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Third Sunday in Lent Year A – 8th March 2026

How many times have you gone to get some water, maybe from the tap, maybe from a jug in the fridge or maybe a bottle from the local store. We all do it all the time with no second thought to how easy it is. Unfortunately, back in the time and setting of our Gospel this week they did not have taps, fridges or for that matter local stores. Even plastic bottles had not made their way into the lives of humans like they have today.

Instead, we find that a Samaritan woman had come to the local well to draw water via a bucket. Why a woman you may ask and why during the heat of the day and the answer would be that it was the role of women to fetch water from the well but most would come after the heat of the day had lessened. We can surmise that this woman was obviously an outcast of some sort as she came to the well when no one else would be there.

Therefore, it would have been a total surprise for her to find a man there and even more so when that man asked her to give him a drink. But of course, this is no ordinary man because he offers her the opportunity to receive the gift of Living Water which would allow her conversion from the life she now lives to a more spiritually centred existence.

Via this conversation the woman realises this is not an ordinary man but is the Messiah that all have been waiting for. So back to the village she goes to tell everyone, but they don't initially believe her, so she guides them back to the well to meet the Messiah. As they come to realise that the woman had been correct, and they ask Jesus to stay with them and he agrees. While he is there many more come to believe.

Can we look at this Gospel story and see our own story within it. Jesus drawing us into his embrace by offering us the chance to believe and be cleansed with His gift of Living Water. Upon being gifted we tell others around us of what we now know and we even invite them to come with us to meet the Messiah.

This of course is hard to do and we do not always receive a favourable, or even a nice response, but like the woman at the well we must keep trying. The gift of Jesus Christ is greatly needed in this world of ours today, but people will only know of this gift if we all proclaim it to others.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday — Friday
5.00pm: Saturday (Vigil Mass)
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Tuesday—Thursday
6.00 pm: Friday (Way of the cross)
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY

Sacred Heart Church, New Town

After 9.15am Mass: Wednesday
7.30am: Saturday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart
6.00pm - Midnight: Friday

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE*



St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework, which can be found at the Parish office. Any enquiries regarding Safe Communities contact the Parish Office (03) 6234 4463.

COMING UP

- **St Mary's Cathedral Concert Series presents: Reuben and Zachary Allan with Jennifer Marten-Smith-** 8th March , 2pm @ the Cathedral
- **Parish Lenten Program 4**—12th March
Day session— Cathedral Parish Centre 10 AM –12 PM| Evening Session— Sacred Heart Parish Centre 5.00 PM –7.00 PM
- **Stations of the Cross**— Every Friday During Lent Season, 6.00PM—7.00 PM at Sacred Heart Church

The Way of the Cross: We Need You

This Good Friday, we seek your help to bring the Stations of the Cross to life at **Sacred Heart**. We're looking for a few reliable souls to help us ensure the morning is as solemn and impactful as it should be.

Where we need a hand:

- **Readers:** To lead us through the reflections with clarity and heart.
- **Cross Bearers:** To carry the processional cross.
- **Marshals:** To help manage the flow and assist those with mobility needs.
- **Set-up/Pack-down:** To help prepare the sanctuary and tidy up afterward.

Your help is invaluable!

Notice

Following the meeting of the College of Consultors on 24 February 2026, Archbishop Anthony Ireland has made the following appointments:

Parish Priest of Bellerive – Lindisfarne—Rev. Ben Brooks

Effective from 10 March 2026

Pastoral and Sacramental Care of the Parish of Sandy Bay

Rev. Steven Smith (Administrator)
Rev. Bernard Perera | Rev. Kasun Watugedara

These three priests will provide pastoral and sacramental care for the Parish of Sandy Bay in addition to their current appointments.

We keep these priests in our prayers as they undertake their pastoral responsibilities in service of the people of God.

THE ANGELUS PRAYER



V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**
V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LENTEN RESOURCES: Sign up to the Cathedral Parish FORMED Subscription for free <https://formed.org/>

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Formed is excited to present curated content to help the Church journey through this Lenten season. In this collection are resources to help the faithful deepen their understanding of various Lenten days, practices, and devotions. You can find resources on prayer, the mystery of Christ's Passion, the roots of Holy Week found in Judaism, and many things to help guide the faithful through the holiest days in our liturgical year—the Triduum. We pray that all of these resources draw us deeper into the mystery of Lent, Holy Week, and the Triduum as we look forward to the joy of the Resurrection. If you would like to access the subscription you will need to contact: Menaka Perera at the archdiocesan IT department menaka.perera@aohtas.org.au

NOTICE – PALMS NEEDED

As we prepare for Palm Sunday, we are looking for palm branches. If you have a palm tree, or know someone who does and would allow us to collect palms, please contact:
Deacon Michael on 0403 741 913 or speak with him after Mass.

Thank you for your assistance.

PIETY SHOP

The next two weekends the piety store will not be opened after the Saturday and Sunday Evening Masses.

The Store will be opened after the **Sunday 10:30am Morning Mass and Thursdays, 10 am –3pm** as usual.

