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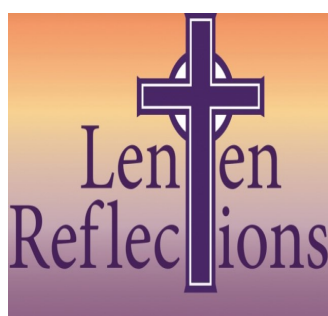
at a
glance



Today's Readings

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2,5-8
John 4:5-42

Give us water to drink.
The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.
The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.



**Third
Sunday of Lent
Year A
18/19 March
2017**

In a Nutshell

Jesus bypasses Jewish customs in asking the Samaritan woman for a drink. The ensuing conversation prompts the woman to run and tell everybody in the town about Jesus. Her openness and willingness to listen with her heart gives her an inkling that this man could be the Messiah. An unexpected encounter can also transform our lives if we always seek Jesus and the living water he offers us.

"I will give you living water and you will never thirst again".



The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is rich in historical and cultural tradition that enhances our understanding and interpretation of this passage. When he asks the woman for a drink, Jesus breaks two cultural taboos; firstly, for a man to speak directly to an unaccompanied woman was somewhat scandalous; secondly, as the woman points out, Jesus is a Jew and directly addresses a Samaritan—another scandal. Jesus successfully gains the woman's attention by ignoring these social taboos but she fails to fully understand his reference to "living water".

The woman has obviously come to the well to draw water for herself. Her encounter with Jesus is a moment of transformation for her. At first, she fails to comprehend his reference to "living water" and never being thirsty again. However, in the end "the woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town." Leaving her water jar behind was a sign of the transformation that had taken place within her. She had indeed drunk of the living water of Jesus and no longer paid attention to the need for water that had brought her to the well.

The Samaritan woman's personal encounter with Jesus compels her to start spreading the good news about the amazing man she has met. She meets Jesus face to face and feels compelled to act on what she has felt. Lent is a time for each of us to again—or for the first time—seek out a face to face encounter with Jesus in the face of others, we build a one to one relationship with Jesus. When we acknowledge this relationship, like the Samaritan woman, we are compelled to act on it

Liturgy Help 2017

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon:

I will prove my holiness through you. I will gather you from the ends of the earth;
I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins. I will give you a new spirit within you, says the Lord.

Response to the psalm: 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!

<p align="center">Readers</p> <p>Saturday Vigil Janet Neenan (Coordinator)</p> <p>Mar: Janet Neenan, Sr Jan O'Neill</p> <p>Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator)</p> <p>Mar: Charlie Robinson, Gerry Walker</p> <p>Sunday 9.30 am Adele Cornale (Coordinator)</p> <p>Mar 19: Gian Cornale</p> <p>Sunday 6.00 pm Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)</p> <p>Mar: Marea Wilson Denise Haylen</p> <p align="center">Church Cleaners</p> <p>Mar 19th: John & Margaret Betros</p> <p>Mar 26th Pilar & Esteban Ovelar</p> <p>Mar 30th Sharron Critchley, Diane Karas</p> <p align="center">Money Counters- Parish Office (more help required)</p> <p>Mar 19th: Group 1 Mar 26 : Group 2</p> <p>Mar 30th: Group 3 Apr 2nd : Group 4</p>		<p align="center">Ministers of the Eucharist</p> <p>Saturday Vigil Sr Gabriel (Coordinator)</p> <p>Mar: Leo Carroll, June Ferguson, Sr Gabriel</p> <p>Sunday 7.00 am</p> <p>Mar: Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating, Peter Frost</p> <p>Sunday 9.30 am Paula Hudson (Coordinator)</p> <p>Mar: Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Cheryl Graham, Erin Docherty</p> <p>Volunteers needed each week</p> <p>Sunday 6.00 pm Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)</p> <p>Mar: Paula O'Connor, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen</p> <p align="center">Gardeners</p> <p>Susan & Kevin Bradley</p> <p>If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator</p>	
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Offertory Gifts— Sat 19 Mar: 5.00 pm Vigil Mass. Bernice Ralston	Offertory Gifts— Sun 19 Mar: 7.00 am Mass Laura & Gerry Walker
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Nancy Frost, Elly Hassett, Lucy White, Shirley Michael,
Other Deceased:	Toni Bailey, Jennifer Azizi, Roy & Ella McDonald, Tom, Nell & Ken Lynch, Bonnie Nichol, John Harding, Lee Shield Rossit, Noel Hudson Snr, Paul Hudson, Alma & Jack Saidey.
Anniversaries:	Jabbour Azizi, Ned Ferguson, Mark O'Connor, Sr Trish Davis oln, Alice & Desmond Ryan, Rob Borg, Bonnie Trimmer, Helen Freestone
Sick:	Steve Elias, Kath Mc Donald, Trish Shadwick, Victor Reid, Jack Azar, James Donnan, John Miller, Nola Ryan, Sr Kathleen Conlan, Steve Bush, Rita Moore, Steve Bush, Fr Frank Perry msc, Fr John Rate msc, Bill Jack, Annabel Kleyn,

