

**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?'

The word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

**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

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:  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.** CF JOHN 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:** 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 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.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A**

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Ps 22

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment

**PROJECT COMPASSION 2023**  
**For All Future Generations**

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

**LET US PRAY:**

We pray that all people will have access to the necessities of life, particularly water. May we, in our support for Project Compassion this Lent, do all we can to become a source for those who thirst.



**FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNION CLASSES  
BEGIN 25/26 MARCH**

We acknowledge and pay respect to Traditional Custodians - the Quandamooka and Jagera Peoples  
on whose land we walk, live and worship.

**11/12 MARCH 2023**

**Third Week of Lent Year A**

**Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. (Jn 4: 5-42)**  
**A precious moment of clarity...**

Their 81-year-old mother suffers from dementia. Every day her five daughters see her slipping away more and more. In the beginning, Mum was brilliant at faking it, compensating her memory loss with skill and grace. But her daughters knew the time would come when she would no longer recognise them. That day eventually came.

The youngest sister took their mother to dinner with her in-laws. They were seated next to each other when Mum turned to her daughter and said, "**So, remind me, how did we meet?**" Taken aback, the daughter replied, "**Mum, you gave birth to me.**" Mum then said hesitantly, "**Then, why didn't I raise you?**" "**You did, Mum.**"

Trying to hide her distress, the daughter excused herself from the table, not wanting her mother to see how upset she was. Mum followed her into the kitchen. When they were alone, Mum took her hands. "**Please don't cry. Are you crying because you think I don't love you?**" "**No,**" her daughter said, "**I know you love me.**" Mum asked, "**Are you crying for me?**" The daughter said nothing.

Mum took her hand and held it tightly. "This is me getting old. It is neither easy nor pleasant. But if I can get through this, so can you. Please know that I love you. And brace yourself, because this is who I am now. It's not that I don't love you. I love you absolutely. It's just that you have slipped from my mind. These things happen. And this thing, will happen again and again, but I love you. I love you so much. Darling, I don't know your name right now, but you must trust that I will always know exactly who you are. So do this for me: Tell me everything. I want to know every last detail - where you were born, where you went to school and Uni, what you do for a living, if you are married. Do you have children? Come back to the table and sit down next to me and tell me all of it."

**A mother's love finds its bearings through the haze of dementia and gives her family a way forward. Her love for her daughters enables her to dig deep and find her "brightness." When we are driven by such love, we're able to confront who we are, accept our challenges and failings, and find a way to move forward.**

In her encounter with Jesus, the woman at the well is able to see herself and her life as it is and realise, despite her circumstances, the compassion of God in her midst. The grace to start over again is ours if we are honest enough to confront our lapses of memory and judgment and focus on God's constant presence and invitation to re-center our lives in his love and grace.

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| FOR YOUR DIARY<br>MARCH |  |
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| 13 Mon                  | No Mass  |
| 14 Tue                  | 9:30am Lenten Reflection Group<br>No Mass  |
| 15 Wed                  | 9:00am Rosary<br>No Mass   |
| 16 Thu                  | No Mass  |
| 17 Fri                  | No Mass  |
| 18 Sat                  | 4:30pm Reconciliation<br><b>4TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br>5:00pm Mass (Manly)                                      |
| 19 Sun                  | 7:00am Mass (Gumdale)<br>9:30am Mass (Manly)   |
| 20 Mon                  | <i>Parish Office Closed</i><br>No Mass   |
| 21 Tue                  | 9:30am Lenten Reflection Group<br>No Mass  |
| 22 Wed                  | <i>Parish Office Closed</i><br>9:00am Rosary<br>No Mass  |
| 23 Thu                  | No Mass  |
| 24 Fri                  | <i>Parish Office Closed</i><br>No Mass   |
| 25 Sat                  | 3:30pm First Holy Communion Class<br>4:30pm Reconciliation<br><b>5TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br>5:00pm Mass (Manly) |
| 26 Sun                  | 7:00am Mass (Gumdale)<br>8:00am First Holy Communion Class<br>9:30am Mass (Manly) <i>Choir Sings</i>           |

| FR GEORGE - HOLIDAYS   |  |
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| Fr George is taking holidays from Saturday 11 March until Sunday 26 March 2023. There will be no weekday masses while Fr George is away.   |  |
| For weekend Masses during this time we welcome Fr Paul Rooney.   |  |
| FUNERAL OF JOAN ROONEY   |  |
| Fr Paul Rooney would like to invite all parishioners to attend the funeral of his mother Joan Rooney at Grovely Catholic Church on Thursday 16 April 2023 at 10:00am. Please keep Fr Paul and his family in your prayers at this time. |  |

|            | Welcomer  | 1st Reader | 2nd Reader | EMHC       | Screen   | Counter |
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| Sat 11 Mar | Colleen S | Denis H    | Alison G   | Mikaela A  | Anjoline | F       |
| Sun 12 Mar | Jasser N  | Donna R    | Helen C    | Margaret H | Donna    |         |
| Sat 18 Mar | Jen B     | Laurent F  | Jane O     | Denise D   | Anjoline | G       |
| Sun 19 Mar | June M    | Kennedy C  | Margaret P | Donna R    | Kate P   |         |


