

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / A

8 MARCH 2026



'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 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: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship 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.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Longer form 4:5-5-42

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

FOR WHAT DO WE THIRST?

The first two Sundays of Lent are from Matthew's Gospel, the Gospel of this liturgical year. They recall Jesus' temptation (*Mt 4: 1-11*) and his experience of being transfigured (*Mt 17: 1-9*). For the remaining Sundays of Lent, we listen to John's Gospel. These Sundays will explore the central religious and theological questions especially relevant for contemporary disciples in their Lenten journey: For what do we truly thirst (today's Gospel)? How might our eyes be opened to Jesus (next Sunday)? What is the life for which we deeply desire (the final Sunday of Lent)?

In today's Gospel a Samaritan woman comes to a well at noon—the brightest moment of the day—and encounters the source of Light, Jesus. She comes to draw water and only later realises that she has met the one who can quench her deepest spiritual thirst. The whole scene is replete with theological symbolism, a characteristic of John, as Jesus invites the woman to explore the depths of her thirst that only he can address. We learn that she has had several 'husbands'. This is not an admission of the woman's adventurous liaisons, as many commentators have interpreted, but an acknowledgement of her attraction to the 'husbands' (the 'Baals') of religions that are 'not her own'. She is looking for the true one from God, not these other counterfeits.

Jesus reveals himself to her: He is the 'I AM', the Old Testament name for God. Through him the woman comes to encounter the Sacred and sets her on a journey back to her townspeople. Like the woman, we, too, thirst, for God and for a deeper religious life as we journey through Lent.

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THE WATER OF LIFE. Jesus is the saviour of the world. In today's Gospel he offers the water of life to a Samaritan woman who, in turn, becomes the first missionary of Jesus. She hurries to tell the people of her town about him. We, who have received the life of God in baptism, are also called to be missionaries by inviting others to come and see Jesus.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 24:15-16

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.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

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?'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. 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.**
2. 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.**
3. 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

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to 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. 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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 4:42, 15

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

Jn 4:4-5, 19-26, 39-42

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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:



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LITURGICAL TIMES

Weekend Masses: Saturday (vigil): 6.00pm Sunday: 7.30 & 9.30am Korean: 11.30 am Indonesian Mass: 4.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open 24 hours, 7 days a week. Entry from Marmion Street. For access contact Paul Menezes 0413 817 857

Weekday Masses: Monday (Communion Service): 9.00am; Tuesday: 5.30pm; Wednesday: 9.00am; Thursday: 5.30pm; Friday 9.00am

Indonesian Cenacle & Mass: 1st & 3rd Thursday 10.30am

Indonesian Community: St Anthony Novena, 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11.00am

Rosary: Recited after 9.00 am Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays except 1st Friday of the month

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm to 5.50pm and on request

Healing Mass: Friday, 6 March 2026 at 9.00am

Anointing of Sick: After each of the weekend masses on the 7 and 8 March 2026 and on request.

Novena and Benediction Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Tuesday 6.00pm.

08 Mar 2026	Second Sunday in Lent	Year A	#2294	15 Mar 2026	Third Sunday in Lent	Year A	#2295
Acolytes	Sat 6.00pm P Ng			Acolytes	Sat 6.00pm A Kuswandi		
	Sun 7.30am Volunteer				Sun 7.30am K Taylor		
	Sun 9.30am P Redding				Sun 9.30am R Anandappa		
Readers	Sat 6.00pm L Smyth and M Burke			Readers	Sat 6.00pm C Bell-Simmons and P McInnes		
	Sun 7.30am P Martyr and D Brayshaw				Sun 7.30am P Robertson and B Bracewell		
	Sun 9.30am L Taylor and P Menezes				Sun 9.30am Y Anthoni'samy and K Trawinski		
Ministers	Sat 6.00pm K Bui			Ministers	Sat 6.00pm N McInnes		
	Sun 7.30am Volunteer				Sun 7.30am D Brayshaw		
	Sun 9.30am K Trawinski				Sun 9.30am M O'Keefe		
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm E Simmons, T Larard and , E Lee			Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm C & J Yeow and H Reid		
	Sun 7.30am S Kurniawan				Sun 7.30am Volunteer		
	Sun 9.30am G Bairstow and A Thomson				Sun 9.30am S Grima, Z De Nicholis and L Nyoni		
Greeters	Sat 6.00pm S Klauz			Greeters	Sat 6.00pm B D'Cruz		
	Sun 7.30am K Hall				Sun 7.30am D Braysha		
	Sun 9.30am M Cabassi				Sun 9.30am P Menezes		
Children's Liturgy	Sun 9.30am M Bairstow			Children's Liturgy	Sun 9.30am N Pavic		
Our Lady Statue	Sat 07 Mar M Della Maddalena			Our Lady Statue	Sat 14 Mar M Burke		
Flower Group	Sat 07 Mar J Rumble			Flower Group	Sat 14 Mar J Hookway		
External Clean	Sat 07 Mar P & N McInnes			External Clean	Sat 14 Mar R France		

Parish Mission Statement

LIVING WITNESSES TO THE BODY OF CHRIST

In the spirit of our Lord God, we,

the Pater Noster Community, strive to be living witnesses to the Body of Christ.

