

Third Sunday of Lent
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Know the Gift of Living Water on Offer



The whole meaning of Lent makes best sense when lived through the experiences of our catechumens and candidates in the R.C.I.A. As we approach mid Lent, the Church "scrutinises" them, tests their readiness for Easter Baptism and Communion.

And in fact, Lent is a renewal time for the whole faith community which self scrutinises through these 40 days to ready ourselves for Easter. Lent is our increasingly intense immersion into the whole paschal mystery—and that is the mystery of dying/rising: **his** and **ours**: One mystery—life in and through death.

Each Sunday Gospel plays on that theme, but with different cadences: **First Sunday**: the desert—a locus of testing and suffering. Here a hungry Jesus told the tempter what makes for life: "not bread alone ... but every word" that God speaks (Mt 4:4).

Last Sunday: The Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-9). On the journey of death, Jesus is revealed as the man of life. On the death march, the disciples glimpse his glory. But they miss the death/life duality. Not on this mountain, Peter, do you set up your 'dream home' not till you've mounted the hill of Calvary.

Next Sunday: darkness and light—the man born blind (Jn 9:1-41). Hopelessly sightless, sight is given him. The second reading, from Paul to the Ephesians, will express the miracle's deeper meaning: "Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord" (Eph 5:8)

The fifth Sunday: Lazarus "dead four days" called from death's cave (Jn 11:1-45). Here you have dying/rising in its supreme paradox, the promise of Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (vv.25-26).

So, too, for the **sixth Sunday**, Passion/Palm Sunday (Mt 21:1-11;

26:14-27,66). Not palms *or* passion; both. Not triumph *or* tragedy; triumph *in* tragedy. Not a dying *or* a rising Christ; a dying/rising Christ. Life leaps *from* death.

So what of this **third Sunday**. Here is a striking image that life comes through death. When the woman wonders aloud how a Jew can ask a Samaritan for water, Jesus responds: "**If you knew the gift of God**, and who it is that is saying to you 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him, and **he would have given you living water**" (Jn 4:10). In John's theology, two thrilling ideas come together here: Living water is the revelation Jesus gives us, and living water is the Spirit Jesus gives us. Living water is at once the life-giving word of God Jesus speaks and the Spirit of truth who interprets the word Jesus speaks. This is what Jesus calls "the gift of God" (Jn 4:10)

This story of living water is a drama about faith: John dramatizes how an individual and a community come to believe in Jesus. As always, the Lord takes the initiative. He speaks, and a woman begins to sip living water—without knowing it. In the power of the Spirit, she is hearing God's word—without knowing it. Not yet does she know who Jesus is. She knows only that "Messiah is coming" (v.25).

Still not sure who Jesus is, the woman rushes from the well to the city, crying breathlessly to all she meets: "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" (v.29). Not certainty, but a touch of hope. And the drama of belief expands. Someone who knows everything this much-married woman ever did? The citizens of Sychar hasten to the well to see this prodigy for themselves. Seeing, they ask him "to stay with them"; he stays "two days" (v.40). Many of the Samaritans have already believed in him on the woman's witness; "many more" believe "because of *his* word.... 'we have heard for ourselves, and we now that his is indeed the Saviour of the world'" (vv.41-42).

So, a powerful Gospel—not only for our Elect and Candidates for whom today we pray for healing and strength—but for all of us as we set our face towards the mystery of Calvary and Easter—the ever to be renewed journey of faith.

Frederick

LITURGY TIMES

24th March — 31st March

Grovely	St William's
Monday:	9.15am Mass cancelled 11.00am funeral— <i>Val Houston</i>
Tuesday:	11.30am Yr 5 Mass at St. Andrew's School, Ferry Grove.
Wednesday:	11.30am Yr 6/7 Mass at St. Andrew's School, Ferry Grove 5.45—6.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass
Thursday:	9.00am Mass with Yrs 4/5
Friday:	7.00am Mass 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday:	7.00am Mass 11.00am—12 noon Reconciliation

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday:	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	6:30am, 8.00am, 9.30am 5:30pm

