

### First Reading Ex 17:3-7

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.

### Second Reading Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

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 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 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

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. 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, 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.'



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

### 11 - 12 March 2023, 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A

#### Dear Friends,

St. Thérèse of Lisieux wrote the following about Jesus asking the Samaritan woman for water: "when He said: "Give me to drink" it was the love of His poor creature, the Creator of the universe was seeking. He was thirsty for love. Ah! I feel it more than ever before, Jesus is parched, for He meets only the ungrateful and indifferent among His disciples in the world, and among His own disciples, alas, He finds few hearts who surrender to Him without reservations, who understand the real tenderness of His infinite Love. (Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux, Third Edition p189)

This is a reflection. It's written anonymously, but the one who wrote it was moved in the same way that we are moved by the story of the Samaritan lady who thirsted for something more than water. She thirsted for life itself.

"My brothers and sisters, There is a thirst in every human heart. Each of us is like that lonely Samaritan woman. We are thirsting for something, something that will satisfy all our longings. But often we search in the wrong places. We draw the water from many wells: the water of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem; the water of success to quench our thirst for importance; the water of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy. And, yet, we still remain thirsty. For only God can give us what we are looking for. God alone can cause a spring to well up inside us and the water from this spring will sustain us in our journey to the Promised Land of everlasting life." In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Reconciliation is about healing, the forgiveness of not only the grave sins named in confession but of all our sins.

**From the Letter of James 5:13-17** –  
*"Is there anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous man is very powerful."*

#### **DAY OF MERCY RECONCILIATION EVENING**

The Day of Mercy Reconciliation Evening will be held on Friday the 31st March, 6.00pm–8.00pm at St Therese's church in Moonah. 5 priest will be available for individual confession. They will be Archbishop Julian, Fr Leonard, Fr Bartha, Fr Pascal and Fr Guy. The Reconciliation Service will include a short prayer, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and quiet time. You are all encouraged to come.

#### **142 Days to World Youth Day**

There are about 9 young people who have registered and it is hoped that about 15 young people will attend together with another 15 Religious Education Teachers from our Catholic Schools. The two groups will join up in Rome to form one pilgrimage group to Lisbon for WYD23 and Fatima for a WYD post-retreat (27 July-11 August 2023).

Any young person 18-35 years of age, from the parish, who would like to go is asked to contact Fr Guy before 21 March 2023.

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PARISH DIARY March 2023	
<b>11 Saturday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
● 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
<b>12 Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A</b>	
● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
● 10.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>13 Monday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>14 Tuesday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>15 Wednesday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>16 Thursday</b>	
● 12noon at St John's	
<b>17 Friday, St Patrick, bishop</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
● 7.00pm Stations of the Cross at St John's	
<b>18 Saturday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
● 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
<b>19 Sunday, 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A</b>	
● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
● 10.00am Mass-St John's	


**Talks by Dr Drasko Dizdar on Easter and Pentecost**  
 We are happy to announce that Dr Drasko Dizdar will be opening our hearts and minds to the wonders of the Seasons of Lent and Easter.  
 Talk on Easter to Pentecost – what is it about?  
 • Saturday 20 May, 11am at St John's church.

**Ministers of the Word**  
 Ministers of the Word are invited to indicate their availability to read at the Easter ceremonies between the Vigil of Palm Sunday (1 April) and Easter Sunday (9 April) on the sheet in the foyer. The resulting rosters will be available Saturday 25 March. Thank you. Jo 0419 510 014

**Project Compassion - Third Sunday of Lent**  
 Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.  
 With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought. While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.  
 Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available on the table at the foyer.

