

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?" **The Word of the Lord.**

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./**

A reading from the second 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. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: 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) (4:5-42)

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: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST, OUR SAVIOUR

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Refrain:

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life; Son of God who leads us to freedom: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; You are the Word who leads us into light; You are the Word who brings us through the desert: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! You are the onwhom prophets hoped and longed for; You are the one who speaks to us today; You are the one who leads us to our future: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Offertory:

ALL THAT WE HAVE

Ref:

All that we have and all that we offer Comes from a heart both frightened and free. Take what we bring now and give what we need, All done in his name.

Some would rely on their power, Others put trust in their gold. Some have only their Savior, Whose faithfulness never grows old. **Ref.**

Sometimes the road may be lonesome, Often we may lose our way; Take courage and always remember Love isn't just for a day. **Ref.**

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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.

Communion:

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!

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!

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!

Frank Andersen; Tune: Text based on Isaiah 55. Music and text © 1979, Chevalier Music.

Final: IN THESE DAYS OF LENTEN JOURNEY

Refrain:

In these days of Lenten journey we have seen and we have heard the call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve.

We reach out to those who are homeless, to those who live without warmth. In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams; we will clothe them in mercy and peace. **(ref)**

We open our eyes to the hungry and see the faces of Christ. As we nourish all people who hunger for food, may their faith in our God be renewed. **(ref)**

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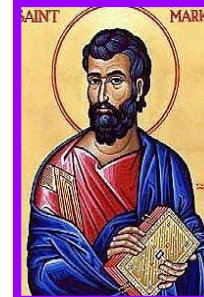
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.



Homily Notes:

GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

As will become clear later in the conversation, the gift of 'living water' is nothing else than the gift of the Spirit (cf. Paul's wonderful statement in the Second Reading: 'the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit that has been given to us' [Rom 5:5]). The woman cannot at this point get beyond the sense of ordinary water. She thinks the mysterious stranger is offering to provide it 'on tap', as it were, thereby obviating her need to keep coming to this well for water. The conversation has reached an impasse – something familiar to all engaged in spiritual and pastoral direction. The woman cannot enter into a deeper appreciation of who Jesus is and of the real gift he has to offer until she has explored more deeply her own life and personal situation. So

we move to the next stage of the drama with Jesus' instruction to her to go and call her husband. Feminist exegesis has taught us to be careful about waxing lyrical – or lurid – about the shortcomings of the woman's private life. While the scene does ultimately suggest that she undergoes a profound conversion, she is also a symbolic figure, symbolic of her Samaritan people. Jews considered Samaritan religion debased and tainted with idolatry eyes. The woman's 'five husbands' could refer to false gods they had at times worshipped. Her present lack of a husband could indicate the present readiness of the Samaritans to be 'wed' to Jesus, the Israel's true Bridegroom, Jesus.

MISSIONARY TO HER PEOPLE

The woman, in fact, now becomes a missionary to her own people. Though not strictly literal, I do like the translation of her invitation that I came across somewhere: 'Come and see a man who told me the story of my life'. What better summing up of spiritual or pastoral direction could there be than this? 'Come and see someone who has helped me see my life, with all its ups and downs, failures and wanderings, not as a disjointed series of episodes, many without meaning, but as a coherent story – an unfolding story of salvation. Noteworthy, too, is the sense that even while her journey of faith is incomplete, while she is still wondering ('I wonder if he is the Christ?'), the woman begins to attract people to Jesus. She has become a missionary. The final scenes describe the success of her mission. As a result of her testimony Jesus reaps a rich 'harvest' among the Samaritans, who come to acknowledge him as 'Saviour of the world' – a hint of universal significance outstripping the confines not only of Israel but Samaria as well. Jesus has no need of the ordinary food that the disciples have brought for him. His 'food' is to carry out the will of the One (the Father) who sent him. He already has this 'food' in the now evident success of the Samaritan mission. The whole scene shows how one person's conversion in conversation with Jesus foreshadows and indeed leads to a world-wide outreach of salvation. And it all began with God's Word incarnate placing himself in a situation of human need. The one who thirsted for ordinary water imparts to those who believe in him the 'living water' of the Spirit.