Mitchelton	Our Lady of Dolours
Monday:	8.30am Mass
Tuesday:	8.30am Mass <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Friday:	8.30am Mass 9.05am Stations of the Cross
Saturday:	3.45—4.15pm Reconciliation

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday:	4.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8:00am

Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday:	7.00—7.25pm Reconciliation 7.30pm Mass
Next Weekend Mass	
Sunday:	8.00am Mass

Readings for this Week
3rd Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

Next Week's Readings
4th Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
NEXT WEEK

Mitchelton	Mon. March 31	10.00am
Grovely	Thurs. April 3	7.30pm
	(Children's) Sat. April 5	9.30am

GROVELY NEWS



The Second Collection
amounted to \$6365.55
We thank all who contributed.

Counters this week:
1st Coll: Gavin Taylor & Mike Hogan
2nd Coll: Jim D'Arcy, Denise Quinlan,
Geraldine & Dennis McLaughlin



Rosary will be prayed in the home of Mary Matthews, 34 Acacia St. Everton Hills at 7pm on Tuesday.

Baptism:
We joyfully announce the baptism of Vincent Butten, Erin Dunn, Vincenzo Nucifora & Lawson Hill and welcome them into our faith community.

Liturgy Team:
Meeting this Wednesday at 10am in the Parish Library.

Grief Support Team:
Meeting this Thursday at 9.30am in the Parish Library.

Mass Change:
This Monday's 9.15am Mass cancelled—still celebrated at Mitchelton (8.30am)

Working Bee



St. William's Church
12 April (just before Easter)
After 7am Mass

It's been 12 months since our last working bee and our church is desperately in need of a good spruce up before Easter. Jobs include dusting, polishing, tidying etc. and set up for Palm Sunday

All parishioners who are able to help us in any way are welcome to join up. A light breakfast will be provided.

Please contact Michelle on 3355 2667 if you can help.

Palm Sunday is Coming

We need large amounts of branches from parishioners, for use as hand-held palms throughout our three communities. Please start looking for suitable trees. They will be required by 4pm Thursday 10th April.



We will also need large palms to decorate the church and mall.

Please call Michelle at the Parish Office if you can help: 3355 2667



Could we remember those whom we read about in our newsletter insert "A Just World" during the weeks of Lent.

We have the opportunity to pray, act and then give through the Project Compassion envelopes to our brothers and sisters around the world to work for justice for these people. Their stories are testimony to the life changes brought about by Project Compassion.

Project Compassion

Your donation to Project Compassion means vulnerable people can live in safe, supportive communities and have hope for the future.



For most of Archie's life, he lived with his parents and nine siblings in a one-roomed house beside the Plaridel River in the Philippines, an area prone to flooding and typhoons. An emergency resettlement program supported by Caritas Australia helped the family resettle into permanent and secure housing away from the flood prone river.

Your donation to Project Compassion enables families like Archie's to live happier and healthier lives.

As a parish community this Lent, we offer all action from our Just World project (your weekly newsletter insert) towards supporting Project Compassion.



Copies of *Evangelii Gaudium—The Joy of the Gospel* by Pope Francis, have arrived, and are priced at \$9.95.

This week we have added new stock to the shelves, including gifts suitable for both First Communion and Confirmation, in the same item. The large, colourful St Paul's Children's Bibles, as recommended for the Sacramental programs, are priced at \$19.95 and make lovely gifts. There are also many new cards, including those for the Sacraments.

'The New Community Bible' (Catholic Edition), includes commentaries on the texts, based on relevant pastoral application, and draws upon 'the rich cultural and religious heritage of peoples'. The price of new stock is \$15, but a few copies are still available at \$12.

There are still a few 2014 Daily Missals and these are reduced to \$12. Easter story and activity books for children are still available.



Prayer Group –

Come for as long as you can!
 9 - 10am Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church, Samford
 1st half hour – Rosary and Chaplet;
 2nd half-hour – Adoration.

**Christian Meditation Prayer
 the John Main Way.**

Come along and join with us at the Samford Church for 40 minutes each Friday 9am.

MITCHELTON NEWS



Collections:

1st. Coll. \$ 258.95
 2nd Coll. \$1323.20

Counters:

This week: Group B—Phillip Zabarauskas
 Next week: Group C—Leo Brown



Family Rosary:

This week: Emilie Ephgrave
 Next week: Elizabeth & Stan Rose

Baptism:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Dylan Martin & Ava Townsend and welcome them into our faith community.

