

Parish News

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Year 4 & 5

Rehearsal 2 Monday 05 March from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm.

Celebration of Sacrament Thursday 08 March at 6.00pm

The Parish Pastoral Council is arranging a **Welcome to our New Parishioners Get Together** which will take place on **Sunday 11 March after the 9am Mass**. We would love to see as many as possible of you in attendance. We will organise a morning tea following the 9am Mass. We are asking **all participants** to bring a plate of food to share and join with the members of the Parish Council in welcoming our new parishioners.

GENEROSITY BOX

Dear Parishioners, Fr John has requested the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee make available at the back of the church a **“Generosity Box”**. As many of you would be aware we are planning to refurbish certain areas in the church and we are appealing to those of you who have the means to lend a helping hand by donating any amount of money you can afford. All these donations will be used solely for this one purpose of refurbishing certain areas.

The Generosity Box is placed on the table at the back of the church and is clearly labelled. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ronnie Wilson, Chairperson of Parish Pastoral Council.

Weekly Diary : 05th —10th March 2018

From Monday 05th to Thursday 08th : No Mass due to the sanctuary’s refurbishment.

Thursday 08th : 6.00 pm. Concelebration of 1st Reconciliation of 50 Children.

Friday 09th : 09.30 am. Anointing Mass, followed by Rosary.

: 5.30 pm. Stations of the Cross

Saturday 10th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

Saturday 10th : 5.30 pm. : 4th Sunday of Lent Year B

Sunday 11th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 4th Sunday of Lent Year B

: 11.00am 5 Children Baptismal Celebration

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of April will be on the 01st at 5.30 pm. : Sunday of the Resurrection B.

Mass Duty Roster : 10th /11th March 2018

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino	Pierrette Serra Rino Serra	Jean Di Benedetto, June Molloy, Helen Topham Clive Broughton, Rachele Broughton	Mia Braun
7.00am Trudy Andrews	John Carter Bernadette Swindley	Rose Hessen, Michael Nicholson, Danielle Carter Margaret McNamara, Celine Lobb	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Michael Laidler	Frankie Leeman Kathy Fuller	John Lynch, Kathy Fuller Pam Nelson, Denise Moar	John & Matthew

Last Weekend’s Thanksgiving Program

Next Week’s Counting Team: No. 2 (12/3/18)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony’s</u>
\$948.20	\$1989.20	\$53.10	\$101.35

If we are generous in our giving, and if all of us are prepared to share the load, then together we can help our Parish to move forward. (Fr. John Khoai)



Holy Family Catholic Parish
Runaway Bay



3rd Sunday of Lent Year B 04th March 2018—Issue No. 262

Lessons on Divine Mercy from the Woman at the Well

The wonderful story from the fourth chapter of John’s Gospel concerns Jesus’ conversation with the woman at the well. From this encounter, I derived three principles regarding the divine mercy.

First, God’s mercy is relentless. While pious Jews would have avoided Samaria, a nation, in their minds, of apostates and half-breeds, Jesus, journeying to Galilee, moves right through Samaria. Moreover, he speaks to a woman in public (something that men simply didn’t do) and he consorts with someone known to be a sinner.



In all of this, Jesus embodies the love of God, which crosses barriers, mocks taboos, and overcomes all of the boundaries that we set for it. The true God in Jesus is filled with tender mercy and delights in lifting up human beings: *“The glory of God is a human being fully alive.”*

This conduces neatly to my second point, namely, that the divine mercy is divinizing. Jesus says to the woman, *“If you knew who was asking you for a drink, you would have asked him, and he would give you living water.”*

St. John Paul II saw in the words of Jesus the law of the gift. The moment we receive something of the divine grace, we should make of it a gift and then we will receive more of the divine grace. In a word, our being will increase in the measure that we give it away. This is the water welling up to eternal life that Jesus speaks of. God wants not merely to bind up our wounds; he wants to marry us, to make us partakers of the divine nature.

Finally, the divine mercy is a summons to mission. As soon as she realizes who Jesus is and what he means, the woman puts down the water jar and goes into town to proclaim the Lord.

How wonderful that, having met the source of living water, she is able to set aside her addictions and to become, herself, a vehicle of healing for others. The very best definition of evangelization that I’ve heard is this: one starving person telling another starving person where to find bread. We will be ineffective in our evangelizing work if we simply talk, however correctly, about Jesus in the abstract. Our words of proclamation will catch fire precisely in the measure that we have been liberated and transformed by Christ.

Could I ask you all who read these words to beg the Lord that we might all become bearers of the divine mercy.

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.
Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Since the Year A Gospels for the next 3 Sundays are of major importance in regard to Christian Initiation, they will be read in Years B and C.

FIRST READING Exodus 17:3-7 In the wilderness the people thirsted for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 R. *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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 4:5-42 Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his children and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, 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 know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming" (who is called the Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 4:13-14 For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norman Henry Smythe

ANNIVERSARIES: Liwanag C de Luna, Justin Tobin, Bernard Stretton, Michael Allan Penridge

SICK LIST: Margaret Kwong, Joan Hillier, Letty O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Cologurie, Ann Morrison, Mary Cruickshanks, Gwen Zeitzen, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Nora M Cadawas, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

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