Guided by faith and love, we commit ourselves

to nurturing faith, reaching out to others, and reflecting the Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Deacon John's New Email Address

Please note, Deacon John's email address has changed to john.kiely@perthcatholic.org.au

This email address is effective now.

March 2025 Chaplets of Divine Mercy

As the Bateman Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service is being held on Wednesday, 11 March the same date for the Chaplets Divine Mercy service, the Chaplets have cancelled the event to avoid a clash.

Apologies to all concerned.

Mary MacKillop Today – Breakfast in the Garden

When: 8.00am Saturday, 14 March

Where: GARDEN VENUE at the Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth.

Bring: \$20.00 for breakfast, BYO chairs, sunscreen and smiles.

Extra's: Free raffle ticket on entry, assorted range of potted plants and music by students from Ursula Frayne Catholic College.

The use of cash is encouraged.

RSVP: By 10 March to robcan52@icloud.com or 0459 364 872

Stations of the Cross: Friday, 13 March, 6.00pm

Acolyte: Cong Bui

Altar Servers: Caspar and Joachim Yeow

Reader: Philomena Massie-Taylor

Lent with St Joseph

From 11 March to 1 April each Wednesday night from 7.30pm to 8.30pm (4 sessions) at Myaree Parish.

This course explores the interior workings of St Joseph's lived experience of God's sacrificial love.

For Parishioners wanting to attend, please place your name on the clipboard in the foyer.

Cost is \$20.00 and the presenter is Ms Natalie Thomas.

Further information or to register, email cfe@perthcatholic.org or call 08 9278 0261

2026 Book Sale

A meeting for the annual Book Sale will be held on Friday, 13 March at 9.30am in the Parish Office.

We would love to see as many Parishioners as possible attend the meeting.

For any queries, please contact Liliana Nussey on 0402 306 300.

Pope Leo XIV—March 2026 Intentions

For Disarmament and Peace

Pope Leo is urging nations to move toward nuclear disarmament and for leaders to choose dialogue over violence.

How relevant this is, given the current situation in the Middle East.

Caritas—Project Compassion

Monoranjon - lives in a small coastal village in Bangladesh, one of the regions most affected by climate change. His home and livelihood are constantly under threat from rising seas, destructive floods and cyclones.

For families like his, the challenge of survival grows greater each year.

With the help of Parishes like Pater Noster, Monoranjon was able to join the Community Managed Sustainable Livelihoods and Resilience Program, where he learned climate-resistant farming techniques and explored new ways to provide for his family.

Instead of watching his crops and hopes wash away with each storm, he has been able to plant differently, store food and find fresh ways to earn an income.

Project Compassion can be supported online at www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or by calling 1800 024 413, let's stand together to *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

Adoration Chapel

Parishioners can pray before the presence of the Blessed Sacrament any time—seven days a week, 24 hours a day by visiting the Adoration Chapel.

Access to the Chapel is off Marmion Street and a code to enter is required.

Please contact Paul Menezes on 0413 817 857 for the code.

Paul will speak at all Masses this weekend about the Chapel, access and the code.

Beyond the Screen with Daniel Principe

Corpus Christi College invites parents, carers and community members to a free workshop: Beyond the Screen with Daniel Principe.

Discover practical ways to support young people in a digital world with insights into online influencers, consent relationships and fostering empathy and respect.

Thursday, 26 March from 6.30 to 8.30pm in the College Theatre.

For more information, visit www.corpus.wa.edu.au/events

2nd COLLECTION from last weekend Masses: was 99% of the Parish target. We are fortunate to have our Parishioners.

DIRECT DEBIT: please ask Father Joseph for a form and return completed to Father or Deacon John.

INTERNET BANKING: BSB: 086-006 No: 508212450 Name: Pater Noster Myaree Parish. Enter a brief description in the space provided, e.g. 2nd collection.

EFTPOS FACILITIES: available at each weekend masses. Please confirm if all or part funds are to go other than the 2nd collection.

NEWSLETTER: If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please email newsletter@paternostermyaree.org.au

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