From Our Anniversary Book:

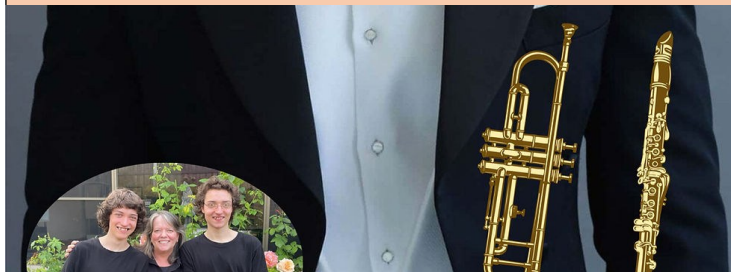
Henry Smith, Brother E.D. Joyce, Ada Maple, Patrick Murnane, Raffaele Palermo, Alma Pullen, Evelyn Blissenden, Angelina Di Domenico, Terrence Keogh, Guiseppa Paternoster, Helmut Ott, Caterina, Giuseppe and Nicola Gentile, Paolo Scavone, Roy Foulkes, Rex Rushton, Benjamin Rootes, Edward Terry, Rosita De Montes, Laszlo Hegedus, John Cairns, Antonin Divis, Ettore Di Martino, Patrick Harnett, Frederick Banks, Annie Lawler, Br. Dominikus Tischmacher, Geoffrey Whittaker, Barbara Pitt, Josephine Grey, Eugenio Labbrozzi, Albert Wood, Alice Stubbs, Daisy Ryan, Louis Gillon, Raymond Doran, Angela Di Tommaso, Kath Case, Eileen Bowden, Hugh McConalogue, Laurence Simpson, George Flaskas, Alma Horne, Myra Tillack, Pauline Frances Watts **May they rest in peace !**



St Mary's Cathedral Concert Series presents: Reuben and Zachary Allan with Jennifer Marten-Smith

Sun, 08 Mar, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm | St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

Reuben and Zachary Allan with Jennifer Marten-Smith perform a selection of solos, duos and trios on clarinet, trumpet and piano.



Beloved

THE MYSTERY AND MEANING OF MARRIAGE



Mark Griffin, Director of the Office of Life, Marriage & Family AOH, will lead an upcoming session of Beloved:

Finding Happiness in Marriage

This course explores the deeper meaning of the sacrament of marriage.

Understanding God's plan for marriage is one thing...living it out is another. *Beloved: Living Marriage* examines the day-to-day challenges of being united as husband and wife while maintaining individuality.

14 March 12:30 pm.

St John's Parish Centre, Glenorchy.

You're welcome to bring a plate to share for the gathering.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise..

PSALMS 100:4-5

Living waters

WORSHIP NIGHT

**THURSDAY, 12 MARCH
7.00 PM**

An evening of WORSHIP featuring a testimony by Darcy Rogers on thanksgiving in prayer.

PIZZAS AND A CUPPA AVAILABLE FROM 6.30PM



MARY MACKILLOP SPIRITUALITY CENTRE
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Lenten Reflection Day - "...and Come Follow Me"

You are invited to hear the invitation of Jesus and discover what it means for you.

Saturday 21st March, 10am - 3pm, Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, New Town.

Cost \$50 (including morning tea BYO lunch).
Facilitated by **Belinda Chapman**.

Silent Retreat - At Your Feet

Do you desire to grow in intimacy with God? You are invited to the welcoming space of love and listening at the feet of Jesus. Come as you are into scripture stories of acceptance, accompaniment and intimacy. Discover your deeper identity and find yourself at home and growing in intimacy with God who walked in human feet. Each day will include input sessions on scripture passages, time for silent personal prayer and reflection, and individual spiritual direction.

Directors: Belinda Chapman and Maureen O'Halloran
Friday 26th June (4pm) - Sunday 28th June (2pm), Seaview, Camp Clayton, Ulverstone.

Cost \$500 (including accommodation, all meals, spiritual direction and all prayer resources)

For further details on any of the above or to book please contact Belinda Chapman - ph: 0418 141 171

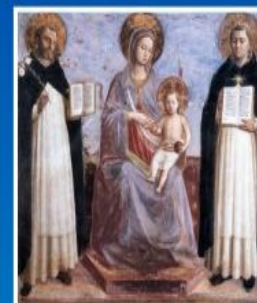
SEPTEMBER 2026

14 DAYS

Dominican Pilgrimage to Spain, France and Italy

Journey in the footsteps of St Dominic, St Catherine of Siena, and other Dominican Saints across the heartlands of Europe. From St Dominic's birthplace in Caleruega, to the beginnings of the Order in Prouilhe and Toulouse, and continuing on to Bologna, Siena and Rome, centres of faith, study, prayer and preaching.

This 14-day pilgrimage with the Dominican Friars and Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia invites you to deepen your connection with the Dominican charism that continues to inspire and renew the Church today.



DEPARTS SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026 • 14 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

Caleruega (2) • Aza • El Burgo de Osma • Gumiel de Izán • Santo Domingo de Silos • San Sebastian (1) • Prouilhe region (2) • Fanjeaux • Toulouse (1) • Carcassonne • Bologna (2) • Siena (1) • Rome (2)

Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Mark Freeman for the Diocese of Ballarat

The Episcopal Ordination Mass will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.00am. Due to limited seating capacity in the Cathedral, attendance will be by invitation and entry card only.

The Mass will be livestreamed online, and into St Patrick's Hall, adjacent to the Cathedral. Seating in the Cathedral cannot be guaranteed for those attending the Mass without an entry card.

To assist with accommodating as many people as possible, please register your name and email address with Julie Boyd-Julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au at the Diocese of Ballarat so that you can be placed on the reserve list

READINGS OF THE DAY—2ND SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR 1

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 94:1-2. 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 - 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. 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 - 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 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

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.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 9th March	- Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday 10th March	- Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday 11th March	- Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday 12th March	- Luke 11:14-23
Friday 13th March	- Mark 12:28-34
Saturday 14th March	- Luke 18:9-14

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading	- 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 22 R. v.1
Second Reading	- Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel	- John 9:1-41

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.