Mitchie Church Working Bee:

Sat 5th April 9-12 noon



Easter Volunteers:

Easter is a few short weeks away! We invite volunteers to put their names forward to be involved with the Holy Week ceremonies. As well as volunteers from our regular Readers & Special Ministers, we'd also welcome others' involvement. Please give this some careful thought & prayer through the week; put your name forward on the board in the entrance.

Liturgy Team:

Meeting this Sunday (23rd March) at 7.30pm in the Church.

Children's Mass:

Next Saturday at 4.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday Evenings
 St. William's Church**

5.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7.00pm Mass



Come for 10 minutes....stay longer

The presence of the Blessed Sacrament encourages a prayerful spirit of praise.

*Come and spend some quiet
 time with the Lord*

Faithful Departed

Recently:

Daphane Petrusis (*Bron's wife*), Val Houston (*mother of Michael, Judy & Sue*), Sr. Helen Foley sgs (*former Good Samaritan Provincial Leader Qld*), Bryan Jamieson, James Brewty (*U.K.*), Terry Byrnes, Greg O'Mara, Graham Meehan (*Melbourne*), Jim Anchant, Mary Winter.

Anniversaries:

Mario & Ida Maroni, Ida Carr.

Funeral:

Val Houston's funeral will be celebrated this Monday 11am at St. William's Church. Our prayers and sympathy are with her children Michael, Judy & Sue.



Adult Faith Education

Many of you would probably remember the biggest roll up we ever had to an Adult Faith Education event in the parish.

We were addressed by **Fr Richard Leonard** on his new book, at that time called **"Where the Hell is God"?** We had about 180 people in the church, sold 130 copies of his book and 50 of his sister's book, dealing with a similar theme after she had been rendered paralysed from an accident that was no one's fault.

Obviously Fr. Richard's message, founded on many Scripture quotations, spoke so realistically to people on their life journey with Jesus, which necessitates confronting pain, evil and terrible events. These can call into question the goodness and care of a totally loving God and the nature and efficacy of prayer.

Fr. Richard has a new book out, called **"Why Bother Praying"** and like his previous one this one has been very well received by the community. Dogma is not the be all and end all, as Pope Francis has reminded us. Important of course, but in the end it will be the depth of our relationship with our God that will be the key when we finally meet him, face to face.

This relationship is developed through prayer and this book will assist us to persevere with our prayer life despite the obstacles and frustrations that may come our way.

Remember to pick up the Lenten prayer card for the Third Sunday of Lent.

Chrism Mass

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. STEPHEN

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese

All welcome



QUIZ CHALLENGE

iQuiz Challenge - Parish Trivia Night

The whole Parish is invited to attend the inaugural iQuiz Challenge—a trivia night beyond compare - being held in the Mary Mackillop Centre, on 10th May from 7pm.

Come and test your knowledge against the Quiz Master and show which team has got what it takes to win our grand prizes.

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$90 for a table of 10!

Limited spaces are available, so buy your tickets after the YMass this Sunday (5.30pm, 23 March), online at: goo.gl/eVH0ht or from the Parish Office. All proceeds go towards this year's Parish Youth Retreat.

For more information, email westernhillsyouth.grovely@gmail.com or visit: goo.gl/eVH0ht

The Catholic Leader - \$2.00

- Catholics in country Queensland pray for desperately needed rain
- Brisbane justice and peace commission leader lobbies for the release of a priest and human rights activist arrested in Sri Lanka
- St Vincent de Paul Society's new state president says tackling homelessness among his top priorities
- Several bishops indicate support for the re-establishment of year-round Friday abstinence in Australia
- Vicar for clergy says priests from India are a 'great gift' to Brisbane archdiocese
- Brisbane teenager writes book to share disturbing truth of human trafficking and child sex abuse



Rite of Healing & Strengthening

Our elect and candidates will celebrate the Rites of Healing and Strengthening over the next 3 weeks across the Grovely/Samford communities:

March 22: 6.00pm **St. Williams**
1st Rite of Healing & Strengthening

March 23: 8.00am **Sacred Heart**
1st Rite of Healing & Strengthening

March 30: 6.30am & 9.30am **St Williams**
2nd Rite of Healing & Strengthening

April 6: 9.30am **St. Williams**
3rd Rite of Healing & Strengthening

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this time of prayer and enlightenment of their journey of faith. Elect: Rachael Statham & Zoe Parmenter

Candidates: Melissa Tyne, Nadine Gagliardi & Jim Wilson.



