

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.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. '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.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus

said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

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.'

**Communion Antiphon** Jn 4:13-14  
For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

### Prayer for Rain

*O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

**Against Coronavirus,**

*Saint Sebastian, R. Pray for us.*

*Saint Roch, R. Pray for us.*

## Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

Third Sunday of Lent – Year A

15 March 2020

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ez 36:23-26  
When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

**First Reading** Ex 17:3-7  
A reading from the book of Exodus  
*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.

**Second Reading** Rom 5:1-2. 5-8  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*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** Jn 4:5-42  
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 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



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**MASSES AND SACRAMENTS**

<b>Masses</b>	Tuesday to Friday—9:15am Saturday—5:00pm Sunday—9:30am
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm <i>or</i> by appointment
<b>Exposition</b>	Friday 7:30—8:30pm
<b>Adoration</b>	Sunday 9:00—9:25am
<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

**COLLECTIONS for last fortnight**

<b>1st collection</b> <b>\$406.75</b> (supports the expenses of priest)	<b>2nd collection</b> <b>\$187.90</b> (for day-to-day running of parish)	<b>Envelopes</b> <b>\$75.00</b> (part of 2nd collection)	<b>Candle offerings</b> <b>\$152.90</b>
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**Masses have been offered for:** Anonymous request, Elaine, Tom, Horace & Eugene Danford, 2 Masses for a private birthday celebration, Mrs Dolores Quinto (RIP).

**Readers’ Roster 21/22 Mar.** Saturday Vigil: *Gerry*; Sunday Morning: *Senia, Christer & Shelley.*

**St Pius V Catholic Primary School Enrolling Now for 2020** Enrolment packs & school tours available. *See opposite page for contact details.*

**The Bishop’s Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals:** 7am, Tues 24 March, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney. Online booking essential: <https://thebishopsblendtenthedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org). *See noticeboard.*

**ANOINTED - Sisterhood Catholic Women’s Conference** 20-22 March, Stanwell Tops. Registrations: [www.sisterhood.org.au](http://www.sisterhood.org.au) *See noticeboard.*

**Caritas/Project Compassion** Please take home your Caritas envelopes/box for Lenten alms giving.

**Stations of the Cross** After morning Mass every Friday of Lent or with the Indonesian Community on Fridays at 6:30pm.

**Covering of Statues** After next Sunday’s Mass, 22 March, could everyone come forward and grab one piece of purple cloth and throw it over a statue or holy picture.

**LENT** Please be aware of the precepts for Catholics regarding fasting, prayer, alms giving and good deeds. *Please see noticeboard.*

**Sherry Weddell Evangelisation** 1<sup>st</sup> meeting once the Lenten group finishes. Fr needs the Sherry Weddell book back before this can start.

**End of Mass Speakers** Continuing on from last year, if anyone is interested in sharing their faith, stories & life’s challenges etc. at the end of Mass after the announcements, please contact Father. Ray Smith has offered to deliver others’ testimonies.

**Parish Garden** We thank Di for cleaning the fish pond and buying our new Easter candle, and Ha Vu for weeding.

**Palm Sunday, 4/5 April** The Burrawong palm is now protected by the NSW Govt, so if you have palms or olive branches in your garden, would you please note at the back of the church, on our spreadsheet, how many you can bring. To be brought at the Mass you attend on Palm Sunday. We need 6 large palms for the altar and cut palms for parishioners.

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have/had been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on (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 Archdioceses has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.