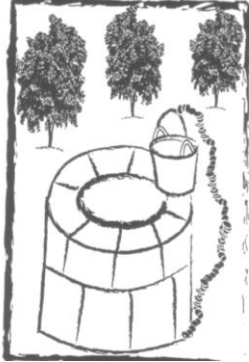




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**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Yr A**



**CELEBRATIONS: 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**



Monday	9.00am	Mass of Monday of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of Lent
Tuesday	4.30pm	Lectio Divina on last Sunday's Gospel
	5.00pm	Mass of the Feast of <b>St Patrick</b>
	After Mass	<b>Green Cuppa for St Patrick's Day, BYO Something Green to share</b>
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass of Wednesday of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of Lent
Thursday		<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	4.30pm	Scripture Rosary 
	5.00pm	Mass of Friday of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of Lent
	After Mass	Stations of the Cross 
Saturday	9.15am	Reconciliation
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Mass of 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, yr A
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Mass of 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, yr A
	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass of 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, yr A



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

● **Corona Virus Crisis:** The bishops of Australia have made changes to what we do in church so we take due care **while this crisis lasts**. Holy Water will be available but not in Holy Water Fonts at church entrances. We are not to shake hands at the Sign of Peace at Mass. Communion on the tongue is not permitted nor communion from the chalice. We are urged to tend to personal hygiene especially washing our hands before gathering at church. Should symptoms of the virus appear we should see a doctor before gathering at church services.

● **More CHOIR Members:** The 'ministry of singers' is a great blessing for our Parish. We thank our Choir and Shelia Wells for all they are doing to enhance our Liturgies. Please consider joining the Choir! You can learn on the job. Please consider this shared ministry! Shelia and the choir members welcome all new members!

● **Buy a Ticket** in our Combined Catholic Churches Raffle 2020. This is a Major Fundraiser for the Parish.

**Lectors: 14<sup>th</sup> March / 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

6.00pm .... G.Newbegin    8.00am .... M.Coyle    10.00am ...M.Beyer

**21<sup>st</sup> March / 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

6.00pm .... G. Steele    8.00am .... N.Bosquet    10.00am ...J.Tibb

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

**14<sup>th</sup> March / 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

6.00pm ... G.Steele    8.00am .... B.Wells    10.00am ....J.Tibb

**21<sup>st</sup> March / 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

6.00pm ... H.Booth    8.00am .... A.Wells    10.00am ....M.Beyer

**God's Housekeepers this Week:** 19<sup>th</sup> March .... Group D    26<sup>th</sup> March .... Group E

**Counting Teams:** March: David & Dely and Ian & Barbara Ellwood

**Last week's Offerings:**

First (support of the Priests) **\$1063.65** Second (Support of the Parish/Hall) **\$903.85.**



## PENITENTIAL RITE:

✠ Lord Jesus, you are the rock who saves us.

Lord, have mercy. All: **Lord, have mercy.**

✠ Christ Jesus, you made us and we belong to you.

Christ, have mercy. All: **Christ, have mercy.**

✠ Lord Jesus, you call us to listen to your voice.

Lord, have mercy. All: **Lord, have mercy.**

➤ **FIRST READING: *Exodus 17:3-7***  
*Give us water to drink.*

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

***R* 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: *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.*

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**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 4:5-42***  
*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

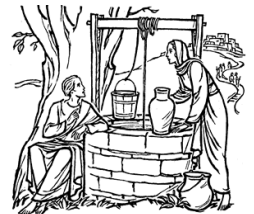
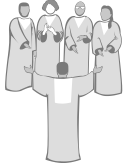
**Please pray for those who are sick especially:**

**Nat Drago, Raelene Watt, John Coughlin, Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Mark Burns,  
Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's  
comfort and strength.**

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office.).

**Please pray for Carmela Valente who died recently, and for Verdun Stow whose anniversary  
occurs about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.**

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## PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **AMEN.**

### Responses during the Mass

Fr Joe. The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

❖ Penitential Rite: see p2

❖ Homily then **Creed:**

All: **I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

**I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

❖ At the end of the preparation of the gifts:

Fr Joe: Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

(ALL STAND) now:

All: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Fr Joe: The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Comm. Antiphon: (Used **only** when there is **NO** Communion Hymn)  
**Whoever drinks the water that I shall give him, says the Lord, will have a spring inside him, welling up for eternal life**

❖ Dismissal

Fr Joe: Go in peace.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Readings for next Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Yr A**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **1 Samuel 16: 1. 6-7. 10-13**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 22**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Ephesians 5: 8-14**

Gospel: **John 9: 1-41**

### WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

→ **Use these notes** to pray through Lectio Divina on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

**Lectio:** We turn to the Gospel of John for the first of his three stories of peoples' journeys to faith in him as the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. Jesus' first words in John's Gospel are "What do you want?" He is offering new life and it will come through the waters of Baptism. Water became wine at Cana (Jn 2:1-11). Jesus explains to the Jew, Nicodemus, about being born again by water and the Holy Spirit (Jn 3:1-21). Now, Jesus converses with a non-Jew, a Samaritan, about the 'living water' he is offering those who come to Him.

Read: **John 4:5-42**

**Meditatio:** What do I want from Jesus? What can I give to Jesus? For what do I thirst? Are there people with whom I choose to shun? How do I experience God's life within me? How important is my Baptism to me? Do I share my faith with others? Have I mistakenly thought that Jesus offers new life only to 'good' people?

**Oratio:** Pray that we will find in Jesus the life for which we all 'thirst'. Pray for a deeper understanding of Baptism as the fountain of life within us. Pray that everyone will know they are not excluded from coming to Jesus and receiving his gift of life, of eternal life. Pray that the Good News will spread throughout the world.

**Contemplatio** – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

**After your prayer** – Find out about your own Baptism.

✍ Fr Joe

## Coming Events in 2020

**2020 – Plenary Council Year**

- 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Pat's Day, Green Cuppa after 5pm Mass
- 31<sup>st</sup> March – Pastoral Council after 5pm Mass
- 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

● **Interest in a Social:** The Parish Pastoral Council's proposal is for a BYO Finger Food Lunch on a Sunday in the Presbytery has gained significant interest. If you would be interested in such a social event, then put your name on the list in the church foyer.





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