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| Of your charity, please pray for:  |  |
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| <b>Recently deceased:</b><br>Joan Rooney, Rory Greene, Raymond Sellwood, Ted Chapman, Inda Yeng Malinao, Christopher Lees  |  |
| <b>Anniversaries:</b> Victor Berger, Paul Bouton, Brian Cahill, Frances Cassell, Gina Clair, Alice Condon, Stephen Connor, Maxwell Cooper, Barry Edward Creevey, Louise DeWeger, Beatrice Fox, Keith Furner, Colin Freebody, Norman Hare, Trevor Hankins, John Harrison, Kevin Hatton, Kathleen Howard, William Jackson, Brett Ledwidge, Margaret Lawder, Mervyn Lewis, Mary Massie, Alec Mathams, Thomas Murphy, Geoffrey Peake, Bernard Peterson, Ann Riseham, Ivy Rafter, James Retchless, Valerie Smith, Patrick Tranent, Reginald Thurlow, Anastasia Tripcony, Edward Vinson, Bill Warlow, Kevin Woodgate, Anthony Wright, Wilfred (Bill) Weise and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. |  |
| <b>We Pray For The Sick:</b> Dan Ransom, Emily de Looze, Ian Lennon, Natasha Skitmore, Rose-Marie Dickson, Emma Walters, Maureen Handcock, David Schilling, Pat Ellis, Jocelyn Barron, Barry Smith, Irene Gavrilla, Richard Pook, Dell Chapman, Jack & Mary Beard and Anne Dixon.  |  |
| <i>To include a name in our 'We Pray For The Sick' list, the Privacy Act requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative. Names on the recently deceased, anniversaries and our sick parishioners lists are reviewed at the end of each month.</i>   |  |

| KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS<br>SILVER CIRCLE DRAW 3 OF 10  |  |
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| The winner of Draw 3 in the current Knights Silver Circle with <b>ticket 98</b> is <b>Ted Barber</b> . Congratulations Ted and thank you to those supporting the charitable works of the Knights through this fundraising Silver Circle. |  |

| WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS   |  |
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|  | We congratulate and welcome the family of the following child who was Baptised this weekend in St John Vianney's Parish:<br><b>Declan Imeson</b> |

| Report on World Day of Prayer<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023  |  |
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| Our beautiful church of St John Vianney was an ideal setting for the prayer service. An atmosphere of all-inclusiveness, a special PowerPoint presentation, and a striking backdrop of fresh flowers, framed within swirls of material representing the colours of Taiwan portraying the mountaintops (green), water (blue), the natural resources of gold and copper, timber, and minerals (yellow and white), all set the scene for a prayerful morning. |  |
| 125 attendees, including students representing Iona College and St John Vianney's Primary school were welcomed on behalf of our parish priest, Fr George.  |  |
| During the service the congregation was moved by the stories of five women who told of the five Taiwanese women whose Christian faith had inspired them. The chosen Readings from Scripture supported these stories of 'faith in action'; and the service was enhanced by the powerful voices of the congregation led by members of our parish choir, singing hymns that were specially chosen for the day.  |  |
| The Speaker for the day gave a compelling presentation capturing the essence of the stories depicted by the five Taiwanese women, and with a message of how, when members of different church denominations come together in faith, the realisation that God is ever-present to all can prove to be a powerful insight.  |  |
| The students from Iona College and St John Vianney's Primary School assisted with the serving of morning tea which was provided by the committee and parish members, and was enjoyed by all. This was a pleasant conclusion to this prayerful, ecumenical event.   |  |
| Thank you to Fr George for his support of this day of prayer. A special thank you to the committee of parishioners and representatives from various denominational churches in the bayside area who organised the day. Once again, our parish volunteers were present to support where needed. Well done!  |  |

| For the Children   |  |
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| THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A  |  |
| <b>The Woman at the Well</b>   |  |
| Today we will hear about a meeting between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. The Samaritans came from a place called Samaria. The Jews from Galilee and Judea hated them because the Samaritans had built a temple for God on Mount Gerizim, in their own country, and refused to worship at the temple in Jerusalem. |  |
| <b>LET US PRAY</b>   |  |
| We thank you, Jesus, for the blessing of water;<br>For being able to turn on a tap and know that it will flow;<br>For the rain and the rivers and the mighty oceans.<br>Thank you for the "water life," poured out and shared with us at our Baptism, so that we can have everlasting life.                      |  |
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| SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM   |  |
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| <b>Holy Thursday [6 April]</b>   |  |
| 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper<br>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8pm |  |
| <b>Good Friday [7 April]</b>   |  |
| 10am Stations of the Cross<br>3pm Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord                     |  |
| <b>Holy Saturday [8 April]</b>   |  |
| 6:30pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  |  |
| <b>Easter Sunday [9 April]</b>   |  |
| 7.00am Mass ( <i>St Jude, Gumdale</i> )<br>9:30am Mass ( <i>SJV Manly</i> )                  |  |

| ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMIT:   |  |
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| <b>SUMMIT23 is the principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023.</b>   |  |
| Three-days of keynote presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer and encounter with Jesus. The Summit is a key step in the implementation phase of the Plenary Council and Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be sharing his priorities for the coming years. For further information, go to brisbanesummit.com |  |
| <b>When:</b> 6pm Thur 18 May - 3pm Sat 20 May 2023.  |  |
| <b>Where:</b> Riverlife Centre, Seventeen Mile Rocks.  |  |
| <b>Cost:</b> Starting at \$150pp. <i>Early Bird closes 31 March</i>  |  |