

**PARISH MASS TIMES**  
**Monday:** No Mass  
**Tuesday:** 5.00 pm Mass  
**Wed - Friday:** 9.00 am Mass  
**Sat :** 5.00pm  
**Sunday:** 9.00am Mass

**Reconciliation**  
**Tues:** 4 - 4.45pm  
**Sat:** 3.30 - 4.30pm

**Adoration & Benediction**  
**Tue:** 4-5pm

**Stations of the Cross**  
**Fridays** 5pm followed by Soup Supper finishing 27th March

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Enter Lent with Prayer and Reflection

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Ash Wednesday - 18 February**  
 9:15am - School Mass  
 6:00pm - Parish Mass

**Stations of the Cross**  
 Friday - 5:00pm  
 Followed by Soup Dinner at 6:00pm  
 (Hosted by the Croatian Community)

**Parish Lenten Programme**  
 Wednesdays - 9:30-11:00am


**Ash Monday - 16 February**  
 (Indian Community Mass)  
 6:00pm - Mass (Syro-Malabar Rite)

## PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM 2026

Sessions will be held Wednesdays 9.30—11am after 9am Mass.  
 March 11th, 18th, 25th.

**COST = Free.** Program supplied.  
 Facilitated by Marie Weatherall, Carolyn Evenden, Helen Nettelbeck, Deidre Herring, John McKay and Mary O'Neill.

*All are welcome.*



## Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions March

**For disarmament and peace**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

## MASS TIMES FOR EASTER 2026 THE SACRED TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday:** The Lord's Supper—6.00PM


**Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross—10AM  
 Liturgy (Indian Community) - 11.00AM  
 Passion of the Lord—3.00PM

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil - 7.00PM  
 Indian Mass—11.00PM

**Easter Sunday—**Mass 9.00AM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

For Year 3 Students and any older children who have not yet received it.



**Weekly Sessions Commence:**  
 Wednesdays 5-6pm  
 March 11th, 18th, 25th  
**Venue:** Parish Meeting Room

**II Rite of Reconciliation**  
 (before Easter) 26th March, 5pm

**Mass with the Anointing of the Sick**  
**— Saturday 28 March 2026**  
**Mass:** 9:00am  
**Holy Hour:** 8:00am  
**Confession:** 8:00am – 8:45am

## MASSES IN AGED CARE

**The Glen** Every Second Wednesday 10.30am  
**The Manor** Every Third Wednesday 2pm  
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## PARISH ROSTERS

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| <b>7/8 MARCH</b><br><b>Cleaning</b><br>9-14 M deSmet/J Maher   | <b>14/15 MARCH</b><br><b>Cleaning</b><br>16-20 R & K Ison   |
| <b>5.00PM MASS5</b><br>Welcomer J Anderson<br>Commentator J O'Sullivan<br>Reader : J Mackay<br>Eucharistic Ministers L Mylott<br>Computer Screen M O'Neill         | <b>5.00PM MASS</b><br>Welcomer : K Conway<br>Commentator: S Ebejer<br>Reader P Nolan<br>Eucharistic Ministers K Lovering<br>Computer Screen J O'Sullivan      |
| <b>9.00 AM MASS:</b><br>Welcomer M de Smet<br>Commentator B Basevi<br>Reader: P Fleming<br>Eucharistic Ministers K Corbin, L Stevens<br>Computer Screen D May .... | <b>9.00 AM MASS:</b><br>Welcomer T van den Broek<br>Commentator . M Lowe<br>Reader: B Basevi<br>Eucharistic Ministers V & C Burns<br>Computer Screen T Priest |
| <b>MORNING TEA:</b><br>M & C Lowe  | <b>MORNING TEA:</b><br>J Barroman/G Berryman  |
| <b>COUNTERS:</b><br>T Priest/J Whiteford   | <b>COUNTERS:</b><br>T & A Jackson<br>C Evenden  |

## Sacrament Spotlight

As part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our children have been exploring what it means to recognise right and wrong. They have been thoughtfully engaged in discussions about how our choices affect others and ourselves.

The children are learning that loving choices include telling the truth, sharing, helping others, and showing kindness. They are also discovering the difference between accidents and deliberate choices, and how God has given each of us a conscience to guide us.

Through the Gospel stories of Jesus being tempted in the desert and the Good Samaritan, they reflected on how we may face temptations in our lives and how we are called to choose what is good, just as Jesus did.


This lesson is a gentle reminder for our whole parish family that while we all make mistakes, we are always invited to pause, listen to our conscience, seek forgiveness, and choose love again. Let us continue to keep these children in our prayers as they journey towards the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Fr Joshy**

## VOLUNTEERS FOR ROSTERS FOR HOLY WEEK

Rosters are in the foyer to be filled in for Holy Week. The times of the ceremonies are on each day. Could you please fill in you name and a contact number and put Yes under the day you will be available. If you have emailed a response please check it is right and add your contact number. Thank you.