**Lenten Eucharistic Adoration Mission**  
 The Apostles of Perpetual Adoration would like to thank all Parish Priests and Parishioners in Tasmania for the warm welcome and support in taking part in the recent Lenten Eucharistic Adoration Mission. There was a wonderful response of interest of people with an ongoing commitment to be a part of the Adoration Chapel, at the Emmanuel Centre. Over the next few weeks the local Adoration team will be putting together the roster and contacting all of those whom have put their name down to be a guardian, for one Holy Hour a week. If you were unable to sign up last week, or missed the mission talks please feel free to contact the Emmanuel Centre on adorationemmanuelcentre@gmail.com or call 0428003642 for more information.  
 We invite you this Lent, to experience a Holy Hour, and take on this practice of an hour prayer each week before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel to grow in closer union with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. As Saint Mother Teresa said 'It is the best time that you will spend on earth!' Jesus invites each of us to come, rest and be renewed in His presence, as he changes our hearts to be more like His. (Casual, Substitute and visitors are encouraged and more than welcome to visit the Adoration chapel – Please contact the Emmanuel Centre to book a Holy Hour at a time that suits you)

Join with Our Lord on the journey of the  
**Stations of the Cross**  
 Every Friday in Lent, 7:00pm at St. John's



**Parish Easter Raffle**  
 Please support our Parish Easter Raffle. \$2 a ticket.  
 Raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday, 9 April 2023

**Parish 50/50 Club**  
 What is it? A parish fundraiser for necessary emergency repairs to church and grounds. How does it work? We need 50 parishioners or friends to pay \$50, there is a raffle draw of 3 prizes: \$150, \$100 & \$50. We have 19 person who have joined. We need 31 people to complete the fundraiser. You may join by contacting Sheila, the parish secretary, at the Parish Office 62726363 or by envelopes which are available on the table at the back of the church and can be put in the basket.

**Way of the Cross – Sandy Bay**  
 The Holy Spirit Church in Sandy Bay will be conducting a scripture-based Way of the Cross on Friday 24 March 2023 at 6.00 pm. In 1991, St. Pope John Paul II introduced this bible-based interpretation of the Stations of the Cross, as a way of reflecting more deeply on the biblical accounts of Jesus's passion. The reflections help us meditate on the inner responses of Jesus on His journey to Golgotha and helps us in our daily walk as we journey through joys and trials.

**Footy Points Margin**  
 This is filling up fast but there are still a few left so why not sign up for a chance to win \$100? Tickets on sale now before Mass. First game Geelong v. Collingwood 17 March. Only \$2 a week and you don't need to know anything about footy! Contact Jo 0419 510 014

**Please remember in your prayers our sick**  
 Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, David Smith, Mary Hinds, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Vickie Mackay, Alan Hinds, Peter Reynolds, Alan Brock, Philip White, Arnold Markham

**Prayers for the Deceased**  
 Sr Josepha RSJ, Kaye Brock, Angelo Pasutto, Don Fogg, Barbara Campbell, Darrel Patmore, Paul Westcott, Peggy Smith, Don Ambler  
*Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Parish Volunteers**  
 To meet legal requirements, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks, namely **a current Police Check as well as Working with Vulnerable People Registration**. We are reviewing the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Fr Guy Riolo

**WEEKEND MASSES  
 St John's, Glenorchy**  
 ● 6.00pm Saturday  
 ● 10.00am Sunday  
**St. Monica's, Chigwell**  
 ● 8.30am Sunday

**WEEKDAY MASSES  
 St. John's, Glenorchy**  
 ● 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday  
 ● 12.00pm Thursday

**ROSARY  
 At St. John's, Glenorchy**  
 ● 8.30am every Wednesday and Saturday

**RECONCILIATION  
 At St. John's, Glenorchy**  
 ● 9.30am-10.00am & 5.15pm-5.45pm Saturday

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
 At St. John's, Glenorchy**

● 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday  
 ● 9:00am - 11.50am Thursday

**LEGION OF MARY  
 at St. John's, Glenorchy**

● 6.45 pm Every Tuesday  
**ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP  
 at St. John's, Glenorchy**  
 ● 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP  
 at St. John's, Glenorchy**  
 ● Every Friday at 3.00pm

**COUNTERS' ROSTERS**

<b>This Week:</b>	14 March
Bridget Hayde	
<b>Next Week :</b>	20 March
Roberta Puckett's Team	

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes:	\$826.85
Quest Tap & Go:	\$110.00
Loose Plate	\$852.00
Direct Deposit:	\$705.00
TOTAL:	\$2,493.85
Weekly Budget: \$2500.00	
Difference:	-\$6.15