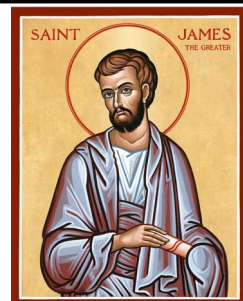


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March 12, 2023 • 3rd Sunday of Lent • John 4:5-42

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Holy Water, Holy Place

Jesus and his disciples travel to Samaria. Jesus goes ahead of his disciples and encounters a Samaritan woman who is drawing water from the well. When Jesus asks her for a drink they begin a dialogue that leads to her conversion. Jesus tells her that those who drink the water he offers will never be thirsty again. She asks for the water without knowing what she is asking for.

Water is basic for life. We need it for nourishment, for healing, and for cleansing. Water can also take life. Left under water long enough, we die. This is why water is the perfect sign for the sacrament of baptism. Through the waters of baptism, we die to our old self and receive new life in Christ. The church reinforces this imagery of baptism by sprinkling us with holy water at various times through the year, and by placing holy water fonts at church entrances.



"If you knew who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Sheepish Question:

Realizing it is all about Jesus, what must I do differently with my life?

Parishioners are also encouraged to take holy water home with them. This is something my husband and I did faithfully for the first few years of our marriage. We had been given a holy water font for our wedding. It hung by the front door of our first few apartments. I don't know what happened to it after that. The miniature font was a nice reminder that our home was the domestic church. Like the parish church, we dipped our hand and blessed ourselves when we entered or left.

I remember dipping my finger in the font to bless my children on their first day of school each year. I continued to bless them as they grew up. I would make a simple Sign of the Cross on their foreheads before big events in their lives like final exams or a long trip. My children are all grown now, and I still bless them. Sometimes they even bless me back.

When we moved into our first house, my mother brought her own holy water on her first visit. Like the holy water

used during the dedication of a new church, my mother sprinkled her holy water and blessed each room in our own house church. Blessing the house reminds us that our homes are church, and blessing each other reminds us that we are the embodiment of that church. Holy water is a sign of our new life as part of the body of Christ.

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Session 3	Monday 27 March	9.45am & 7.00pm
Session 4	Tuesday 28 March	9.45am & 7.00pm

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This Sunday's Readings

3rd Sunday Lent (Year A/1)

First Reading **Exodus 17: 3-7** 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?'

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9 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.

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.

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.'

Second Reading Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given 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. And 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 Reading John 4: 5-42 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.' '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: 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.'

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Social Justice

SPIRITUALITY IN LAUDATO SI'

Si' takes its name from St. Francis of Assisi medieval Italian prayer which praises God through elements of creation. Pope Francis says - "I believe that St. Francis of Assisi is the example, par excellence, of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically" (LS. 10). Also, "If the simple fact of being human moves people to care for the environment of which they are part, Christians in their turn realise that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator are an essential part of faith. It is good for humanity and the world at large when we believers recognise the ecological commitments which stem from our convictions (LS 64)

Project Compassion 2023

Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with

her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming.

Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a

safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow...

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or call 1800 024 413.



Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:



Mary-Rita Deakin; Emmanuel Pandey; Irene Hueso Checa; Peter Korst; Slavica Ljubas; Cletus Davis; Florencio Gaudinez Jr; Veron Forsyth.

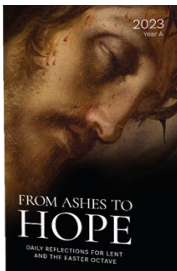
And these anniversaries: Patricia Svensdotter; Eustaquia Elicano; Luke & Gerard O'Reilly; Elsie & Harry Frampton; Merle Chapman.

Please pray for these unwell: Helene Pandey; Irene Checa; Robbie Haley; Fr Kevin Tu'itti; Kerry See; Robby & Rachel Henry; Miriam Martin; Rosalie Pascual; Aoife Stephenson; Michael Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

Parish news

***Lenten Program**—prayer group on Mondays after 8am mass. All welcome. From Ashes to Hope.

***Way of the Cross**—Wednesdays held in the Church during Lent, after 8am mass. All welcome.



Eucharistic Adoration—TUESDAYS:

St James Church, Coorparoo (8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Coordinator for St James Adoration: Vicky 0433 583 763. Vicky is

reminding us of the need for more adorers but especially between 11 pm Tuesday and 3 am Wednesday. [Link](http://www.perpetualadoration.com.au) to our form. www.perpetualadoration.com.au brisbane.adoration@gmail.com

Roster for Mass Ministry has been emailed & in Sacristy. Choir Roster will be added to Mass Ministry Roster.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:

Friday 5th May @ 9am (not Good Friday 7th April).

ALL NIGHT VIGIL:

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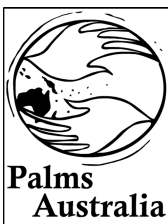


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MARCH

11 / 12 Saturday 4.30–5.30pm Reconciliation (through Event-brite); **3rd Sunday Lent** (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); **No Baptisms.**

13 Monday Lenten Prayer group after 8am mass

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

15 Wednesday Way of the Cross after 8am mass

17 Friday Brisbane East Deanery Bible study St James Priory 6pm–9pm, session 6.

18 / 19 Saturday 4.30–5.30pm Reconciliation (through Event-brite); **4th Sunday Lent** (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am);

Parish news

LENTEN RECONCILIATION 2023

1st Rite of Reconciliation Tuesday

14th March 7pm–8pm OR Tuesday 28th

March 7pm–8pm during Perpetual Adoration ...

EASTER SERVICES 2023 (see church doors + website)

Holy Thursday 6th April - Morning Prayer 8am + Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm.

Good Friday 7th April - Morning Prayer 8am + Way of the Cross 10am + Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm (Collection for Holy Land)

Holy Saturday 8th April - Morning Prayer 8am + The Easter Vigil Mass 7pm

Easter Sunday 9th April - 7am Mass + 9am Mass

Easter Monday 10th April - Church and parish office closed, including no Monday 8am mass.

Catholic Leader March 2023 (available now \$4)

Pope Francis prayer intention for March.

The effect of Francis' papacy has been prodigious, Cardinal says.

Tips on how to minimise stress in your relationship.

St Patrick's Day Mass

The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at **10am on 17 March 2023**. Fr Gerard McMorrow will be the celebrant. All are welcome to attend. Mass will be live-streamed through the Cathedral website on this link - Archbne.org/bzw

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Parish Secretary, Upper Mount Gravatt Wishart Parish -

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Planned Giving for the Week of 5 March, 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$712.50	\$90	\$477	\$190	\$1,469.50
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Counters

March 11 / 12 Paul & Cecilia

March 18 / 19 Sylvia & John

Next week	4th Sunday Lent March 19	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (3rd weekend)		Glenn & family	n/a	Canossa Choir
COMMENTATOR		Karleen O'R	Trish R	Ray M
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ALTAR SERVER/S		Rodel / Ramil	Brendon G / John D	... / helper
POWERPOINT		Sydel I	Gilbert / helper	June / helper
HOSPITALITY		Karen / Edward	Trish R / helper	Cathy M / John W

Weekly Mass times **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

WEEKDAY: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

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families.stjames@gmail.com Just a reminder that the school playground is out of bounds outside school hours. Children should be under parent supervision and remain in line of sight at all times.



Next Sunday's Readings 4th Sunday Lent (Year A/1)

First Reading 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13 In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

Second Reading Ephesians 5: 8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Reading John 9: 1-41 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

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