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March 12 – 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A)



We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. Jesus wishes to come into our “private” life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, but to free us, to change us, and to offer us what we really need: the *living water of the Holy Spirit*. Let us find this *living water* in the Sacraments, in prayer, and in the Holy Bible, especially during this Lenten season. We need to be witnesses to Jesus as the Samaritan woman was. Let us have the courage to “be” Jesus for others, especially in those “unexpected” places for “unwanted” people. Let us also have the courage of our Christian convictions to stand for truth and justice in our day-to-day life. We need to leave the “husbands” behind during Lent as the Samaritan woman did. Today’s Gospel message challenges us to get rid of our unholy attachments and the evil habits and sinful addictions that keep us enslaved and idolatrous. Lent is our time to learn from our mistakes of over-indulgence in food, drink, drugs, gambling, promiscuity, or any other addiction that distances us from the *Living Water*. *(frtonyshomilies)*

III Domenica di Quaresima (ANNO A)

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). *(LaChiesa)*

Joke of the week

A ship was sailing in the middle of the ocean when a storm suddenly developed. As the storm raged, the captain realised the ship was sinking fast.

He called out loudly, “Anyone here know how to pray?”

A man proudly raised his hand and came forward, “Aye captain, I know how to pray.”

The captain replied, “Great, you kneel and pray while the rest of us put our life jackets on ... we’re one short!”

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann and Family, Bob Brown, Angela Barto, Diana Nash, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Floriano Pivetta, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Josie, Mark, Mary Theuma, Lori.

Recently deceased: Vita Kusic, Joso Peric, Lucia Giangrave, Dario Della Valle, Saydeh Souaid, Teresa Facciolo, Lucia Giangrave, Maria De Sensi, Mary Kukola, Ubaldo D’Alessandro, Maria Simonetti, John Privitera, Dario Della Valle, Beatrice Butera (Italy)

Anniversaries: Clara Carosella, Margarita Tangcay, Marian Cunado, Horst Reinbold, Domenico, Carmelo, and Nazareno Malivindi, Salvatore and Nazareno Raco, Eustacchio and Giannina Quattrocelli, Gino Provencano, Iolanda Capulli, Benito Butera, Vincenzo and Giuseppina Leone, Famiglia Titone, Maria Camboni

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Friday (during Lent):

Stations of the Cross/Mass: 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

Mass times

St. Marks, Fawkner (Leo Street, Fawkner)

Weekday:

Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am

Weekend:

Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm

Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

Lenten Pilgrimage to Bacchus Marsh Shrine:

March 13, 2023. Departure: 9.30 am.

Bookings through the St. Mark’s 93593111

Rosters for weekend masses (Mar 12/13)

Lectors: Saturday 5.30 pm: J. Caparelli / Sunday 9.00 am: S. Peake ; 10.30 am: G. Gamberale

Bus driver: J. Butera

Sacramental preparation

Any students from government schools in Grade 3 and up wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation in 2023, please contact Anna Proud on 0402741258.

Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, “The future starts today, not tomorrow.”

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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