POURED OUT INTO OUR HEARTS

We should not neglect the wonderful passage from St Paul that forms the Second Reading (Rom 5:1-2, 5-8). Presumably, it has been included here because of the mention of the Spirit's being 'poured out into our hearts', the same image of the Spirit as a gift of water. In essence, Paul is developing here an argument for hope. Hope springs from the consideration of what God has already done for us and the extremity of love that that implies. If God has shown so much love for us when we were 'sinners' and 'enemies' – giving the Son to die for us – how much more confident can we be that God's love will see us through to final salvation, now that we have been become – through faith and justification – God's friends (lit. 'reconciled'). Hope flows from the sense of the extremity of God's love communicated by the Spirit.

Fr Brendan Byrne, 2 March 2023 <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>

Riflessione:

La conversazione di Gesù con la Samaritana si svolge sul tema dell'"acqua viva". Quest'acqua è indispensabile alla vita, e non è sorprendente che, nelle regioni del Medio Oriente dove regna la siccità, essa sia semplicemente il simbolo della vita e, anche, della salvezza dell'uomo in un senso più generale. Questa vita, questa salvezza, si possono ricevere solo aprendosi per accogliere il dono di Dio. È questa la convinzione dell'antico Israele come della giovane comunità cristiana. E l'autore dei Salmi parla così al suo Dio: "È in te la sorgente della vita" (Sal 036,10). Ecco la sua professione di fede: "Come la cerva anela ai corsi d'acqua, così l'anima mia anela a te, o Dio" (Sal 042,2). La salvezza che Dio porta viene espressa con l'immagine della sorgente che zampilla sotto l'entrata del tempio e diventa un grande fiume che trasforma in giardino il deserto della Giudea e fa del mar Morto un mare pieno di vita (Ez 47,1-12). Gesù vuole offrire a noi uomini questa salvezza e questa vita. Per calmare definitivamente la nostra sete di vita e di salvezza. "Io, sono venuto perché abbiano la vita e l'abbiano in abbondanza" (Gv 10,10).

<https://www.lachiesa.it>, 8 Marzo 2023



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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/ SABATO 11th March 2023 Third Sunday of Lent Year "A" VIGIL 	<i>"The water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."</i>		6.00pm PRO POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for Matthew VALLEJO ROJAS Elijah PIRZADA Daniela SCICLUNA CALLALLI Alicia SAAVEDRA NEIRA Congratulations!
SUNDAY/ DOMENICA 12th March 2023 Third Sunday of Lent Year "A"	<i>"L'acqua che io gli darò diventerà In lui una sorgente d'acqua che zampilla per la vita eterna"</i>	8.30am 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am 11.00am	Baptism Celebration for Oscar GENOVESE Milana MORO Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedì of the 3rd week of Lent 13th March 2023 2Kg 5:1-15: Lk 4:24-30:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?		9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì of the 3rd week of Lent 14th March 2023 Dan 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Remember your mercies, O Lord.		9.15am 10.30am Funeral Mass for Margaret ROMANIN 7.00pm Memorial Mass for Elena COLLINA	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of</i> Margaret ROMANIN <i>May she rest in peace.</i>
Wednesday /Mercoledì of the 3rd week of Lent 15th March 2023 Deut 4:1, 5-9: Mt 5:17-19:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.		9.15am 7.30pm Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday Giovedì of the 3rd week of Lent 16th March 2023 Jer 7:23-28: Lk 11:14-23:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.		9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 17th March 2023 ST. PATRICK , bishop Jer 1:4-9 Acts 13:46-49 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20: 	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.	St. Mark's Church 7.00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross 	9.15am ST. PATRICK 6.30 Intercultural Via Crucis Stations of the Cross 	Baptism Celebration for Maria Jose OCAMPO GANDUR Congratulations!

