

Third Sunday of Lent

15th March 2020



Readings for
this week:

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42



Readings for
next Sunday:

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41



Liturgical Jottings Blessing II

“Blessings are signs that have God’s word as their basis and that are celebrated with motives of faith. They are, therefore, meant to declare and to manifest the newness of life in Christ that has its origin and growth in the sacraments of the New Covenant established by the Lord. In addition, since they have been established as a kind of imitation of the sacraments, blessings are signs above all of spiritual effects that are achieved through the Church’s intercession.” (Book of Blessing General Introduction #10)

Quote for the Week

The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them. -
St. John of the Cross

Looking at the Readings

“Give me a drink!” Equivalent in our time, space and culture would likely be: “Let’s have a cup of tea.” Jesus asked the woman at the well for a drink as an ice-breaker. And there was a lot of ice to break! Gender, ethnicity, morality, just to name a few obstacles. The woman’s responses showed amazement, confusion, evasiveness, irony and indignation but as the ice was continuing to break and melt, she showed curiosity, genuine interest and excitement.

Jesus seized the moment to talk to her gently and persuasively about himself, his mission, her history and her future salvation. This encounter at Jacob’s well, which incidentally is still there, presents us with great teaching on baptism: God’s initiative to save, Christ’s offering of living water for eternal life, call to conversion open to all people, growth in faith and personal commission to go out and tell others.

The wilderness (week 1), the Mountain (week 2) and this week, the Well are symbols for our Lenten journey. In each setting we are challenged to listen to the Word of God and encouraged to go forward with Christ towards the Paschal mystery.

Pope Francis Message for Lent 2020

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in October 2018 “Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew” (No. 123). Jesus’ Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer. (#1b)

On the Lighter Side

The Ides of March was a day in the Roman calendar that corresponded to 15 March. It was marked by several festivals and as a deadline for settling debts. In the pre 46 BC lunar Calendar it was the first full moon of the new year. Julius Caesar was assassinated on this day 44 BC. "Beware the Ides of March" was the soothsayer's warning in Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar (Act I, Scene 2) and has become a catchphrase with or without allusion to its origin.



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Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving

For those whose anniversary occurs at this time

Our sick and their carers

Josephine Zollo (1 month)

Silvano Sgammotta, Bernard McNamara

Cecilia Bannan, Sean Raymond

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 21 st March 6.00 pm	No Mass					Carol Coulston & Trish Warnett
Sunday 22 nd March 9.30 am	Denise Woodman	Ron Powles	Bernie Maher	M Sgammotta T Palmeri	C Coulston R Kelly G LoPiccolo	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	16 Mar	
Tuesday	17 Mar	5:30 pm Mass (int. Bernard McNamara)
Wednesday	18 Mar	9:15 am Mass
Thursday	19 Mar	9:15 am Mass
Friday	20 Mar	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	21 Mar	No Mass
Sunday	22 Mar	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	21 Mar	No Reconciliation
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

DIARY DATES		
Mon	16 Mar	
Tues	17 Mar	7:00pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
Wed	18 Mar	5:30pm Finance Committee meeting
Thur	19 Mar	
Fri	20 Mar	5:30pm School Fete
Sat	21 Mar	
Sun	22 Mar	4 th Sunday of Lent
Mon	23 Mar	
Tues	24 Mar	7:00pm School Board meeting
Wed	25 Mar	
Thur	26 Mar	
Fri	27 Mar	<i>Last day of Term 1</i>
Sat	28 Mar	
Sun	29 Mar	5 th Sunday of Lent

CORONAVIRUS - LITURGICAL IMPLICATIONS

As advised last weekend, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has provided advice on the liturgical implications in light of the coronavirus.

Following is a reminder of some of the main recommendations:

- Holy Water will be temporarily removed from stoups at the doors of churches to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus.
- When exchanging the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- Holy Communion from the Chalice will cease to be distributed until further notice.
- The coronavirus is easily spread through saliva, therefore the Body of Christ will only be administered in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Please refer to the latest Governance Bulletin on the Parish Noticeboard in the Narthex and on our Parish Website.

Monthly updates by way of Governance Bulletins with information regarding the work of this significant Diocesan Working Party will be provided in this way to all Parishioners throughout the year. You are invited to email any questions or comments that you might have to sgwp@ceosand.catholic.edu.au.

SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY, INVITES THE YOUTH ...

During Lent 2020 Sandhurst Youth Ministry is going to be reflecting on the writing of St Therese of Lisieux.

