

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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Cf 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.

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GOSPEL: John 4: 4-5, 19-26, 39-42

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.' '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 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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.



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 9:30 am.
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A) 14th / 15th March 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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.

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?'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 94: 1-2. 6-9

RESPONSE: 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.

Response.

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.

Response.

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.'

Response.

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 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

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14 / 15 MARCH 2020 – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 9.30AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS (M&H)	G MOODLEY
Minister of HC	E NG	K PERERA	J KWONG
Minister of HC	J KEYSER	VOLUNTEER	J MORABITO
Reader	T DABBAH	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
Wardens	L SEETO	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEERS
Projection	A PLEADIN	NIL	T CHAMISA
Altar Servers	GROUP 3: FELIX WATSON & SOPHIA BERNLEITNER	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 7: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		D BRENNAN
Counters	GROUP 6: S RATH P BRODERICK R LEUNG		
Altar Flowers	A NAGANATHAN	MARCH ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

21/ 22 MARCH – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 9.30AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	A STANTON	G MOODLEY
Minister of HC	E NG	J PERERA	K PERERA (M&H)
Minister of HC	B CLARK	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	E WHEELER
Wardens	P BURGE	S WAN	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEERS
Projection	V PERERA	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: SONIA AU, AMARA LOIACONO, PAREKELEM & WONG FAMILIES	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 8: ELIE BARAZ, VINCENT WIDJAYA
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		D BRENNAN
Counters	GROUP 7: P TREACY S DIMICHIEL M PEARCE		
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER	MARCH ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY 4TH / 5TH APRIL
 Masses: Sat Vigil at 6pm, Sun at 8am
 & 9.30am (*principal Mass*)

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK:
 Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9 am.

HOLY THURSDAY 9TH APRIL
CHRISM MASS at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm
 followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 10.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 10TH APRIL

Stations of the Cross at 10.30am
 Passion of the Lord 3pm

EASTER MASSES:

EASTER VIGIL – 11TH APRIL at 7 pm
 The most important and solemn Mass of the year
 EASTER MORNING MASSES - 12TH April at 8 am & 9.30 am



Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Betty Lai and Denis Lickley and all those who celebrate anniversaries especially Nicola Nour (7th anniversary).

Relics of St Therese & her parents.

The relics of the saints are coming THIS TUESDAY the 17th / 18th March from 7pm till 5am. Please continue to write your names on the sheet provided.

- Everyone is welcome to come anytime but don't forget the time you picked to come and pray.
- Those volunteers who will carry the relics into / out of the church please come 15 minutes before the time.
- THIS WEEK a prayer card will be available from the foyer to mark the relics visit.
- The driveway will be closed between 5pm - 7.30pm and then 4am -5.30am as the cars delivering the relics will need priority.
- Due to COVID-19 we request no touching of the relics.
- There will be a special book of prayers where you can write your special message. Fr Roberto will present these prayers to the Lord around 4.30am.
- Be mindful that the quiet time in the church should be respected.
- Bring your family and friends!
- Tea / coffee will be available.

Schedule of Relics.

- 7pm arrival of the relics on Tuesday 17th March.
- 8pm Mass followed by the Rosary.
- 9.30pm till 10.30pm Neocatechumenate community will sing psalms.
- 11pm -12am midnight the Apostolate of Renewal.
- 2.30 – 5am Music with Michael Hahn.
- Relics leave at 5am on Wednesday the 18th March.

At all other times it will be the time for quiet prayer, so bring your favourite prayer book or a Bible to help you.

Stations of the Cross.

Continue every Friday evening throughout Lent at 7.30pm.

Lenten programmes continue this week.

Group 1 - Tuesday, 17th March at 2.30pm.
 Group 2 - Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm.

Chocolate Paschal Lambs.

These will be on sale THIS weekend - \$8.00 each. All profits will go towards supporting the missionary work in Papua New Guinea.



Palms branches are needed this year.

This year we need palms or olive branches so we asking for you to bring your own palms or olive branches to the Palm Sunday Mass on the 4/5 April.



Working Bee 14th March.

Many thanks to all who came and helped with our working bee.

Safety directions at Mass.

Due to the changing status of COVID-19 in our area, we have UPDATED our parish directions to reflect this:

- No Holy Water at the entrances to the church.
- Stay home if you are sick – whether due to the virus or some other condition. Please don't come to Mass and risk the health of others.
- Everyone should wash their hands before and after coming to Mass.
- Smile, nod or bow at the Sign of Peace (*no hand shaking*).
- The Body of Christ will only be administered in the hand.



Fr Marlon Henao

Fr Marlon, the Dean of Studies at Redemptorist Mater, will celebrate Mass THIS Saturday at the Vigil.

Anointing of the Sick next week

Fr Roberto will anoint the sick and elderly parishioners after each Mass on the weekend of the 21st and 22nd March. Please remember that this sacrament is not for everybody. Stay back after the Mass to receive this sacrament.



Daylight saving ends on Sunday the 7th April 2019 at 2am.

Holy Week Rosters for Volunteers.

NEXT week we will put out the volunteer roster sheets for all our Easter Services. So in advance please think about which Mass you will attend this Easter and work out if you can help out.

