

15th March 2020
3rd Sunday of Lent

First reading

Exodus 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(95):1-2,6-9

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. **R.**

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.**

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.**

Second reading

Romans 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. And 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

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.

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

Gospel

John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42

A spring of water welling up to 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. 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.'

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Parish Priest: Father Geoff Aldous

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READERS: Next week 21st & 22nd March

Sat. 6.00pm: Bernadette Engle

Sun 9.30am: Danielle Poppen

ALTAR SERVERS: Next week 21st & 22nd March

Sat. 6.00pm: Kieran Chemaly & Danielle Poppen

Sun. 9.30am: Jayson & Chandama Bandura

READINGS for next week 21st & 22nd March

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

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MASS TIMES

Mother Teresa Catholic College

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am

Parish House

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00am

Except first Friday of every month

First Friday of the month: 6:00pm

MORNING TEA:

Every **Sunday & Wednesday** after Mass.

Please join us for a cuppa and a chat.

 **PARISH HOUSE:** 739 EIGHTY ROAD, BALDIVIS, 6171

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1. MESSAGE FROM FATHER GEOFF

1. We're almost halfway through Lent – a good time to ask ourselves how we're going with our prayer, penance and almsgiving ('**Project Compassion**' envelopes). Apart from **Sr Kath's Reflection** on Wed mornings after Mass, and **Stations** of the Cross on Fridays 5.30pm, you might consider a weekday Mass (Tuesday-Friday 9.00am).
2. At the Sat 6.00pm Mass this weekend we welcome Sharon Deacon & Kaelee Edwards for a Rite of **Invitation**, including "Handing over the Creed". At the 9.30am Mass we welcome ZULEYKAH ALVAREZ, MER BOL AKWACH and QUINN KENWORTHY for **Baptism**.
3. Some adults have been asking about **Confirmation**. We are meeting at the Parish House this Tuesday at 7.30pm to look at preparation. Let me know if you are interested.
4. **Parish Pastoral Council** meets on Thursday at 6.00pm.
5. And 2 special feasts this week – **St Patrick** Tuesday 17th March and **St Joseph** on Thursday 19th.
6. There are some beautiful stories in the latest edition of "**Shalom Tidings**" – take one (free from the back of the Church).

2. PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Directives for our Archdiocese with regard to the **Coronavirus**.

- Holy Water is to be removed from stoups in all Churches and Chapels.
- The Sign of Peace is to be omitted.
- The distribution of Holy Communion under both species is to cease, that is, the Precious Blood is not to be shared from the chalice.
- Priests are to encourage communicants to receive the Sacred Host in the hand, not on the tongue.
- All priests and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are to wash their hands in soap and water or are to use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser both immediately before and immediately after the distribution of Holy Communion.

Copies of the statement are available from the back of the Church.

PLANNED GIVING FOR CHURCH BUILDING



1st Offering: \$441.55
2nd Offering: \$1902.40
(incl. direct debits \$713, another donations & furniture fundraiser)

THANK YOU!

The Parish has planned giving envelopes and direct debit available to Parishioners, please see forms at entrance.

For ONE-OFF **DONATION** please send to:

Baldivis Parish

| BSB: **086006**

| Account: **181363512**

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Email: baldivis@perthcatholic.org.au Submit by 10am EVERY Thursday.

The parish office also welcomes any suggestions you may like to make to the newsletter.

3.

PARISH NOTICES AND GROUPS

FUNDRAISING REQUEST

MTCC are holding a car boot sale on Friday, April 3rd. The Parish will host two stalls - a cake stall selling baked goods as well as jams/preserves etc., and a "Lucky Jar" stall. Parishioners are kindly asked to donate jars filled with interesting/ useful/ fun objects. (e.g. rubber bands, teabags, packets of flower seeds, ping pong balls...the list is endless). A box will be available on the back table at Mass or jars can be dropped off at the Parish House. We really need each family to contribute 2 or 3 jars to make this a success!

If you are able to provide something for the cake stall, please contact Nia (0427 7766069)

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

Will Lent and Easter 2020 be for you a routine matter like the passing of another birthday?

