

## THE WATER OF LIFE

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. EZE36:23-26

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.

### 1st Reading Exo 17:3-7

**A reading from the book of Exodus** 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?'

The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PS 94:1-2, 6-9

**Response: 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 or 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/**

### 2nd Reading ROM 5:1-2, 5-8 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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.

The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 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 JN 4:5-42

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

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 worshiper 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord  
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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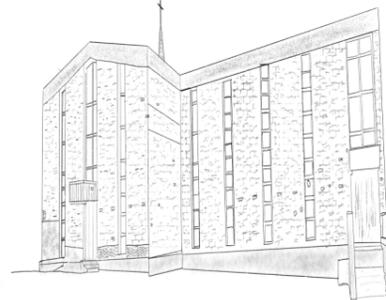
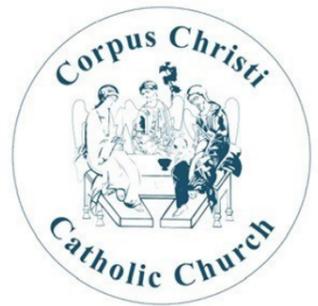
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**ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA &  
CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH**

**3rd Sunday of Lent  
YEAR A**

**8th MARCH 2026**



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**Saturday 12:00pm Star of the Sea**  
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**First Friday of the month immediately after 9am Mass**  
**Second and Fourth Sunday of the month at 11am**  
**Only by appointment**  
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## PARISH CALENDAR – THIRD WEEK OF LENT

### Sunday, 8th March 2026

8:30am Mass—Mosman Park  
10:00am Mass—Cottesloe  
Children's Liturgy  
12:00pm Mass—(Spanish) Cottesloe  
5:00pm Mass—Cottesloe

### Monday, 9th March 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

### Tuesday, 10th March 2026

8:15am Mass—Mosman Park  
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

### Wednesday, 11th March 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

### Thursday, 12th March 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

### Friday, 13th March 2026

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

8:30am Cottesloe  
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

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6:00pm Mosman Park

### Saturday, 14th March 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe  
12:00pm Confessions—Cottesloe  
5:00pm Confessions—Mosman Park  
5:30pm Vigil Mass—Mosman Park  
8:00pm Neocatechumenal  
Community Mass  
(Parish Centre Cottesloe)

# THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE WILL TURN INTO A SPRING OF ETERNAL LIFE

Wearied by his journey, Jesus sat down beside a well. It was about the sixth hour. Already divine mysteries begin. Not for nothing is Jesus wearied; not for nothing does the Power of God suffer fatigue. Not for nothing does he who refreshes the weary endure weariness. Not for nothing is he wearied, whose absence makes us weary, whose presence gives us strength. Jesus is tired, tired out by his journey. He sits down. On the edge of a well he seats himself. It is midday, and he sits there exhausted. All these details have meaning. They are meant to signify something. They capture our attention, persuading us to knock and investigate further. We have Christ's own exhortation to do so, for he said: Knock, and it will be opened to you. May he, then, open up the meaning of this text to us as well as to you. It was for your sake that Jesus was wearied by his journey. In Jesus we encounter divine power

together with weakness. He is strong and weak at one and the same time: strong, because in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, present with God from the beginning. Would you know how strong the Son of God is? All things were made through him, and apart from him nothing came into being. The whole universe was made without effort. Could any greater power exist than the power of one who was able effortlessly to construct the entire universe? And would you know him in his weakness? The Word was made flesh, and lived among us. The power of Christ created you; the weakness of Christ recreated you. Christ's power caused what did not exist to come into being; Christ's weakness saved existing things from destruction. In his might he fashioned us; in his weakness he came in search of us. Jesus, then, is weak, tired out

after his journey. Now that journey of his, undertaken for our sake, was his incarnation. How could he otherwise journey when he is present everywhere, and absent from nowhere? To what place or from what place could he travel? In only one way could he come to us, and that was by assuming our visible human flesh. Since then he condescended to come to us in that way, and to appear in the condition of a servant by taking to himself a human nature, that assumption of our nature was his journey. The fatigue caused by his journey, therefore, was the weariness Jesus experienced in our human nature. In his human body he was weak, but you must not be weak. You must be strong in his weakness, for there is more power in divine weakness than in human strength.

Gospel: John 4:5-42 or 5-15.19b-26.39a.40-42  
Commentary: Augustine

## FRIDAY MARCH 13TH—STATION OF THE CROSS

**8:30am** St Mary Star of the Sea Church Cottesloe  
**6:00pm** Corpus Christi Church Mosman Park

## REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

- + **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Online enrolments will close **Monday 23rd March 2026**
- + **CONFIRMATION** Online enrolments will close **Monday 17th August 2026**

Please register online at: <https://staroftheseachurch.org.au/sacramental-programme/>

For all inquiries and further information needed please contact Natasha Colli,

Sacraments Coordinator: [sacraments.cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacraments.cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au)

### Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Calendar

Mon	Mar	9	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<i>Saint Frances of Rome (commemoration)</i>
Tue	Mar	17	Feast Day	8:15am	Mass	Mosman Pk	<i>St Patrick, Feast Day</i>
Tue	Mar	17	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<i>St Patrick, Feast Day</i>
Wed	Mar	18	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem (commemoration)</i>
Thu	Mar	19	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<i>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Mon	Mar	23	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<i>Saint Turibius de Mogrovejo (commemoration)</i>
Wed	Mar	25	Solemnity	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>
Mon	Mar	30	Holy Week	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>
Tue	Mar	31	Holy Week	8:15am	Mass	Mosman Pk	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
Tue	Mar	31	Holy Week	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>



## PARISH NEWS

### THIRD SUNDAY of LENT – 8 March



Monoranjon, 47, lives in a coastal village in southwest Bangladesh, one of the regions most affected by climate change. He and his family face extreme heat, cyclones, water scarcity, and rising salinity that is destroying crops and livelihoods. As a farmer and father of two, Monoranjon struggled to provide for his family and keep his daughter and son in school. "In this dry season no seedlings come out from seeds. Due to heat of the sun and lack of water, plants are dying," Monoranjon said. Thanks to support from Caritas Australia and its partner Caritas Bangladesh, Monoranjon joined the Community Managed Sustainable Livelihoods and Resilience Program. He learned climate-resilient farming techniques, including organic vegetable cultivation, livestock vaccination, crab fattening, and salt-tolerant crop production. His income has improved, allowing him to send his children to school and access better nutrition. Monoranjon now teaches others in his village, inspiring change and resilience across the community. "Doing this I maintain my livelihood, but we have to work very hard. Seeing me, many people started. This is how they grow vegetables," Monoranjon said. Monoranjon also works with his community to plant mangrove seedlings on the mudflat coastlines across the delta they live on, to prevent further erosion and flooding of their lands. **Please donate today:** You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes **Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) **Or by calling: 1800 024 413**

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details and how to apply, [Click Here](#).

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- [Assistant Accountant, Finance Chancery – Permanent, Full-time or Part-time](#)
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- [Pastoral Assistant, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry - Permanent, Full-time](#)
- [Liaison, Deaf Support – PAS – Casual](#)

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is committed to the Safeguarding of children and adults at risk.

### John XXIII College: Kindergarten 2028 and Year 7 2029 Applications Closing Soon

A reminder to all families who are interested in a John XXIII College education for their child, please ensure their application form has been submitted by Monday, 2 March 2026. Kindergarten 2028 applications are open for children born July 2023 – June 2024.

Year 7 2029 applications are open for children born July 2016–June 2017, currently in Yr4. John XXIII College seeks to develop people of competence, conscience and compassion who are committed to seek justice and serve others. Our vision is for all students to strive for excellence for themselves, their peers, and their community. To find out more visit: [www.johnxxiii.edu.au/enrolments](http://www.johnxxiii.edu.au/enrolments) or email [enrolments@johnxxiii.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@johnxxiii.edu.au)

TO JOIN A CATHOLIC BROTHERHOOD Contact Terry 0437055724 or Louis 0419923038

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#### FIRST COLLECTION (PRIESTS)

Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park

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Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park

Account No: 558131050

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Bank: National Australia Bank Limited.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (2ND PLATE): COTTESLOE \$902.23 MOSMAN PARK \$606.37

MOSMAN ROSTERS	This Weekend 7/8 Mar'26	Next Weekend 14/15 Mar'26
Flowers	C Wearn	R Masarei
Church Cleaning	A Broadhurst	T Davis
Readers Sat 5.30am	A Pickard	M Davis
Readers Sun 8.30am	J Stratton	S Cannon
		C Lobo
		N Kalnejais
COTTESLOE ROSTERS	This Weekend 7/8 Mar '26	Next Weekend 14/15 Mar '26
Flowers	S Warden & T Baxter	S Marerwa & E Madara
Church Cleaning	L Agnello & F Agnello	P Solari
Readers Sun 10am	R Coles & M Coles	M Shea & L Mann
Readers Sun 5pm	Volunteer	I Yeo
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea	No Morning Tea

## POPE'S INTENTIONS MARCH

### For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### Lenten Prayer of Intercession

For vulnerable communities who thirst for justice and security, that our support for Project Compassion will be a sign to them of the love of God for all people.

## BAPTISM

We welcome into our Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Community through baptism:

*Marigold Josephine Hollow*  
daughter of  
*Jennifer and Mark Hollow*

*Noa Dorothy Thompson*  
*August John Thompson*  
children of  
*Prue and Karl Thompson*

*Sofia Paz Gilabert Burgos*  
*Facundo Ignacio Gilabert Burgos*  
children of  
*Camilo Gilabert and Paula Burgos*

We ask God to bless Marigold, Noa, August, Sofia and Facundo their parents, Godparents, and families, surround them with Your goodness and lead them in Your light each day of their life.

## OUR SICK

Please keep those who are sick at home, and in nursing homes and in the general community in your prayers. Let us keep our parishioners who are unable to be with us at Mass:

- Dariusz Rapcewicz
- Francesca Letizia
- Maria Blaszczynska
- Leon & Burchell Jones
- Julie Atrache
- Tim and Estelle Beckett
- Marie and Ivo Milicich



## Requiescat in Pace

For family members & friends who have recently passed to Eternal Life, and especially for all the departed Souls:

**Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."**