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Liturgy of the word 18th & 19th March 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45 am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Responsorial Psalm	L. Eyles	G. Piantella	MC Sisters	G. Catena
II Reading	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	C. Smith	T. Toscano
Prayers of the Faithful	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	B. Koh	P. La Marca

Online Giving: If anyone wishes to make a donation online to the parish this is the link to St. Brigid's Parish North Fitzroy or you can scan the bar code and it will take you straight to the link
<https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453>

INTERCULTURAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ VIA CRUCIS
 Every Friday night during Lent in various languages 6:30pm - 7:15pm in Church.
 Durante il tempo di Quaresima Via Crucis in varie lingue ogni Venerdì sera in chiesa 6.30 - 7.15pm Tutti benvenuti!

Prayer to Saint John Baptist Scalabrini

O Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, missionary of the Word of God, minister of the Eucharist and of the Church, man of charity and communion, most loving son of Mary, apostle of the catechism, and father to the migrants. We rely on your intercession to receive God's blessings on ourselves and our beloved ones, on those who face migration and on all humankind. May the Holy Trinity, through your intercession, grant us the grace ... (pause for your intention) that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen.
Saint John Baptist Scalabrini.
Pray for us!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
 Religious Classes in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 9th July 2023 have begun, every Sunday after the 9.45am Mass. If you know anyone who is interested in receiving the Sacrament, please speak to Fr. Frank or phone Sister Guadalupe, Missionaries of Charity on 0405785710.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER 154 Cotham Road, Kew.
BOOK & PLANT SALE
 Next Saturday 18 March 2023 9am - 2pm
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St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
 1st Collection \$ 890 - 00
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 Envelopes \$ 174 - 00 *Thank You!*

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023
 This year's theme is:
"For All Future Generations".

 Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandson. 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. 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. **Project Compassion Boxes or Sets of Envelopes are available for you to take home and return it on Good Friday. Please give generously.**

Canto D'Ingresso:
FRATELLO QUANTA SETE 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.:**

Offertorio:
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 scogherà.
**Il Signore è la mia vita,
 il Signore è la mia gioia.**
 Se la strada si fa oscura
 Spero in lui: mui guiderà.
 Se l'angoscia mi tormenta,
 spero in lui : mi salverà.
 Non si scorda mai di me,
 presto a me riapparirà.
**Il Signore è la mia vita,
 il Signore è la mia gioia.**

Comunione:
COME IL CERVO ALL'ACQUA VA
 Come il cervo all'acqua va
 noi così da Te veniam.
 Grande sete abbiamo di Te,
 Dio fonte dell'amor.
 Camminiamo verso Te, fra gioiosi cantici,
 noi veniamo al tuo altar
 per amarti, o Signor
 Chi mi vede piangere,
 chiede: "Dov'è Dio?"
 Il Signore è fra di noi, nel clamor di gioia.
 Ma ormai non piangerò,
 il Signor Salvator
 e se io soffrirò penserò a Te, Signor.
 Gloria a Dio Padre,
 gloria al Figlio Redentor,
 gloria allo Spirito,
 che ci unisce nell'amor.
 Vien, Signore, vien fra noi,
 Amen, alleluia!
 Vien, Signore, vien fra noi,
 Amen, alleluia.

Fine:
DALL'AURORA TU SORGI PIÙ BELLA
 Dell'aurora Tu sorgi più bella,
 coi tuoi raggi, a far lieta la terra,
 e fra gli astri che il cielo rinsera
 non vi è stella più bella di Te.
**Bella Tu sei qual sole
 Bianca più che la luna,
 e le stelle le più belle
 non son belle al par di Te.**
 Gli occhi tuoi son più belli del mare.
 La tua fronte ha il colore del giglio,
 Le tue gote, baciato dal Figlio,
 son due rose, e le labbra son fior.**R.**
 T'incoronano dodici stelle.
 Al tuo piè piegano l'ali del vento
 Della luna s'incurva l'argento
 Il tuo manto ha il colore del ciel.**R.**