

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. (Ps 24:15-16)

A reading from the Book of Exodus (17:3-7)

The people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the Lord to the proof by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" ***This is the Word of the Lord.***

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to 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./**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (5:1-2,5-8) Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man – though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. ***This is the Word of the Lord.***

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Lord, you are really the Saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (shorter form) (4:5-15,19-26,39-42)

Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Entrance Hymn
TABLE OF PLENTY

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.
O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.
O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.
My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.
Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace
For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

Offertory Hymn
WE REMEMBER

We remember how you loved us to your death and still we celebrate for you are with us here; And we believe that we will see you when you come, in your glory, Lord, we remember, we celebrate, we believe.
Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed;
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.
Now we recreate your love we bring the bread and wine to share a meal;
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

Communion Hymn
COME TO THE WATER

Come to the water! You who are thirsty! Though you have nothing, I bid you come! And be filled with the goodness I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live.
Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart!
Ref.
Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **Ref.**
Just as the rain falls to water the earth;
Just as a seed becomes bread
My word upon you can never return
Until My longing is filled! **Ref.**

Final Hymn

HOW GREAT THOUGH ART

O LORD my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed
**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**
**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**
When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:
And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in:
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:



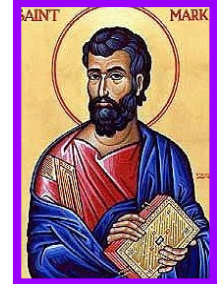
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

AN ITINERARY OF CONVERSION: The word "thirst" is found more than once in the Scriptures referring not necessary to a physical need. Psalm 63 is an example: "my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, as a land parched, dreary and waterless". The psalmist may be physically weary, hungry and thirsty. Yet, his thirst for God is greater. The thirst of the soul refers to a higher spiritual gift that gives meaning and purpose to our whole existence. In the wonderful Gospel passage of this second Sunday of lent, John describes



Jesus near Jacob's well asking a Samaritan woman for a drink. He is asking a gesture of elementary human solidarity beyond religious differences among people. She is surprised because Jews did not speak to Samaritans. Jesus is asking for normal water and is offering "living water". The water He offers is the kind that quenches the human thirst for fullness of life. He is speaking of the power of the Spirit. He explains to her that those who drink from the well's water will be thirsty again but those who drink from the living waters He offers will never thirst. That living water becomes a spring of water welling up to eternal life. The Samaritan woman doesn't understand everything but out of that encounter with Jesus she does ask for that living water. She discovers in Jesus a prophet who knows about her secrets in life. Jesus goes deeper into the conversation talking heart to heart and leading her to understand that God is a loving Father whom we are called to worship in spirit and truth far beyond places or human differences. The woman still without understanding but showing her faith and expectations says: "I know the Messiah is coming, the one called the anointed; when he comes, he will tell us everything". At this moment Jesus reveals himself to her: "I am He, the one who is speaking with you". She believed and wanted to share her experience with others. She became a messenger of Good News. She wanted to tell her own people that she had encountered the Messiah. What a wonderful itinerary of conversion. What Jesus had told her became a reality: those who drink the living water become "springs of water". Her testimony became source of life for those searching for meaning in life. What a wonderful Lenten journey we can have inspired in the Samaritan woman. When our human desires are subjected to the desires of our soul a new set of values emerges and our priorities change. Our thirst for living waters becomes a project of life. A personal encounter with Jesus quenches our thirst and makes of us springs of water to bring life to others.

UN ITINERARIO DI CONVERSIONE: La parola «sete» è ricorrente nei testi sacri e non indica quasi mai soltanto il bisogno fisico di dissetarsi. Già un salmista diceva nella sua preghiera: «di te ha sete l'anima mia, a te anela la mia carne, come terra deserta, arida, senz'acqua». La sete dell'anima indica la brama di un bene spirituale urgente di cui si è privi. La terra deserta e arida, senz'acqua è lo stato di estrema indigenza, è il vuoto della fede, il vuoto del bene e degli ideali o addirittura lo spirito umano pervaso