Choir At Easter

We would like to invite parishioners to sing with the choir at Easter. **Practices are every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm—9.30pm.** The choir will be singing on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter Saturday vigil and Easter Sunday morning. Please contact Jeremy on 0414 540 439 or Angeline 0405 420 159

Baptisms: This Sunday, Father Phil will welcome the following families into our Parish.

*Arlo Ryan son of Christopher & Lara
Cohen Calthorpe son of Jack and Prudence
Sonny Rose son of Matthew and Kira
Neve Branagan daughter of Kevin and Treasa
Lola Ryan daughter of Mauricio and Georgia*

St Brigid's Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Every 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass (more volunteers needed)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am
Communion Service	Wednesday 9.30 am Reconciliation 15 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
Baptisms	By appointment on the first and third Sundays of the month
Marriages	By appointment arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am to 3 pm (9315 7562)

This Week At St Brigid's

Lenten Program at St Brigid's

All are welcome to the reflection evenings on **Thursdays** throughout Lent. We meet at **7.30pm** in the front room of the presbytery, 160 Coogee Bay Road. The school car park is open for parking

Week 4 of our Reconciliation Programme is underway and parents and children are working well in their groups. These final two weeks are on the actual Sacrament of Reconciliation; why we have the sacrament, and then looking at the liturgy for **Tuesday 4th April**. (5pm and 7pm)

No weekday Mass this Thursday 23rd March, as there is a Clergy In-service all day for the priests of the Archdiocese.

Project Compassion envelopes are in the Church Foyer; please support this appeal by Caritas as much as you can. Envelopes can be placed on any collection.

Insert in the Bridie this week— Please find enclosed the **Parish 2020 survey** ; if you could kindly complete and leave at the back of the church, or the parish office, or you can complete on-line or send directly.

Fr Phil

A Mass & Blessing for People with Autism: In celebration of Autism Awareness Month and to honour all those in our community with autism, the Catholic Archdioceses of Sydney invites you to the annual Mass and Blessing for People with Autism, to be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. **WHERE:** St Benedict's Church, Broadway.

WHEN: Sunday 2nd April 2017, 2.00pm.

For enquiries or to RSVP by Tuesday 28th March, please contact LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or phone(02) 9307 8404

Spirituality In the Pub (SIP) Paddington

Venue: The Paddington RSL 220-232 Oxford Street Paddington
Wednesday 5th April 2017—7.30pm - 9pm

Topic: "Media Culture, Ministry & Magic" - exploring some of the influences the media has on our lives and how it shapes our culture. Speakers: Justice **Francois Kunc**, Judge of the Supreme Court NSW and **Emma Alberici**, TV journalist and presenter of Lateline with the ABC
More Info, Call Marea 0414 873 910

Pope Francis said that" every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral—and not simply an economic—act."

Can't find slavery-free Easter eggs in your supermarket? Did you know that the Easter eggs in Australian supermarkets might be made with coca beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved or force to work in exploitative conditions with no access to education and other human rights? The International Labour Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the coca sector in West Africa.



Action : When you go to your local supermarket, look for chocolate that has one of these three symbols. If you can't find any, ask the manager if they stock any.

Australia Catholic Religious again human trafficking

<https://acrath.org.au/slaveryfree-easter> for information and resources



HEALING AND HOPE AFTER ABORTION. Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. Next retreat is March 24-26 at Pennant Hills. Brochures are available in the foyer of the church.

Call: 0400 092 555 or Website: rachelsvineyard.org.au or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au. The next retreat will be held **24-26 March 2017**.



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