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*Third Sunday of Lent, Year A
11 - 12 March 2023*

REFLECTION

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into ‘too much’?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

Dianne Bergant CSA



10th Pontificate Anniversary

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Francis,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.

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.

Amen.

Prayer Source: USCCB

PARISH CALENDAR.

Thu 9 & 16 4pm: RCIC baptism Preparation
Wed 15 Mar 5.00pm: PPC Meeting
Wed 15 Mar 6pm: Final First Communion Workshop & Practice
Fri 17 & 24 Mar 5pm: Lenten Reflections
Fri 17 & 24 Mar 6pm: Stations of the Cross
Sat 18 Mar 5.30pm: RCIC baptisms

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST COMMUNION The final Parent/Child workshop and practice for First Communion will be held on **Wednesday 15 March at 6pm** in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. For those children not attending Catholic schools the Catechist session will be held at **5.00pm on Wednesday 15 March** prior to the final workshop and practice.

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN If you would like to receive an emailed bulletin each week please send an email to Sale@cdsale.org.au.

31 CLUB REMINDER 13 - 19 March. Please pray for vocations

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from **10.30am each Wednesday**. New members are very welcome.

CATHEDRAL LENTEN REFLECTIONS You are all invited to an evening of Lenten Reflections with Frs Francis and Jithin in the Cathedral gathering space on **Fridays of Lent**. Our reflections will be centred on the Scripture texts for this season of Lent. Come with a copy of the Bible. Time is **5.00pm** (this will then be followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place in the Cathedral every **Friday of Lent at 6pm**.

EXPOSITION AND FRIDAY MASS From Friday **10 March** Exposition and reconciliation will commence from **10 to 11am** and will be followed by **Mass at 11.00am**. Please note this change for future Friday's.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC): will meet in the Chapter House at **5.00pm on Wednesday 15 March**. Please raise any items with your representatives listed on the front page of this bulletin.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES and/or receipts will be available for collection at all parish churches this weekend. **If you would like to join our Planned Giving program please contact Clare or Mark at the Parish office on 5144 4100.** You can use cash, direct debit or credit card for your planned giving.

ROSTERS for welcomers, readers and commentators in the Cathedral continue until Easter when we will call for volunteers once again. The new roster will commence on **15-16 April**. If you believe this is a way you can provide a service to our Parish Community please call Clare on 5144 4100. Training will be provided for all volunteers later this year.

BLESSING & DEDICATION OF CLYDE NORTH CHURCH You are warmly invited to attend The Blessing & Dedication of St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church Clyde North on **Sunday 23 April 2023**. We will be honoured by the presence of His Excellency Charles Balvo, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia & Most Rev Gregory Bennet, Bishop of Sale who will preside at the Concelebrated Ritual Mass of Dedication of the Church & Altar beginning at the St Peter's College Clyde North Campus (55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North) at **1:00pm** and walking in procession to enter the new Church (5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Cranbourne East) at **2:00pm**. Reception with light refreshments to follow

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Elfie Horvatits daughter of Werner and Katie. Last weekend we welcomed for baptism at St Mary's Cathedral Saylah-Rose Robinson daughter of Robert and Casey. Congratulations to the families from us all.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) each weekend between the third and fifth Sundays of Lent our RCIA catechumen and candidates will be undertaking scrutinies at Mass. Please keep **Shari, Faye, Kirby, Sam and Adam** in your prayers as they journey to Easter.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 12 Mar 9.30am: Antoni Myrdzio (A)

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,
we give you thanks and praise for our
Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming and
serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC) on Saturday 18 March at 5.30pm Mass

we will be welcoming 22 children for baptism. RCIC is the process of baptising children who are older than 7. We welcome them and all their families and friends into our parish community. Thank you to Fr Francis and Margaret Shirreffs who have been preparing the children for their Baptism. As we would like to celebrate this joyous occasion we will have a light supper. Please stay and help us welcome our new Parishioners. Please bring a plate to share.