da acque inquinate, torbide e velenose. In questo contesto comprendiamo il lungo episodio del vangelo di oggi. Giovanni fotografa un Gesù stanco, che siede per riposarsi al pozzo di Giacobbe, ma che in verità è in attesa di un incontro particolare, esclusivo con una donna samaritana. Lei viene ad attingere acqua ad un pozzo, le capiterà di incontrare la fonte. Il Signore chiede da bere a quella donna, vuole intessere con lei un dialogo, ma in realtà vuole dissetarla di un'acqua diversa da quella che abitualmente viene ad attingere a quel pozzo. «Se tu conoscessi il dono di Dio e chi è colui che ti dice: «Dammi da bere!», tu stessa gliene avresti chiesto ed egli ti avrebbe dato acqua viva». Colui che prima chiede ora è pronto a dare. Vuole soltanto far emergere nella donna il significato più profondo della sete, trasferire la sua attenzione da bisogni del corpo a quelli più urgenti dell'anima e convincerla che colui che parla è in grado di spegnerli per sempre: «chi beve dell'acqua che io gli darò, non avrà mai più sete». Ora finalmente la samaritana è capace di guardarsi dentro, di accogliere nella verità che le vengono svelati i suoi disordini morali e di confessarli al divino interlocutore. A quel punto il discorso può affondare in argomenti ancora più profondi ed impegnativi: dove a come adorare l'unico Dio? La risposta di Cristo apre a dimensioni nuove: «Credimi, donna, è giunto il momento in cui né su questo monte, né in Gerusalemme adorerete il Padre». Poi Gesù precisa meglio il suo discorso: «È giunto il momento, ed è questo, in cui i veri adoratori adoreranno il Padre in spirito e verità». Spirito e verità: è l'acqua salutare che Gesù le ha donato. L'approdo finale è la fede piena, generata da Cristo nel cuore della donna, dove egli ha riversato abbondantemente la sua acqua: lei afferma e chiede: «So che deve venire il Messia (cioè il Cristo): quando egli verrà, ci annunzierà ogni cosa». Le disse Gesù: «Sono io, che ti parlo». Ora, come Gesù le aveva promesso, la donna è diventata una fervente testimone del Cristo, una fontana zampillante: «L'acqua che io gli darò diventerà in lui sorgente di acqua che zampilla per la vita eterna». Un itinerario di conversione e un programma di vita quaresimale che vale per ciascuno di noi.

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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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 22nd March 2014 3rd Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"The water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."		10.00am Rosary 10.30am Funeral Mass for Livia GULLY 6.00pm Mass 7.00pm Spanish Mass Francesco FABBRICATORE Francesco VOLPE	Baptism Celebrations for Jennifer Margarita CARDOZA Congratulations! 
Sunday/Domenica 23rd March 2014 3rd Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"L'acqua che io gli darò diventerà in lui una sorgente d'acqua che zampilla per la vita eterna"	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am Lesley NEWMAN 11.00am Ercole FABRIS (m. Italia 21/3/14) Livia GULLI Maria MAZZARELLA Salvatore DI NATALE Giuseppe CARBONE Saverio IERARDO Valentina TORRE Peppino RESTUCCIA	Baptism Celebrations for Max DEBRINCAT Ava Frances SCHEPIS Maurizio MARCHITTO Giacomo DI MASE Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 3rd week of Lent 24th March 2014 2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4: 24-30	Responsorial Psalm My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?	8.00am	9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 25th March 2014 Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1: 26-38	Responsorial Psalm Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.	8.00am	9.15am 11.00am Rosario 11.30am Messa funebre per Peppino RESTUCCIA	Le nostre sincere condoglianze alla famiglia di Peppino Restuccia. Il Signore dia lui il riposo eterno e pace ai suoi cari. 
Wednesday/Mercoledì 3rd week of Lent 26th March 2014 Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19	Responsorial Psalm Benedetto il Signore, gloria del suo popolo. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.	8.00am	9.15am Carmela FIORE	Dopo la Santa Messa del mattino, segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico. Tutti benvenuti.
Thursday/Giovedì 3rd week of Lent 27th March 2014 Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23	Responsorial Psalm If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.	8.00am	9.15am 7.00pm Carmine LOBOSCO	2.00pm Reconciliation in church in preparation for lent - Year 12 boys
Friday/Venerdì 3rd week of Lent 28th March 2014 Hosea 5: 15 - 6:6; Lk 18:9-14	Responsorial Psalm Signore, tu hai parole di vita eterna. I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice.	8.00am	9.15am 7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross	
Parish Community Parish Priest: Fr. Delmar Silva, CS	Parish Office Monday to Friday 9. 30am - 4. 30pm	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
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Liturgy of the Word 29th & 30th March 2014	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45 am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Special Minister	Church Cleaning
I Reading	Volunteer	J. Perrett	M. O'Reilly	M. Lauria	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	T. Toscano	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	J. Smith	E. Mascia	J. Vaccari / Volunteer		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	R. Kircher	L. Colosimo	Toscano Family		

On 11 January 2014 Bishop Bosco Puthur was appointed by Pope Francis as the bishop of the Eparchy of Melbourne of St. Thomas in Australia for the Syro-Malabar Catholics. He was also appointed as the Apostolic Visitor of the Syro-Malabar Faithful in New Zealand.

