



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

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.

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

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 shorter form

Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of 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, 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.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Jewish people worshipped at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans to the north worshipped on Mount Gerizem. But Jesus says to the woman of Samaria: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem . . . true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.'

We do this by acknowledging Jesus Christ as our sacred site. Jesus is where God is to be found. In his earthly ministry this was around places like the well in Samaria. As Risen Lord, he is to be found in those in dire need, and in the Heavenly Bread. In both cases we need to incline the body as an act of worship: in the case of the needy, by doing something practical; in the case of the Heavenly Bread, by genuflecting, bowing, before the Blessed Sacrament.

We could pause for a moment to reorientate ourselves to the Sacred Site who is the Risen Christ, acknowledging him as indeed the 'Saviour of the World'.

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Third Sunday of Lent
7–8 March 2026

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ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

**"Reaching out to each other
- growing together in love"**

St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11:15am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 9/3	No Mass	
Tues 10/3	Holy Hour	5pm
Tues 10/3	Mass	6pm
Wed 11/3	Mass	6pm
Thurs 12/3	Mass	6pm
Fri 13/3	Mass	10am

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 7 Mar: Liz Donnelly
Sun 8 Mar: Imelda

Sat 14 Mar: Sarah Richards
Sun 15 Mar: AM Carroll

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16-24 March 2026

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**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC
RENEWAL SANDHURST**

"The Harvest of the Spirit of God"

Healing Day Charismatic Mass celebrated
by Fr Arun Korlakanti

Spiritual Chaplain CCR Sandhurst
Saturday March 21, 2026

9.30am cuppa, 10.00am-3.30pm

St Brendan's Knight St, Shepparton
at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share
All welcome

An offering will be taken up

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**DIOCESAN
FORMATION GATHERING**



Save the Date: 21st & 22nd of August 2026

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR PALM SUNDAY & EASTER

As we prepare to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter, St Mary's Mooroopna warmly invites parishioners to assist with our celebrations on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

We are seeking volunteers to serve as Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and members of the Offertory Procession. We also welcome those who would like to participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. If you are available to assist, please add your name and details to the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.

Thank you for your generous support.

The Liturgy Team

KIDS WITH CANCER BREAKFAST



Saturday 18 April 2026



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WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

All volunteers at St Mary's Parish who serve in the ministries listed below are required to hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC), in accordance with a Diocesan directive. Applying for a WWCC is free and can be completed online. Once your WWCC has been issued, please provide a copy to Laura at the Parish Office for our records. A current teacher registration is also accepted as meeting this requirement.

- *Special Ministers*
- *Baptism Team*
- *Sacristans*
- *Bereavement Team*

Upcoming Formation Training for all Five Parishes

Alter Server Training

Saturday 21 March & Saturday 28 March 2026
10am to 1pm
St Mel's Church

Please RSVP for catering purposes to St Mel's Parish
by Tuesday 17 March via email shepparton-south@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Eucharistic Ministers & Sacristans Formation

Saturday 28 March 2026
10:30am to 2pm

St Brendan's Pastoral Centre
Please RSVP for catering purposes to St Brendan's
Parish by Tuesday 17 March on 58212633 or email
Shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Snacks and lunch will be provided for both formation

St Mary's Mooroopna

HOLY WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE

Reconciliation
Paraliturgy then Individual Confessions
Tuesday 24 March - 6:45pm

Stations of the Cross
Friday 27 March - 7pm

Holy Thursday
Thursday 2 April - 6:30pm

Good Friday
Friday 3 April - 3pm

Easter Vigil
Saturday 4 April - 6:30pm

Easter Sunday
Sunday 5 April - 10:30am

Women have always lived out their faith with responsibility, agency, and a deep sense of mission.

International Women's Day—8 March 2026

Many Thanks to Anthony Kilmartin

St Mary's Parish, Mooroopna, extends its sincere thanks to Anthony Kilmartin as he concludes his ministry as Pastoral Associate at St Brendan's Parish. We are grateful for the witness of faith Anthony has shared within our community, particularly through his involvement with the Men's Group and the RCIA Program. His dedication, pastoral care, and gentle encouragement have been greatly appreciated by many.

After almost 14 years of faithful service with St Brendan's Parish, Anthony will conclude his employment on Saturday 4 April 2026.



May God bless you, Anthony.



Readings
for
this week:

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

Readings
for
next week:

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

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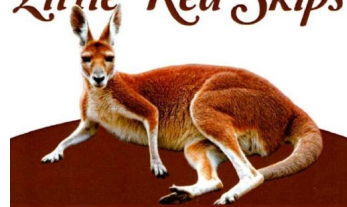


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Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Len Stein

ALTAR HELPERS Sat 7 March: Liz Donnelly & Marie O'Meara Sat 14 March: not required

BINGO 14 March: Maree, Amelia Valoia, Emma Difede, Maria Tripoli

7th March & 8th March	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Mary Coad	Mavis Murphy	Marg Campbell	Gwen & Alex Ransome
10.30 am	Brenda Pye	Elaine Vertriest	Angela Iacono	TBA
14th March & 15th March				
6:30 pm	Checca Richards	Millicent Raymond	Rob O'Meara	Raymond Family
10.30 am	Mavis Murphy	Sheila Griffin	Elaine Vertriest	Leo & Brenda Pye