A priest is driving down the highway and gets pulled over for speeding. The policeman walks to the car and smells alcohol on the priest's breath. Looking inside the car, he sees an empty bottle on the passenger seat. "Sir, have you been drinking?" he asks. "Just water," answers the priest, fingers crossed. The policeman then says, "Why do I smell alcohol?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"



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## Prayers for the Sick

*Jesus, Divine Healer, we entrust all the sick into your loving hands*

Deborah Eddington, Declan Holmes, Joy & John Dillon, Jan Simpson, Nan Reidy, Natalie Matthews, Jordan Ambler, John Hyland, Ken Evenden, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya Roth, Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill.

## Recently Deceased

*We have loved them in life; let us not forget them in death. May they live forever in God's love.*

Bettye Ison, Fr Frank Fuchs, Chris Bowditch, Shirley Carroll, Pavla Pinkawa, William Gallagher, Teresa Lewis, Bob & Suzanne Hughes, Bishop Pat Power, Diana Ebbelaar, Sr Maria Goretti, Maria Mendes, Gregy Elchico, Bob & Judy Spruce, Rod & Letitia Baz, Wido Melis, Zora Domitrovic, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Margaret Silversides, Joseph Quigley, Patricia Totterdell, Joanne Rogers, Josephine Beckhaus.

**Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading**

Exodus 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?'

The Word of the Lord  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

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

1. 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.)**
2. 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.)**

3. 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**

Romans 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.

The Word of the Lord  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

See John 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**

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, 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

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

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**Third Sunday of Lent Year A**



**Choir Practice**  
Every Monday  
1.00pm - 2.30 pm  
Easter Preparation

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am**  
Fridays after Mass

**"Enjoy the Good News"**  
Wednesdays after mass  
CMR

**Stations of the Cross**  
Fridays 5pm finishing 27th March  
Followed by Soup Supper at 6pm

**Parish Sacramental Program**  
Weekly Sessions  
March 11, 18, 25  
5-6pm CMR  
II Rite Celebration March 26 5PM

**Reconciliation Commitment**  
Masses Week-Ends 7 & 8, 14 & 15th March

**Mass with the Anointing of the Sick**  
Saturday 28 March 2026  
Mass: 9:00am  
Holy Hour: 8:00am  
Confession: 8:00am – 8:45am

**Wrap With Love**  
Tuesday 10th March  
10 am BB Library  
Wednesday 25 March  
1pm-3pm CMR

**RCIA Thursdays 5.30pm**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
Thursdays after 9am Mass  
Venue: Corrigans Cove

**Craft Group**  
Thursdays  
10am CMR

**Disposition of the Heart.**

Caroline Jones in her book: 'An Authentic Life' tells her story of being drawn, at age 40, to the Catholic Faith and Community. One of the influential encounters that she refers to on this journey is 'her visit to Seton Villa where the Daughters of Charity had made a home for intellectually impaired women. I was invited to open an exhibition of the resident's art. When I visited the Villa during the final weeks of preparation of the art works, the warm cheerful care of the Sisters for their residents bought to life for me the illustrated passages from Christ's teaching hanging on the walls of the art room. I recall the dramatic impact of looking from the framed written word to the human action being played out in front of it:

*'Love one another as I have loved you'.  
'For I was thirsty and you gave me to drink'.  
'In as much as you do for one of these little ones, you do for me'.*



What I saw at Sefton Villa was not martyred service, it was relationship, and there was an unaffected naturalness about it. I was attracted by the Sisters and very curious about the motivation, the disposition of heart, for their life and the source of their happiness. [Authentic Life, 1998 pgs 167-8]

**She came to new life!**

**The Samaritan woman** in today's Gospel [John 4: 5-42] is found at the well, spiritually alienated, worldly experienced, a culturally foreign woman, who was nonetheless accepted by Jesus. He saw exactly what she was, how needy she was and, regardless of her reputation, he offered her the living water of his spirit and his way of life. She was claimed by this experience of unconditional love, which she happened upon, one lonely day at the well, and through it she came to new life.

Christ's teaching requires us to have a disposition of heart to love God, not in some ethereal way, but in working to fulfil the needs and relieve the suffering of people. Jesus' invitation is to keep trying to love and to give to the utmost of your capacity. Then on the rare occasions when we manage to do it just for a minute or two, by the grace of God, the reward is peace, the pearl beyond price – before you retreat, inevitably, into human fallibility once again.

Marie Weatherall

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.