This Tuesday 25th March the Installation will take place at 7.00pm. St. Patrick's Cathedral. Everyone welcome.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT
For parents and godparents wishing to have their children baptised here is on Monday 31st March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS VIA CRUCIS
Every Friday during Lent Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm in Church followed by confessions.
Durante il tempo di Quaresima, ogni Venerdì sera in chiesa alle 7.00pm Via Crucis e confessioni.

ENTRATA QUANTA SETE NEL MIO CUORE
Quanta sete nel mio cuore: solo in Dio si spegnerà.
Quanta attesa di salvezza: solo in Dio si sazierà.
L'acqua viva che egli dà Sempre fresca sgorgnerà.
Il Signore è la mia vita, il Signore è la mia gioia.
Se la strada si fa oscura Spero in lui: mi guiderà.
Se l'angoscia mi tormenta, spero in lui: mi salverà.
Non si scorda mai di me, presto a me riapparirà. **Rit.**
Nel mattino io ti invoco: tu, mio Dio, risponderai.
Nella sera rendo grazie: tu, mio Dio, ascolterai.
Al tuo monte salirò E vicino ti vedrò **Rit.**

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION 2014
"HAVE LIFE and HAVE IT TO THE FULL" (John 10.10)
Your donation to Project Compassion means vulnerable people can live in safe, supportive communities and have hope for the future. For most of Archie's life, he lived with his parents and nine siblings in a one-roomed house beside the Plaridel River in the Philippines, an area prone to flooding and typhoons. An emergency resettlement program supported by Caritas Australia helped the family resettle into permanent and secure housing away from the flood prone river. Please donate to Project Compassion and help vulnerable families living in unsafe environments to resettle into secure housing, where they can start to have hope for the future.

Envelopes and Boxes are available from the table at the entrance to the church. Thank you.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROGETTO COMPASSIONE 2014
"ABBIATE VITA IN ABBONDANZA" (G.10.10)
Durante questo tempo di Quaresima, siamo tutti invitati ad aprire il nostro cuore aiutando altri meno fortunati di noi con la nostra preghiera e la nostra offerta.
Le bustine e scatole sono disponibili sui tavoli all'entrata della chiesa. Grazie.

OFFERTORIO FRATELLO TORRENTE
Acqua che scendi dai monti Tocchi la terra tra noi Impetuoso torrente Dio tra noi.
Nata nel cielo infinito Sparsa su tutta la terra Dentro di noi la tua vita Sempre sarà.
In mezzo alle nostre case, in mezzo ai nostri campi tu scorri, Signore, Fratello tra noi. (2v.)
Penetri tutta la terra E la fecondi ogni giorno, canti felice la vita, o mio Signore.
Madre che un giorno hai sentito, nascere Dio nel tuo seno, donaci l'acqua che vive: Cristo in noi. **Rit.:**

COMUNIONE DOV'È CARITÀ E AMORE
Dov'è carità e amore, qui c'è Dio.
Ci ha riuniti tutti insieme, Cristo amore: godiamo esultanti nel Signore! Temiamo e amiamo il Dio vivente, e amiamoci tra noi con cuore sincero.
Noi formiamo, qui riuniti, un solo corpo: evitiamo di dividerci tra noi: via le lotte maligne, via le liti, e regni in mezzo a noi Cristo, Dio.
Chi non ama resta sempre nella notte e dall'ombra della morte non risorge; ma se noi camminiamo nell'amore, noi saremo veri figli della luce.
Nell'amore di colui che ci ha salvati, rinnovati dallo Spirito del Padre, tutti uniti sentiamoci fratelli, e la gioia diffondiamo sulla terra.

FINE QUANDO NELL'OMBRA
Quando nell'ombra cade la sera, È questa, O Madre, la mia preghiera: Fa pura e santa l'anima mia. Ave Maria, Ave.
E quando l'alba annunzia il giorno, All'ara tua faccio ritorno, dicendo sempre con voce pia. Ave Maria, Ave.
Nei giorni lieti di gioia pura, e in quelli ancora della sventura: Ti dirò sempre, O Madre mia. Ave Maria, Ave.

Palm Sunday March: Walk for Justice for Refugees Sunday 13 April, 2pm
Join us as we gather in solidarity to seek justice for refugees. This Palm Sunday event is supported by a large range of organisations, including Catholic Religious Australia, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Victorian Council of Churches. **Where:** The State Library, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne.

Mass for the Neo Catechumenal Way will be celebrated on Saturday 29th March at 7.30pm in the chapel of the convent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST. BRIGID'S Run by the Missionaries of Charity (Sisters of Mother Teresa)
Enrolment forms are available from the table at the entrance to the church. Anyone interested, please come along to the 9.45am mass on Sunday or ring Sr. Amalia from the Missionaries of Charity on 9415 1011.

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