Each Sunday the gospel reading is announced as "A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark [or Matthew or Luke or John]. So what? Does it make any difference? You are invited to come along and find out

When: Saturday 4th April between 9 and 11 in the morning at Mother Teresa's Parish House in Eighty Road, Baldivis. Our focus question will be: "What is different in Matthew's account of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus?" The presenter is Ern Azzopardi B Theol, DRE, life member AARE.

LENT AND EASTER PROGRAMME

- All Fridays of Lent:** 5.30pm Stations of the Cross (Parish House)
- Tuesday March 31:** 7.00pm Second Rite Reconciliation at St Vincent's, Kwinana
- Wednesday April 1:** 7.00pm Second Rite Reconciliation at OLOL Rockingham
- Thursday April 2:** 7.00pm Second Rite Reconciliation at St. Bernadette's, Port Kennedy
- Friday April 3:** 7.00pm Second Rite Reconciliation at Mother Teresa's, Baldivis
- Palm Sunday April 5:** Blessing of the Palms and Procession
- Tuesday April 7:** 7.00pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
- Holy Thursday April 9:** 6.00pm Mass of the Last Super & Adoration
- Good Friday April 10:** 10.00am Stations of the Cross & Celebration of the Passion
6.00pm "Tenebrae" (in Parish House)
- Holy Saturday April 11:** 6.00pm Easter Vigil with Baptisms
- Easter Sunday April 12:** 9.30am Mass

4. YOUTH



24:7 South Youth Group

For all youth in Years 7-12

Every Friday @ Kolbe College Sports Hall, 7PM-9PM

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Fr Daniel Chama

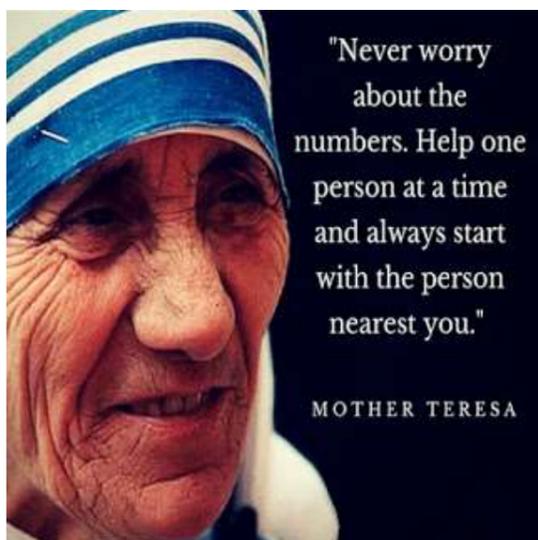
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"Never worry about the numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."

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MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Transformed by our love*

Sometimes life is hard, and we can get lost in the daily grind of making ends meet, of getting things done. Then, suddenly, a change occurs through a simple show of affection: a kiss, a touch, a loving glance from my beloved! In little gestures like these, we reveal again our love for each other, and our relationship is transformed!

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OTHER NEWS AND NOTICES



Barry grew up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry and other like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This allows participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help people like Barry continue to uplift their communities and provide food for their families.

March 28th 9-1 pm Palmyra Parish Hall 8 Foss St

An interactive and reflective workshop to foster inclusion of people with disability into the life and worship of our parish.

Includes practical steps to increase connection and a sense of belonging.

No cost, but please RSVP for catering purposes:

teresa@paswa.org.au

18 - 19 April A Retreat for Men 'A time to ponder and to be attentive to the presence of God in our lives'

Facilitator: Fr Tony Chiera V.G. Diocese of Bunbury

Venue: Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay.

Enquiries and registration: Dianne Colborne rsj:

9527 3240, Safety.Bay@sosj.org.au

Cost: \$200 (Applications close 1 April 2020)

Saturday April 4 – Thursday 9 April 'Living in the Pattern of the Paschal Mystery ~ Holy Week'

A guided retreat with some options for spiritual accompaniment with Frances Maguire rsj

"Taking time to name our deaths, losses and grief of our Good Fridays and our Holy Saturdays in order to move into our Easter Sundays with Christ. We need to "grapple with the timeless, haunting questions of suffering and death which gnaw at the heart ... and the need for transformation to which these call us."

Ronald Rolheiser *The Holy Longing*.

Venue: Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay.

Enquiries and registration: Dianne Colborne rsj: (08)

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Cost: \$550 (applications close 19 March 2020)

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