



# ST. PAUL PARISH

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**Free English Classes.** Tuesday 9.30am to 11am—Anyone interested please place in the mailbox near the office door and piece of paper with— English class, your name and phone number or ring 9363 6660 and leave your name and number.

**WE PRAY FOR: For Healing:** Martin Reynolds, Matthew Hurt, Margaret Reynolds, Pat Reynolds, Josephine Bezzina, Joan Bennett, **Recently Deceased:** Nazzareno Calleja, Joseph Aquilina, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Freddy Brockdorff, and family, Michael & Paula Galea and Family, Natu Portelli, Libera, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Moreska Cleur, Philomena Dougherty, , and all Souls.



## Church Diary (Week beginning 3rd Apr 2022)

**Saturday 2nd/3rd Apr Baptisms: Harper Sison, Maha Saldanha**

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass 9.00am Vietnamese Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Anthony & Mary Assunta Portelli & Michael Angelo Falzon

**Daylight savings ends**

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + Anthony & Mary Assunta Portelli & Michael Angelo Falzon

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef,

+ Emmanuel Fenech & Catherine Wicker

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

**Monday 4th Apr**

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

12.00pm Lady of Knots

6.00pm Around the Cross

7.00pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (St Peter's School)

**Tuesday 5th Apr**

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am Italian Prayer Group

6.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

**Wednesday 6th Apr**

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

**Thursday 7th Apr**

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

11.00am Woorneck

7.00pm Confirmation (St Peters School)

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

**Friday 8th Apr**

8.00am English Mass

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday 9th/10th Apr Baptisms: Nicholas Fiorenza, Kayla Le**

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass 9.00am Vietnamese Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass

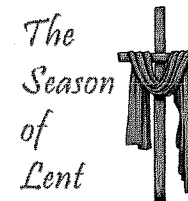
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1.00pm Spanish Mass



Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## GOSPEL

Jn 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

3 APRIL 2022

## LIVING WATER

To the people of Israel in exile, Isaiah speaks of a new highway that God is making in the wilderness, a highway that would change the face of the wilderness forever. No longer desolate, the people would have what they needed, and their thirst for vindication and homecoming from exile would be satisfied.

On the road to Damascus, Paul's world had been changed forever. He had come to see that, for him, the living water that Jesus the Messiah offers is the only prize worth striving for. As a Pharisee, he had sought perfection through faithfulness to the Jewish law. He had come to appreciate that, as beautiful as the Jewish law was, Jesus' death and resurrection had opened a new pathway to God's grace. He knew he was not perfect. In response to his experience of the Risen One, he set out to travel that road with all his heart and love as a missionary and apostle.

The episode of the woman caught in adultery is another moving example of how the living God can break into our world and provide water in the desert of the human heart. Surrounded by rejection and mistaken self-righteousness, this woman is isolated and faces the threat of a brutal death. As her accusers call for her execution Jesus writes in the sand. Ever so gently a new highway is being laid and we are invited to walk it. By not condemning or judging, Jesus shows how, we too, can walk this path and provide living water for each other.

## FIRST READING

Isa 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

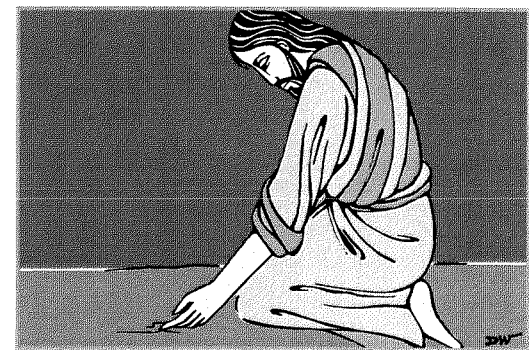
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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. R.
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. R.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. R.
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, / carrying seed for the sowing; / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. R.



## SECOND READING

Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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