

not your husband. You spoke the truth there.’ ‘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: ‘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 do 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 worshiper 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.’ At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, ‘What do you want from her?’ or, ‘Why are you talking to her?’ The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, ‘Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?’ This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

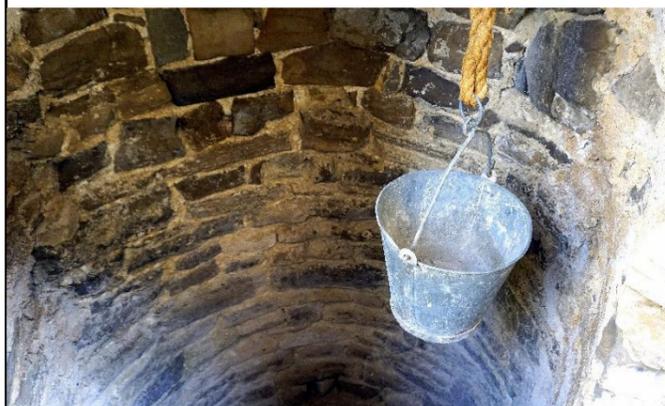
Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, do have something to eat’; but he said, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples asked one another, ‘Has someone been bringing him food?’ But Jesus said: ‘My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.’

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.’

**Communion Antiphon** Cf Psalm 83: 4-5  
The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**Year of Grace Prayer**

*Gracious God,  
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts,  
especially its people.  
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start  
afresh from Christ.  
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your  
Son, that we may experience a new wave of  
grace, and that the light of Christ may burn  
more brightly in our lives.  
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your  
Holy Spirit, that our Church may be  
transformed, our relationships be healed, and  
our nation grow in compassion and justice.  
With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who  
showed us new ways of living the Gospel, we  
make our prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.  
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.*



**Prayer for Ukraine**

*O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the  
Ukrainian people. Protect and save them  
from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue  
them. Grant them steadfast trust in your  
mercy and protection.  
O Mother of God, who gave them your miraculous  
icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the  
Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of  
your mercy in their times of need.  
O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on them. Give them  
strength and courage to defend what is good, right  
and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for  
all their needs, both temporal and spiritual. Amen*

**Mess**

A little boy says to his mother: “I’ve decided that I want to be a priest so that I can clean up the mess the world is in.”  
“That’s just wonderful,” purred his mother. “You can go upstairs and start with your room.”

**Third Sunday of Lent – Year A**

**8 March 2026**

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ezekiel 36:23-26

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

**First Reading** Exodus 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?’

**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** Romans 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.



**Gospel Acclamation** See John 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** John 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*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.’ ‘Go and call your husband’ said Jesus to her ‘and come back here.’ The woman answered, ‘I have no husband.’ He said to her, ‘You are right to say, “I have no husband”; for although you have had five, the one you have now is



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*Our Parish respectfully acknowledges the Gadigal people of Eora nation as traditional caretakers of the land.*

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**MASSES AND SACRAMENTS**

<b>Masses</b>	Friday – 9:15am (during Lent) Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm <i>or</i> by appointment
<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>	Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 9:00am & Sun 9:00—9:25am
<b>Baptisms (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)</b>	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

**COLLECTIONS for weekends of 14/15 February & 21/22 February 2026**

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
<b>\$847.20</b>	<b>\$767.15</b>	<b>\$315.00</b>	<b>\$134.55</b>
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

**Masses for:** Connie Ribeiro’s November intentions, Maria Teixeira’s November intentions.

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. *(Archdiocesan permanent notice)* **Safeguarding Children information can be found in folder at the back of the church.**

*Lord Jesus, Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all, especially the children and vulnerable adults you entrust to our care. We also pray for those who have been harmed. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen*

**Congratulations to Frank & Robin** who have just celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary! We wish them many more happy years together.

