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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
14th/15th
March 2020**

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.

**"There is no true peace without fairness,
truth, justice and solidarity."**

Pope John Paul 11

This week's story from the field is about Barry. Barry is a Gamilaroi (pron. Gam-il-a-roy) man originally from western NSW. He remembers his early years as a time of enormous hardship. He didn't have a stable home or support network and was mostly brought up by his grandparents. He became a father in his late teens and was suddenly faced with responsibilities for which he wasn't ready. He started drinking heavily - behaviour he'd witnessed growing up.

Barry, and others like him seeking to overcome challenges, were able to take part in a cultural healing program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing. It encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within. The program addresses family and personal relationships, and lifelong patterns of violence, abuse and neglect.

Today, thanks to supporters like you and the Red Dust Healing program, Barry is an inspirational father to his four girls and a respected leader in his community. He now facilitates Red Dust Healing workshops and helps others through their own healing process. Barry's story reminds us of today's gospel reading and the unending grace and love Jesus extends to us, despite our past experiences.

Supporting Project Compassion is a way we can proclaim the faith that is in our hearts and help our brothers and sisters in need. During Lent, we are invited to take up the call to fast, pray and give alms. It is a call to live in solidarity with one another – all over the world.

Together, we have the power to build a movement and create lasting change for our global community. We can help break the cycle of poverty and injustice – to go further together. Last year, with your help, Project Compassion raised close to \$11 million. This is a testament to your generous hearts.

Today, I'm hoping you can help by making a donation - so more vulnerable people like Barry can continue to overcome challenges and uplift their communities.

Let's Go Further, Together.

Raise your voices

(7am Mass)

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!

Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil	Janet Neenan (Coordinator)	Saturday Vigil	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
March 14th:	Sr Jan O'Neil	March 14th:	Michael Zador & others
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
March 15th:	Peter Frost	March 15th:	Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
March 15th:	John Rouen	March 15th:	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
Church Cleaners		Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator),
Paula O'Connor, Siobhan Scott, and other volunteers.		March 15th:	Paula O'Connor, Denise Haylen
Money Counters—Parish Office		Sacristy & Altar	
March 15th:	Group 1	Carol Miller & Pilar Ovelar	
March 22nd:	Group 2	Altar Flowers	
March 29th:	Group 3	Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
April 5th:	Group 4	Piety Stall (Vigil Mass): Siobhan Scott	

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am
March 14th: Volunteers	March 15th: Laura & Gerry Walker

Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Peter Saide, Paul Lum, Kathy O'Connor, Penny & Pably Yohanen, Sienna Margaret O'Donnell
Anniversary:	Jean-Paul Gilbert.
Other Deceased:	Kathleen Colbran, Marie Cunningham, Brenda Dore, Essie, Heather and Patricia Scott, Michael Cremin, John Keane, Bernard Arns, Barbara Joy McCormack, Sr Ann Fitzpatrick.
Sick:	Chaiel Blacombe , Cathryn Ferguson, Paula Hudson, Elizabeth Khoury, Susan Behan, Anne Stirling, Maureen O'Connor, Neil Thornton, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Roslyn Powell, Jake Hudson, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Richard Healy, Joan Edwards, Jim Kavanagh, Marian Moreno, Judy Chock, Faye Mather, Alex Campbell, Todd Hudson, Maximilian

<i>Sacramental Program at St Brigids in 2020</i>
Confirmation: Celebrant is Bishop Richard Umbers. Enrolment: 28th and 30th April 2020. Confirmation: Wednesday 17th June @ 7pm.
First Communion Enrolment: 21st and 23rd July 2020 First Communion: 12th and 13th September.

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	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
Baptisms	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, usually during 9.30am Family Mass
Marriages	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office (phone 9315 7562):	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. (Fr Phil—pastoral emergencies only: 0420 329 731)

St Brigid's this week and beyond

Children's Liturgy - Sunday 22nd March during our 9.30am Family Mass.

Volunteers - we are keen to hear from anyone in the parish that may be free to volunteer in any of the following ministries including, setting up for masses and funerals, readers, offertory, children's liturgy, gardening, cleaning, please contact the parish office 9315 7562.

Easter Choir - You are welcome to join the Easter choir, practice is underway on Wednesday at 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Please call Angeline for further information 0405 420 159.

Holy Week & Easter Liturgies

Tuesday 31st March - 7pm	Communal Celebration of Mercy and Reconciliation
Holy Thursday - no morning mass 7pm	Mass Commemoration of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday - 10am	Stations of the Cross (followed by confessions)
Good Friday - 3pm	Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (followed by confessions)
Holy Saturday - 7pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday - 7am and 9.30am Masses	No evening mass

Special Blessing & Dedication

This Sunday, 15th March the Sullivan family will be holding a special blessing at the memorial for their parents, **Joe & Margaret Sullivan** after 9.30am mass. You are welcome to join the family and Fr Phil at South Coogee Cemetery .

Australian Catholic Bishop Conference

National advice on liturgical implications in light of coronavirus (COVID-19)

- Individuals should consider their own health, including any potential to infect other with a contagious disease, before attending a public liturgical celebration.
- Holy water should be removed the possibility of transmission of the virus, holy water is available to take home.
- Sanitizer is available in the church foyer.
- When exchanging the sign of peace, individuals should avoid shaking hand but say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- All Ministers of Holy Communion should wash hands before and after distributing.
- Parish should cease distributing Holy Communion from the Chalice until further notice.
- It is recommend that the Body of Christ only be administered in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue. Minister's should seek to avoid contact with the communicant's hands.
- The faithful who are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass - whether due to coronavirus or some other condition - or are at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the scriptures or watching mass on television or online (<http://bit.ly/MassOndemand>).



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Joanne Smyth, St Brigid's Family Educator



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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,

St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.