PILGRIMAGE TO SYDNEY 5 to 7 June 2023.

Traralgon Catholic Women's League are planning a trip to Mary McKillop place in Sydney. There are pink flyers in all of our churches with more details. If you would like to go please call Johanna Sykes on 0413 489 704.

PRAYER FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' PONTIFICATE

The Digital Synod has launched a special online prayer initiative for the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate on **13 March 2023**. A special online map shows virtual lighted candles which represents the prayers of the faithful worldwide for Pope Francis. Vatican News shares how you can join here. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-02/prayer-initiative-for-10-years-of-pope-francis-pontificate.html>

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 11.30am — 12.00noon
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am – 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** 10.00 — 10.30am

Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the Priest.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$993.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Third Sunday of Lent, Year A
11 - 12 March 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 11 March	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 12 March	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 13 March	NO	MASS
Tuesday 14 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 15 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 16 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 17 March	10.00am	Cathedral
<i>Reconciliation & Exposition Mass</i>	11.00am	Cathedral
<i>Lenten Reflection</i>	5.00pm	Cathedral
<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	6.00pm	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 18 March	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<i>RCIC Baptisms</i>	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 19 March	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 11 Mar 5.30pm	Sun 12 Mar 9.30am	Sun 12 Mar 5.30pm
Welcomer	Marietta Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Nick Hall	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Liz Tabuteau	Vince Beer	Lyn Althaus
Counter	Sue H & Mary C		
Date & Time	Sat 18 Mar 5.30pm	Sun 19 Mar 9.30am	Sun 19 Mar 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Claire Everard
Commentator	Emma Morrison	Susan Mattson	Please offer
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Veronica Stewart
Counter	Len & Lyn Althaus		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Tom Read, Rodrigo Morales (Chile)** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Percy Morais, Antoni Myrdzio, Fr Walter O'Connor, Fr Alexis Dunlop**. We pray for those who are sick **Hurbert Somasiri, Rebecca Duck, Maureen Cunningham, Jacobus Toonen, Andrew Lyon, Madeleine Evans, John Schroeder, Jim Clottin, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Robert Bailey, Helen O'Kane, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
EASTER MASS TIMETABLE**

Thursday 30 March: 6.00pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation - Cathedral

Saturday 1 April: 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
5.30pm Mass - Cathedral
5.30pm Mass - Rosedale

Sunday 2 April: 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
Palm Sunday 9.30am Mass - Stratford
5.30pm Mass - Cathedral

Monday 3 April: **NO MASS**

Tuesday 4 April: 11.00am *Mass of the Oils* - Cathedral

Wednesday 5 April: 9.30am *Mass* - Cathedral
7.30pm *Service of Shadows* - St Mary's Cathedral

Thursday 6 April: Cathedral
Holy Thursday 7.30pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Friday 7 April: 9.30am *Stations of the Cross* - Cathedral
Good Friday 9.30am *Stations of the Cross* - Stratford
9.30am *Stations of the Cross* - Rosedale
10.30am *Walk of the Cross* to St Paul's Cathedral
3.00pm *Service of the Lord's Passion* - Cathedral

Saturday 8 April: 7.30pm *Easter Vigil* - Cathedral

Sunday 9 April: 9.00am Mass - Loch Sport
Easter Sunday 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
9.30am Mass - Stratford
11.15am Mass - Seaspray



NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus 17:3-7

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?'

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

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.)**

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.)**

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:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

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.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glorify 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.
Glorify to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 4:4-5, 19-26, 39-42

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', 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.'

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

COMMUNION 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.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral
Every Friday 10 - 11am
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral
Friday 10 - 11am Saturday following Mass 10 - 10.30am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:
Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A
1st Reading: **1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**
2nd Reading: **Ephesians 5:8-14**
Gospel: **John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (Shorter form)**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE
Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm
Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm
Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)
Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.