**Covering statues with purple** Please come and help cover the statues on **Tuesday 17 March at 9am**

**Stations of the Cross during Lent** Fridays 9:45am (after Mass)

**Lenten Penances to be Observed** *On the noticeboard*

**Project Compassion** Please collect your envelopes/boxes at the back of the church.

**Holy Hour of Adoration Sunday 8 March 8:30-9:30am** The Archbishop has requested we hold a Holy Hour of Adoration to begin the journey towards Eucharist28

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	6:30pm <b>Mass of the Last Supper</b> (Indonesian Mass - 8:30pm)
<b>Good Friday</b>	10:00am <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 3:00pm <b>Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</b> (with Indonesian Community)
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	3:30pm-4:30pm <b>Confessions</b> 5:00pm <b>Easter Vigil Mass</b> (Indonesian Mass - 8:00pm)
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	9:30am <b>Easter Mass</b>

**24 Hours For The Lord event at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa on 13-14 March.** Mass at 6:30pm, and there will also be confession. All night vigil, to visit in pilgrimage and spend some time with our Lord.

**Level up your Lent: A Work of Mercy for the Unborn** Who is there to pray for the eternal souls of those affected by abortion? This Lent, we invite you to "level up" your spiritual practice by performing a corporal work of mercy: accompanying the dying and praying for an end to abortion. When: **Feb 18 - End of Lent (Roster: 7am–7pm daily)**. Where: Outside NSW Parliament House, Sydney. Book a slot for 40 days: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/sydney> **We still have some slots to fill in.** Help us fill the roster.

**Divine Mercy Retreat Centre March schedule** *On noticeboard*

**Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Women's Lenten Retreat** Join us at the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Women's Lenten Retreat - a full day of prayer and reflection led by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia and hosted by the Catholic Women's Network and Sydney Catholic Schools. To accommodate the growing interest in this beautiful retreat day, we are offering the same retreat on two days. **DETAILS:** Dates: Saturday, **14 March 2026** Venue: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney Time: 9 AM - 4 PM Cost: \$50 To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIBPT>

**St Scholastica's College** are holding **two Open Day afternoons** for prospective families on **Monday 9 March and Thursday 19 March** from 4.30pm - 6.30pm at 4 Avenue Road, Glebe. The booking link for registrations is: <https://www.scholastica.nsw.edu.au/openay>

**Franciscan Lenten Pilgrimage 21 March** *See noticeboard for details*

**Finding Silence with St Joseph: Men's Lenten Retreat** 'Finding Silence with St Joseph: Praying with the Leader, Provider, and Protector of the Holy Family' is a day retreat for men dedicated to mental prayer and deep encounter with God. It aims to help men deepen their understanding of their masculine identity and connect to their vocation by prayerfully reflecting on St Joseph. The theme of the retreat will focus on St Joseph's prayer life, led by Fr Johnson Malayil Joseph CRS. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Retreat Talks, Spiritual Direction and Confession in a spirit and environment of silence. **DETAILS:** Date: **Saturday 21 March 2026** Venue: St Joseph's Catholic Church Moorebank - 231 Newbridge Rd, Chipping Norton Time: 9 AM - 4 PM Cost: \$50 per person **CLERGY, RELIGIOUS and SEMINARIANS are FREE.** Tickets are limited. To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHKRV>

**Day of the Unborn Child Procession** led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation **DETAILS** Date: **Sunday, 22 March 2026** Schedule: 10:30 am Mass - St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney 12:00 Noon - Angelus & Marian Procession 1:30 pm Fervourino - St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney For more information, visit: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/about-us/archdiocesan-events/day-of-the-unborn-child/>

**A Day of Retreat with Our Lady Easter Monday, 6 April** St Benedict's church & parish hall, 2 Fagans Rd Arcadia. 9:30am Parish Morning Mass with Fr Shansana, 10:00am Cenacle Rosary, 10:45am Morning Tea (bring a small plate), 11:00am Talk by Fr Andrew Grace, 1:00pm Lunch provided: sausage sizzle & salads, 2:00pm rosary procession outside.

**The Eucharist28 website is now live:** <http://eucharist28.org> It contains a wide variety of materials to help all our people deepen their connection to our Eucharistic Lord: catechetical resources for all ages, parishes and schools, including podcasts, personal reflections, and theological texts. Register your interest for further updates through the website. You can begin following Eucharist28 social media pages on Instagram, Facebook and X,