



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Third Sunday of Lent - Year C - 20th March 2022

Lent is a wonderful time to reflect on our own responses to God's love. This year we have the special readings from year A. The fourth Chapter of St. John's Gospel narrates the story of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus meets at Jacob's well. We read here a long-winding conversation between Jesus and the woman.



The conversation begins with a request on the part of Jesus for some water to drink. It progresses when she herself requests Jesus for the water, which can still one's thirst forever. The conversation culminates in the enlightenment of the woman through an experience of self-awareness. She becomes aware who she really is. She regains her lost happiness and spiritual freedom. In her enthusiasm, she spreads the good news everywhere and leads many people of the city to the faith in Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

Jesus at the well is in the same condition of all living beings searching for water to still their thirst. By sitting at the well Jesus identifies himself with all who are tired and thirsty. In tiredness and thirst, Jesus shared with the rest of humanity the same human exigency and vulnerability.

The story of the Samaritan woman is an example of conversion and spiritual transformation, which can take place through a personal encounter and dialogue with Jesus. Her striking experience was that Jesus knew all her past deeds. He knew her unrevealed thoughts and her experiences of frustration. The woman considered Jesus as a man of prophetic insights. But what Jesus actually did was - coming down to her and relating himself at the human level.

The dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman is a model for communicating the Good News effectively. Effective communication should lead to an intense self-awareness and self-awakening. One has to discover oneself from within. It is an experience of depth within the person, the experience of meeting the Messiah.

Lord's Blessings, Fr Regi

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: *Exod 17:3-7 – Give us water to drink.*

Psalm Response: The Lord is kind and merciful;
the Lord is kind and merciful.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: *Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 – The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Gospel Acclamation

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 4:5-42 – The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life*



MASS TIMES 21st to 27th MARCH 2022

MONDAY

9.00 am St Luke's, CAPALABA

WEDNESDAY

5.00 pm St Anthony's, ALEXANDRA HILLS

THURSDAY

9.00 am St Anthony, ALEXANDRA HILLS

6.00 pm St Mary MacKillop, BIRKDALE

FRIDAY

9.00 am St Luke's, CAPALABA

9.30 am St Mary MacKillop, BIRKDALE

SATURDAY

4.30 pm St Anthony's, ALEXANDRA HILLS

6.00 pm St Luke's, CAPALABA

6.15 pm St Mary MacKillop, BIRKDALE

SUNDAY

7.00 am St Luke's, CAPALABA

8.00 am St Mary MacKillop, BIRKDALE

9.00 am St Anthony's, ALEXANDRA HILLS

Next week's Readings

(Year A Readings) **First: 1Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**

Second: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Roster 26 th & 27 th March	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Matty M	8:00am (1st) Hilda A	Counting Group 4
	(2nd) Mary S	(2nd) Tim F	
	(Welcome & POF) Martin M	(Welcome & POF) Peter M	Music 6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2
	Communion Ministers 6:15pm Betty A	8:00am April M	PowerPoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am David C

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying.

You can still follow Jesus more closely.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Patricia Smith, Lynne Gage, John Jorna, Agatha Ravaneschi, Liana Lo Presti, Andrew Hodgson, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Lucia Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Patricia Briscoe, Ian MacLellan, Maurie Quantock, Clare Salisbury.

Anniversaries & Remembrances March Sasha Thomsen, Francis Thomsen, Annie Geale, Bob Paino, Jo Donnellan, Kathleen Howard, Dorothy Copas, Tullio Tonini, John Scholtes, Molly Hudson, Gerard Copas, Angelo Sparti, John Beers, Augustina Searson, Pacencia Marcelo, Eileen Margaret Gilhooley, Martha & Bill Kluck, Paul Gauci, Jodie-Anne White, Adrian Hadley, Georgina Fleming, Thomas Miles, Reynaldo Cane, Adela McCullagh, Lionel Logan, Emily Eeles, Salvatore (Sam) Greco, Val Hume, Patrick Flynn, Assunta Lippi, Forina Bunin, Maria Bolton, David Cooper, Del Forsyth, Annie Quantock, Laszlo Lengyel, Ambrose Gorogo, Roy Kok, Roslyn Cairns, Ahlia Raferty, Rosa Tucket, John Kelly, Mark Ramage, Cecchin Giovanni, Jack Maclean, Frank Sherry, Daniel Sherry, Johanna Ruygrok, Tom Topatig, Santa Aquili, Doris Watson, Mary Linthwaite, Paul Moloney, John Turner, David Hume, Mervyn Cosgrove, Christine Leane, Malcolm Simpson, Luigi Cal, Martin Salvatierra.

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

Support Your Parish: Thank you so much to all the Parishioners who continue to support our Parish financially. Our planned giving bank account details for Electronic Funds Transfer deposits are as follows: **BSB: 064 786 Account No: 1000 17027 Account Name: Birkdale Parish Planned Giving** (this account number is NOT for over the counter deposits at the Bank). Kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

Saturday Night Reader Needed. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Training is provided. If you are ready to help out, please visit <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections. Thank you to all parish volunteers who give of their time so generously.

Sunday Cuppa volunteers needed. If you want the monthly (Sunday) "cuppa" to continue, would you be able to assist by either bringing a plate of food OR helping in the kitchen to get the tea & coffee ready. Please contact the Parish office on 3822 2139.

Wednesday Rosary Group will be following the REMEMBER Lenten Program for Lent. Meetings are held at the Church each Wednesday at 11:00am. All are welcome to join the group. If you would like any further information, please contact John or Margaret on 3207 3479 or 0432 926 058.

Thank You The Walsh / Briscoe family would like to sincerely thank all the Parishioners who have given their care, support and prayers for their mum, Patricia Briscoe and their family. Your thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated.

Small Coins for East Timor The collection jar for your SMALL COINS will be at the Welcome Desk each week. Total collected to date is **\$18,097.75**.

Project Compassion 2022 Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the Church, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Parish Diary:

Monday 21st March

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer
2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 22nd March

Wednesday 23rd March

7:30am HEARTfit
11:00am Rosary Group with Lenten Programme

Thursday 24th March

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 25th March

The Annunciation of the Lord
9:00am Rosary
9:30am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday 26th March

10:00am Baptism Celebration
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 27th March

8:00am Mass

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First Reading: A reading from the book of Exodus

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?'

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans

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.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.'