

## GOSPEL: John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*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 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.

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

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## PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6pm (Vigil),

**Sunday:** 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

**Tuesday - 8.00am & 9.00am**

**Wednesday - 8.00am**

**Thursday - 8.00am & 9.00am**

**Friday - 8.00am**

**Saturday - 8.00am**

### Nursing Home Masses

**Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona**

**Friday - 11am Bupa Greenacre**

### Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

### DEVOTIONS

**Benediction:** Saturday 7am and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 8.30pm

**Rosary:** Saturday 8.25am.

**Vietnamese Divine Mercy Prayer:**

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:**

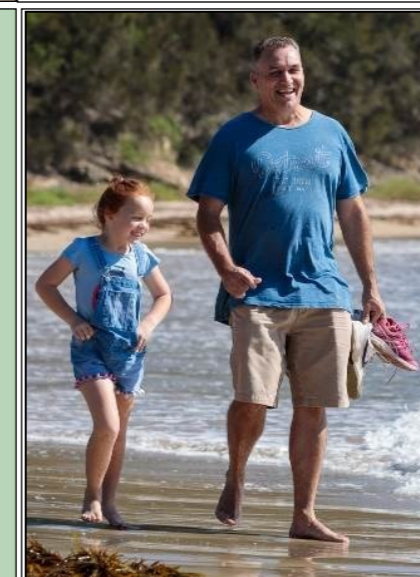
Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

**Marriages:** By arrangement with at least 6 months notice.

**Care for the Sick:** Any time. Please call the Presbytery.

**Baptisms:** Preparation classes are held in the Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10AM Mass.



## Project Compassion

Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion**

**2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### Responsorial Psalm

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

### 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!**

**Comm Antiphon:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

**This weeks readings** - Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42.

**Next Weekend:** 4th Sun Lent - Year A.

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

# 3rd Sunday of Lent - Yr A - 15 March 2020

## Easter Service Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite) - Tuesday 31st March, 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Holy Thursday 09 April - 7.30pm Mass followed by prayers until midnight

Good Friday 10 April - 10.30am Youth re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross.

3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Saturday 11 April- 7.00pm Vigil Mass. Easter Sunday 12 April- 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.00pm

## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of Cross will be held in the Church every Friday evening at 7.30pm during Lent.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The next PPC meeting is on Tuesday 24th March at 7pm in the presbytery.

## Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

***Niyah Harper Hunt***

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Van Tram; Lillian Jaja.

**Anniversary:** Phaolo Phan Van Tho; Maria Huynh Thi Lan; Maria T Son Tran; Phaolo H Phuc Tran; Giuse Nguyen Duc Lien; Ines Martins.

**Deceased:** Joseph Binh Chan Lam; Maria.

**Sick:** Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez; Billy; Fr Ray Farrell; Ginette Sharok

## Weekly Rosters

	Sat 6pm	15 MARCH	8am	10am	6pm
Comm	Gabrielle Nguyen	Kiara Asuzu	Mary O'Hea		
Reader	Patrick Abourizk	Maxwell Asuzu	Thu Ha Kim		Anthony Eltarraf
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)		Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen		Paul Ngoc
Minister	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Helen Vujevic		Phu Nguyen
Choir	St Anne's	SSOG	SDMG		Youth 2
22 MARCH					
Comm	Jessica Vujevic	Imelda Dela Cruz	Helen Vujevic		Anthony Tran
Reader	Gloria Booby	Joseph Dang	Emanuela Viner		Nhung Bui
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)		Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Cindy Hoang	Thao Nguyen	Bev Lamaro		Jacinta Eltarraf
Minister	Emmanuel Icard	Melanie Campisi	Ala Pesamino		Loreto Eduardo
Choir	SDMG	SSOG	St Felix		SMMC

	15 March	22 March	Notes:
Altar Society	Group 3	Group 4 (see notes)	SSOG: Singing Servants of God SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen	Mai Hai	Group 4: Denice Severi, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (Florist)
SVDP	D Rodrigues	Andrew Nguyen	
Children's Liturgy	Ligaya	Denice	
Morning Tea	A & M Rowe	E & B Valencia	

Reflection

Baptism

Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. The well and the conversation about water immediately recall for us the Sacrament of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others.

Take this opportunity to reflect upon the importance of Baptism with your family. If you have photos or other mementos of your family's Baptisms, bring them out and take some time to recall the day of Baptism and its importance to you and your family. Create a prayer table that includes these mementos and a bowl of holy water. After you have spent some time talking about Baptism, invite everyone to listen carefully and prayerfully to today's Gospel. Read John 4:5-42 together. Ask how Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well is like Baptism. (Jesus knows the woman's sin and forgives her. The woman comes to know Jesus as the Messiah. The woman invites others to meet Jesus.) Pray a prayer of blessing for each member of the family that God will help each one live the promises of his or her Baptism. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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## New St Felix Children's Choir

If you attended 10am Sunday Mass last weekend you would have witnessed how lovely our youngest choir was. This is not a one off performance. The new Children's choir will be singing at 10am Mass on the second Sunday of the month. We are looking for more young talent in our parish to join them. All children between the ages of 9-13years are welcome. The choir will rehearse every Thursday afternoon from 4pm - 4.45pm in the Church. If you are interested or want to have more information please contact Amelia on 0415 642 707. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

## Working With Children Checks Update

Working With Children Checks are a legal requirement for anyone who works or volunteers with children other than their own. WWCC's expire after five years. For any volunteers who hold a Working With Children Check if your details have changed or your WWCC number has expired please renew it and advise the Parish office.

## The Bishop's Blend Breakfast

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Tues 24 March at 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendtenthedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org)

## Men's Lenten Retreat Day – Notre Dame Broadway

On **Saturday, April 4** from 9am to 4:00pm. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, and will be guided by Fr Edmond Travers msc. Lunch and morning tea included. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential: [sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au) or (02) 8204 4189 or [Trybooking.com/BIJFM](http://Trybooking.com/BIJFM)

## A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police.

If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.