YYY is now running 2 new programs: Property Investment; and Denna, Founding Mum on the Go.

We request some electrical advice prior to our two concerts in George Willmore Park on 9th August, and 26th October. Qualified sparky please—the concerts are for assist dogs and guide dogs.

Please contact Bernie on 0419 671 081 or Mike on 0450 883 430.

Confirmation/First Communion

Parents of children preparing to receive First Communion are reminded of the upcoming workshops.

Starting the :-

26 th March	Groups E & K	3:30pm -5:00pm	Grovely
27 th March	Group C	3:30pm -5:00pm	Grovely
28 th March	Group I	3:30pm -4:30pm	Grovely
28 th March	Group J	4:45pm -5:45pm	Grovely
31 st March	Group A	3:30pm -5:00pm	Mitchelton
1 st April	Groups B & H	3:30pm -5:00pm	Grovely
2 nd April	Group D	3:30pm -5:00pm	Grovely
3 rd April	Groups F & G	3:30pm -5:00pm	Samford



Don't forget to grab your tickets to the upcoming **iQuiz challenge** at our next Youth Night on 28th March at 7pm.

Upcoming Events:

23 March - YMass, 5.30pm, St William's Church - Come and join us as we celebrate Mass together, lead in music by the Youth band. Then join us for drinks and bring a plate to share afterwards. Remember tickets for the iQuiz Trivia night will be on sale here!

28 March - Youth Night, 7pm, Daley Centre - Join us for the last Youth night before the end of Term 1! This time - pancakes! So bring along a topping that you'd enjoy!



If you're new to Western Hills Youth, want to join our team or you want to find out more information, send us an email.

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Web: goo.gl/eVH0ht

- **St. Columba's, Wilston:** In honour of our Centenary, Bishop Joseph Oudeman and Fr Jan Bialasiewicz will bless and open St Columba's Centenary Piazza on Sun March 30 at 3.30pm at St. Columba's Church, Kedron Brook Road, Wilston. As well, our book, A Community of Faith: 100 Years, outlining some of the history and stories of St Columba's through the last 100 years, will be launched by Fr Michael Grace. All are welcome.

- **Easter Passion Play** The Iona Passion Play: 3 performances at 2 locations—Sunday April 6th at 7pm – St Eugene College Hall BURPENGARY Good Friday Apr 18th & Sat Apr 19th at 7:30pm – Iona College BRISBANE (outdoors) Tickets: Early Bird: \$12-\$15; at the Door: \$15-\$18 Children (under 15) \$5 Children (5 & under) Free at Iona only. Group discounts available. Bookings: 3333 1993 or online at www.passionplay.org.au

- **Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 13th – 15th June Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. For bookings/details contact: Tamara & Scott Menteith, ph (07) 4634 3559, email: stjmen@aapt.net.au Visit our information website: www.wmme.org.au

- **State Youth Games** (Queensland's largest Christian sporting event) is one unforgettable weekend featuring 19 hours of competition across 40 sporting events. Throw in plenty of group time to socialise and reflect across four days of camping, and it's no surprise that almost 1,000 athletes aged 13-35 are expected to make the annual pilgrimage to Watson Park Convention Centre in Dakabin, North Brisbane, from 6-9 June 2014, for the 15th annual Qld State Youth Games. Visit www.sygqld.com.au to register.

- **The Serenata Singers:** A community based choir with Brisbane wide membership. No audition required—rehearsals Monday nights 7.15—9.30pm at The Gap Uniting Church auditorium. New members evening on Monday 31st March, 7.15pm at The Gap Uniting Church Auditorium 1050 Waterworks Road. Enqs. Barbara 3351 3326



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