

# The Living Word

**Third Sunday of Lent Year: Alternate Readings, Year A**

**12 March 2023**

## **First Reading Ex 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?'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8**

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

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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 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.*

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 Acclamation See Jn 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 shorter form**

**Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42**

*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. 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,  
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.'

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Jewish people worshipped at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans to the north worshipped on Mount Gerizem. But Jesus says to the woman of Samaria: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem . . . true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.'

We do this by acknowledging Jesus Christ as *our* sacred site. Jesus is where God is to be found. In his earthly ministry this was around places like the well in Samaria. As Risen Lord, he is to be found in those in dire need, and in the Heavenly Bread. In both cases we need to incline the body as an act of worship: in the case of the needy, by doing something practical; in the case of the Heavenly Bread, by genuflecting, bowing, before the Blessed Sacrament.

We could pause for a moment to reorientate ourselves to the Sacred Site who is the Risen Christ, acknowledging him as indeed the 'Saviour of the World'.

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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS:      Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
                                 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for  
                                 St Mary's Syro-Malabar  
                                 Community (Malayalam  
                                 language)

OCEAN GROVE:      Sunday 9:00am

QUEENSCLIFF:      Sunday 11:00am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass,  
and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

## Third Sunday of Lent Year A

**Recently Deceased:** Andree Thom.

**Anniversaries 12<sup>th</sup> March to 18<sup>th</sup> March:** John King, Janni Strzelcyck, John Hannebery, Theo Verheyen, Joan Butcher, Geraldine Williams, Laura Pettig, Estelle Simpson and Midge Reid.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Connie D'Amico, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Gloria Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koertjes, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Nan Nagle, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Pauline Shannon, Jeannett Stevens, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Aldo Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Michelle Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

### ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,  
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

**COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),  
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)**

**OCEAN GROVE: 19<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am:**

(C) Monica Meagher (L) Michael Kirkman (SM) Jo Ballard, Dan O'Meara  
(W) Remo & Naomi Bianco.

**QUEENSCLIFF: 19<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am:**

(C) Roger Furphy (L) Anne Maree Furphy (SM) Angela Hatch  
(W) Sandra Gould.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am:**

Judy Compton and Fay Neville.

### **SAFEGUARDING UPDATE**

**If you are a volunteer in our parish, have you:**

1. A current Working With Children Check?
2. Signed a Parish Code of Conduct?
3. Done the *Safeguarding Essentials* 30-minute online training?
4. A National Police Check (for counters and collectors only)?

**To make it easier, instead of online training, a group training session is being planned. Date to be advised.** To register your interest, please contact Jennie Ryan via email: [Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au](mailto:Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au)

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE UPDATES!**

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*We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*

### **\*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\***

*If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.*

**Christian Meditation & Prayer** continues at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove, on a fortnightly basis. Next session: **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 10-10:30am.**

**Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads,** is open on Thursdays from 10-11am for private prayer and a cuppa. All welcome.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** continues and will run all through Lent. Resources are available at each Church.

**TAR (Trinity Aid for Refugees) grocery collection:** during March, Queenscliff & Point Lonsdale Parishioners are asked to contribute to the Grocery Collection box. Donations of dried or canned foods, such as Basmati Rice, Chickpeas, Red Kidney Beans or toiletries or shopping vouchers would be most gratefully received. Thank you for all past and future generosity. Contact: [shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au](mailto:shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au).

**TAR Meeting:** to discuss the future of TAR and the need for a broader Social Justice focus will be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm in the Narthex of Star of the Sea Church.** All welcome. Enquiries to Shirley 0409 424 243 or Maureen 0439 541 942.



**Mahjong:** any member of the parish who would care for a game of Mahjong on a weekly basis, please ring Nan on 5255 1241.

**TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update):** 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' (Cont.): "Our sovereignty has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown. How could it be otherwise? That people possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years? With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood."

**Geelong Catholic Diners Club:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends for our first dinner for 2023. **Tuesday, 14 March, at 6:00pm at The Bistro, Belmont Hotel** (cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont). Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. If you wish to come to the dinner, please phone or text Michael 0431 959 584 or Joan 0429 215 111 by Friday, 10 March.

**Taizé Pray | Peace Gathering:** people in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship for Lent at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm** followed by a cuppa at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or [santacasa@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au) for catering purposes. All welcome.

**FIAT – Celebrating Mary's 'YES' – Feast of the Annunciation:** Archbishop Peter Comensoli is asking every parish to participate in a special project of prayer commencing 6:00pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and concluding at 6:00pm Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March (the Feast of the Annunciation is observed on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March). At our Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Council decided in consensus to hold a **Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00am to 9:00am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March prior to the beginning of Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove.** This time and place is noted on the Melbourne Archdiocese website.

#### Notes from the Parish Pastoral Council

1. Having distributed its report on the Parish meetings of late 2022, the PPC is now considering how best to respond to the messages you have given about parish operations. The Council is intent on getting the next step in the process "right" and may take a couple of meetings to decide on the most appropriate approach.
2. Nominations are called for the next term of the PPC, commencing on July 1, 2023. Parishioners may nominate themselves or another parishioner. If someone is nominated by another, that person will be contacted prior to proceeding with the process. Nominations are to be made by contacting Fr. Darien before mid-April. As PPC members must stand down after serving two terms, we will especially need new representatives from Barwon Heads.

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#### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Monday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent**

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
10:00am Christian Mediation & Prayer at  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent**

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
with OLSOS Year 2 students attending

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick (Solemnity)**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Saturday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Laetare Sunday

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*Let us pray for all students and staff in our Primary Schools  
undertaking NAPLAN this week.*



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