With St Therese's relics, and those of her parents, Sts Louis and Zelig Martin, visiting our Diocese at the beginning of April, we couldn't think of a better way to journey through Lent.

We extend the invitation to all young people (15-30 year olds) to join us on Instagram and Facebook as we reflect on these three remarkable Saints and journey towards Easter.

INSTALLATION MASS

Today we come together to celebrate a very important Mass as Fr John Paul is formally installed as our Parish Priest.



We extend a very warm welcome to Bishop Shane, Fr Joe and everyone here today.

Following Mass the Bishop will join us for a Cuppa in the Mercy Centre.

NO SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

A reminder that there will not be a Saturday Vigil Mass next weekend on 21st March 2020.

EASTER TIMETABLE 2020 Sacred Heart Tatura

- 7th April Tuesday - 11:00 am - Chrism Mass, Bendigo
- 8th April **Wednesday - 7:30 pm - Parish Reconciliation**
- 9th April **Holy Thursday - 6:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper**
- 10th April **Good Friday - 10:00 am - Stations of the Cross**
- 10th April **Good Friday - 3:00 pm - The Passion of Our Lord**
- 11th April **Easter Saturday - 6:30 pm - Easter Vigil**
- 12th April **Easter Sunday - 9:30 am - Mass**

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is a day for people of passion and goodwill to come together, to encourage one another in working towards a fairer and more inclusive world.

Join with the Combined Churches of Bendigo and Rural Australians for Refugees to express your commitment to justice, peace and inclusion.

Sunday 5th April: Meet at 12.00 noon and walk from St Andrew's UCA, St Paul's Cathedral, Sacred Heart Cathedral, St Killian's or the Poppet Head, Rosalind Park to Bendigo Library Gardens for 12.30 pm gathering to hear stories and songs of journey and welcome.

Activities for children and families.

Bring a picnic lunch.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SANDHURST RENEWAL DAY

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sandhurst Renewal Day "Come and Worship", 21st March 2020 from 1.00 to 3.30pm. St. Brendan's Parish Shepparton Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, 121 Knight Street. Please bring shared afternoon tea.

See poster on the noticeboard in the Narthex for more details or please contact Brigita 0412 042 196 brigitajh@bigpond.com

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

15th March 2020

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA

Father of four, Barry, embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may be been life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Today, thanks to the Caritas support, he's an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL FETE

Friday 20th March 2020

5.00 – 8.00 pm

This fantastic event brings together our school community, Parish and wider Tatura community for a fun filled evening!

Come and enjoy a great night. Everyone welcome!



THE PILGRIMAGE OF ST THERESE AND

her parents Ss Louis and Zelig Martin –
Australia 2020

The relics of St Therese, one of the most popular saints of modern times, and her parents are touring Australia first time in 18 years and will be stopping in Tatura. Everyone is invited to come and meditate.

The Relics will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Tatura from 1:30 pm Thursday 2 April until 2:30 pm Friday 3 April.

Program:

Thursday 2nd April

1:30 pm	Arrival of the Relics
2:00 pm	Veneration
5:30 pm	Rosary
6:00 pm	Holy Mass & Benediction
7:00 pm	Veneration
8:00 pm	Church closes

Friday 3rd April

8:00 am	Church opens – Veneration
9:00 am	Rosary
9:15 am	Mass
10:00 am	Veneration
11:30 am	Italian Rosary
12:00 pm	Veneration
2:30 pm	Relics leave

St Therese of Lisieux is the patron saint of mission. Known affectionately as the 'Little Flower', she lived a humble life of prayer and was gifted with a great closeness to God. St Therese's love for God was very simple and she called it her 'little way.' She teaches us that God is everywhere – in every situation and person – and in the ordinary details of life. (Catholic Mission)



HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF GOD IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION?

What does my Catholic Faith say about how to interpret the Bible? Fr Brian Boyle will lead us through examples from the Bible to give us skills for understanding and interpreting the Word of God.

Event: No Cost. Lunch: Provided. Bible: Bring yours if you have one. Bible texts will be provided. Fr Brian Boyle is a priest of the Sandhurst Diocese and author of the popular 'A Friendly Guide to the Prophets'.

- **Bendigo** - Saturday 21st March 2020
- **Wangaratta** - Saturday 25th July 2020

See the noticeboard in the Narthex for further information.

QUOTE

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Learn from it; tomorrow is a new day.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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