

We Respond

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) 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.

(Or) When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 94)

ANTIPHON: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

RESPONSE: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

LECTOR: 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. **R.**

LECTOR: 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. **R.**

LECTOR: 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." **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 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!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

TODAY'S READINGS Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

NEXT WEEK (4th Sunday of Lent, Year A) 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Want to learn more?

Being a Catholic Mother and Being a Catholic Grandmother: It may be that the life of a Catholic mother has never been harder where faith is concerned. If so, it has never been more important that Catholic women take time out to think deeply about what it is they do as mothers, and how and why they do it. And with contributions from many Catholic grandmothers from a range of backgrounds, Being a Catholic Grandmother is packed with first-hand accounts and insights from grandmothers who have been there and done that. Both books are available from Majellan Media for \$19.95 each (postage included) at www.majellan.org.au

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Encountering Jesus



15 March 2020 3rd Sunday Lent Year A

Going to Jacob's well was her daily chore. She went to the well with the heavy weight of the water jar on her shoulder and the heavy weight of people's judgment in her heart. That was why she chose the unusual time to come to the well, about noon.

Ordinary women from her place wouldn't come to the well at noon. They came to the well in the evening (Genesis 24:11). But she was not an ordinary woman. She was an extraordinary one. In the eyes of others in her town, she was a sinful woman, someone they would like to talk about and not talk to. She had lived with five different husbands. And now she lived with a sixth man. This might be the reason she came to the well at an unusual time. She wanted to avoid the embarrassment of people staring at her with their judgmental eyes.

Jesus chose the same time, an unusual time. The reason was similar. Jesus heard that people, especially the Pharisees started to talk about his increasing popularity. So, he decided to go back to Galilee. John writes Jesus was tired from his journey. He wanted to rest (4:6), so he went to the well at an unusual time.

But it was at a moment like this the encounter occurred. It was a very special encounter between a "sinful" woman who wanted to avoid people and the tired Lord who didn't want to be disturbed. It was an

unplanned encounter but ended up with a long conversation. If the definition of a prayer is conversation with the Lord, this is the longest prayer in the gospel.

John writes at the end of the conversation at chapter 28: "The women left her water jar and ran to the town." That was the first time in her life she went back home without the burden of her water jar on her shoulder and the burden of shame in her heart. After the encounter with Jesus, her life became lighter. Jesus has freed her from her every day burden. She ran back to the town to tell others that she has encountered the messiah and was a sinner no more.

Many of us live with our everyday burdens; marriage breakdown, the death of a loved one, unpaid bills, the unreachable dreams. We carry these heavy burdens like the Samaritan woman. Here, we have her story about the need to encounter Jesus. We too need to encounter him, tell him our story and to let him lift these burdens from our shoulder. And if we experience this kind of salvation from our encounter with him, we need to tell our story so that other people might come to him as well and find salvation.

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WEEK START SUN MAR 15, 2020

3RD Sunday in Lent

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YEAR A

PARISH OFFICE: TUES, WED, THURS, 9.30AM - 2.30PM

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NORMAL PARISH MASS TIMES

SUN 6.30AM, 8.30AM

MON 6.30AM

TUES 7PM

WED 6.30AM

THURS NO MASS

FRI 6.30AM

SAT 8AM & 6PM



ALL WEEKDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY MASSES AT 8AM

BAPTISM TALKS ~ 1st Sunday of most months at 4pm in Parish Hall.

No appointment necessary!



RECONCILIATION ~

Saturday 5.30pm or by arrangement



CHILDREN'S CHURCH ~



All 8.30am Sunday Masses (Feb - Dec)

OVER 50's BUS TRIP ~

1st Wednesday of any month March - Dec

CCSG LITERARY GROUP ~ IN THE HALL

NORMALLY 2nd Monday of month:

NEXT MEETING: Mon March 9 @ 9.30am, tbc

AT 9.30am <https://ccsgliterature.wordpress.com>

UKULELE GROUP: Contact Roger 0419 713 422

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'REGINA CAELI PARISH'

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SACRAMENT ENROLMENT:

ALL ENQUIRIES PARISH OFFICE

Regina Caeli Over 50's Club Bus trip

April 1 with 8.30am start: Railway

Workshops & lunch at Karalee Tavern! Join in

the fun, bring a friend ~ Contact Leila Bourke:

h: 3397 1545 or m: 0407 971 545;



Parish Leadership

Development Day

Saturday 28th March, 8:30am - 3pm

Dominic Centre,

(100 Mayfield Rd, Carina)

Register: ebab.weebly.com

RSVP due: Wed 18 March

More info: (07) 3324 3440

NEW MASS SETTING: MASS OF THE SACRED HEART

Lenten Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! x2

Holy, Holy: *unchanged*

Mystery of Faith:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again, x2

Amen: *repeated x 6 times*

Lamb of God:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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Easter fundraising raffle this weekend onwards!! \$5 / ticket.



PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Father in heaven, I thank you for my life, my family, our community, our church & all

its people. I thank you for the love you share with us. I make a commitment to know & love you more. I want to learn what you want us to do, & help us make good choices in our lives. Help us understand your messages for us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A relationship with God is the best relationship you can have.

REGINA CAELI DATE CLAIMERS: FROM MAR 2020

SAT/SUN MAR 14/15: RECONCILIATION SESSION 1

PARISH PRESENTATION

SUN MAR 15: LENT WEEK 3

WED MAR 18: PARISH FINANCE MEETING

BOYS NIGHT OUT EASTS LEAGUES

SAT/SUN MAR 21/22: RECONCILIATION SESSION 2

SUN MAR 22: LENT WEEK 4

SAT MAR 28: PARISH LEADERSHIP DEVELOP. DAY



Third Sunday of Lent 15th March 2020

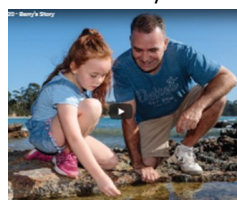
PROJECT COMPASSION
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Caritas AUSTRALIA

Father of 4, Barry, embodies resilience & strength.

Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, & 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 & allows them to heal from within, addressing family & personal relationships & what may have been life-long patterns of violence, abuse & 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 & aid vulnerable people like Barry, so they are empowered to assist communities in Australia.



Let's Go Further, Together. Please donate through

Parish boxes, envelopes, phone 1800 024 413.

or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Boys' Night Out

East's Leagues Club Wed March 18, 6pm for 6.30pm. All Men & younger men welcome!!

Retired Archbishop of Brisbane (1991-2011), John Bathersby, passed away Mon last, following a stroke. He was ordained in Stanthorpe in 1961.

With his passing we recall with gratitude the episcopal ministry of our 6th bishop.

Liturgies for Archbishop John, the people's bishop:

Sunday March 15:

Funeral Vigil Liturgy at Cathedral, 5pm

Monday March 16:

Morning Prayer for the Dead at

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

of the Cathedral, 8am

Solemn Funeral Mass & Rite

of Committal at Cathedral, 11am

Tributes will be offered at Sunday

Vigil. Webcasts of Vigil & Mass

can be watched live at www.archbne.org/bzw



In light of coronavirus (COVID-19) the Archdiocese of Brisbane has been following the advice of the QHD but, as yet, have not issued any specific directives on participation at public events like worship. Therefore, the Archbishop has decided on the following protocols which seem proportionate to the current understanding of the coronavirus and the risks outlined by health authorities in this State:

- Parishes should refrain from distributing Holy Communion from the chalice until further notice, with a reminder to the faithful that Christ is fully present under either species.
- All ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before & after distributing & provision should be made for this.
- When exchanging the Sign of Peace, people should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" with some eye contact & perhaps an appropriate gesture.
- Holy water should be temporarily removed from fonts at the doors of churches, though still be available for people to take home.
- Parishes & other settings where liturgies are celebrated should make alcohol-based gels or rubs (or like products) available near the entrances. It would be preferable and perhaps prudent for people to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue, but the decision on this is left with the communicant at this stage.



The Archdiocese will continue to monitor the situation closely & provide further advice.



Crism Mass: Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites all to Annual Crism Mass in Cathedral of St Stephen on Thurs April 2, 7pm ~ a celebration for the entire Archdiocese & all are welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED: EMERITUS ARCHBISHOP J BATHERSBY,

SR MARY RAYMOND HAMMOND RSM,

ANNIVERSARIES: SARAH POLKINGHORNE,

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Pat Beckett, Augusto Cesar, Joshua Chester, James Clifford, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Mark Cummins, George D'Allura, Robbie Dicker, Susan Donald, Rosa De Francesco, Bart Gaffney, Loye Gardiner, Paul Heathwood, Philomena Hegarty, Allaura Hows, Kate Jennings, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, Katie Loveday, Cheryl Loveridge, Enid McCarthy, Trish McConnell, James McKeon, Peter McLaughlin, Terry McNelly, Mark Mensal, Fr Ron Mollison, John Morgan, Christopher Mothershaw, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pamela O'Reilly, Peter Reid, Wal, Joyce & Janeen Smith, Lester Steen, Mary Twomey, Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family

