith, ideas & conversation. Come along, all welcome!

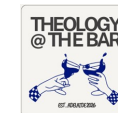
Interstate Guest speaker: Fr Jerome Santamaria (from Melbourne).

Date: Wed 15th April.

Location: Ern Malley Bar, Magill Rd Stepney SA.

Time: 6:30pm start, for 7pm talk.

Snacks, toasties and drinks available at the bar



24 Hours for the Lord

The 24 Hours for the Lord will be observed at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 7 Marian Road, Payneham from 5pm on Friday, 13 March until 5pm on Saturday, 14 March. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm on Friday evening and the church will remain open with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for the entire 24 hours. A priest will be available in the confessional for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5pm to midnight on Friday evening. This is a worldwide initiative to invite all people to renew their encounter with Jesus Christ through Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is intended to be a time of reflection and prayer, an opportunity to speak with a priest, and a chance to rediscover or perhaps discover for the first time the Catholic Faith. Please see flyer attached for further information or contact office@paynehamcatholic.org.au

Wine and Cheese Evening on "Paul and the Places He Visited"

After Stations of the Cross on Friday 6th March at Lockleys Christ the King Church (456 Henley Beach Road, Lockleys) please join us for a very informative adventure from Fr Michael Trainor exploring the sites that St Paul visited in his journeys throughout Greece and Asia Minor (Turkey). This will be another one of our popular wine and cheese evenings. Please RSVP by 5th March via the Parish Office on 8356 8887 or info@lockleysparish.com. The cost for the evening will be \$20 per person to cover the catering payable on the night. The event will commence at 7pm, conclude at 9pm and will be held in the church hall located behind the parish church. Please come along for a night of interesting discovery.

Cathedral Light Show – Adelaide Fringe

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral is being illuminated like never before as part of an immersive light experience to be staged during the 2026 Fringe (ends March 22). Titled 'Cathedral Chiaroscuro', entry to the event will be from 8.30pm to 9.30pm daily (except Mondays), with architecturally mapped projections accompanied by a classical and choral music soundtrack. Tickets are \$15. To book, visit adelaidefringe.com.au.

Birthline Pregnancy Support

Birthline is seeking compassionate volunteers to become Telephone Counsellors. No prior counselling experience is required – full training is provided through a FREE 10-week Telephone Counselling Course, held Wednesday nights, 7–9pm, commencing April 29 2026. Enquiries: tcc@birthline.org.au or call (08) 8331 1223.

The Kids' Bulletin

www.thekidsbulletin.com

Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box. Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

And hope does not disappoint,

1. _____ the love of God has been poured into our 2. _____ through the Holy 3. _____ who has been 4. _____ to us. For Christ, while we were 5. _____ helpless, died at the appointed 6. _____ for the ungodly. Indeed, only with 7. _____ does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one 8. _____ even find 9. _____ to die. But 10. _____ proves his love for us in that...
...WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS

_____ FOR US.
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| COURAGE | DIFFICULTY | HEARTS |
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| SPIRIT | MIGHT | BECAUSE |

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. Answer to puzzle inside: because; hearts; Spirit; given; still; time.