



SCARBOROUGH PARISH BULLETIN

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

8 March 2026

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Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
9.30am - 3.00pm

Postal Address:

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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday - Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation:

Friday 9.30am - 10.00am
Saturday 4.30pm - 5.00pm
Or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment

Weekday Rosary Times:

Tuesday - Thursday 8.30am
Friday 9.30am (during Holy Hour)

Adoration & Benediction:

Every Friday 9.30am - 10.30am

Parish Morning Tea:

First & Third Sunday of the month
after 9.30am Mass. **ALL WELCOME**

Craft Group:

Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm



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?'

The Word of the Lord.





Saints OF THE WEEK



MARCH

- 09 Saint Frances of Rome** (1384 - 1440)

- 10 Saint John Ogilvie** (1579 - 1615)

- 11 Saint Aengus** (- 824)

- 12 Saint Fina** (1238 - 1253)

- 13 Saint Leander of Seville** (c. 534 - 600 or 601)

- 14 Saint Maximilian of Tebessa** (274 - 295)

- 15 Saint Louise de Marillac** (1591 - 1660)



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 09 March:

Reading: 2 Kg 5: 1-15
 Psalm: 41: 2-3, 42: 3-4
 Gospel: Lk 4: 24-30

Tuesday 10 March:

Reading: Dan 3: 25, 34-43
 Psalm: 24: 4-9
 Gospel: Mt 18: 21-35

Wednesday 11 March:

Reading: Deut 4: 1, 5-9
 Psalm: 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20
 Gospel: Mt 5: 17-19

Thursday 12 March:

Reading: Jer 7: 23-28
 Psalm: 94: 1-2, 6-9
 Gospel: Lk 11: 14-23

Friday 13 March:

Reading: Hos 14: 2-10
 Psalm: 80: 6, 8-11, 14, 17
 Gospel: Mk 12: 28-34

Saturday 14 March:

Reading: Hos 5: 15-6: 6
 Psalm: 50: 3-4, 18-21
 Gospel: Lk 18: 9-14



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during
 Lent at 7.00pm

7 & 8 March			
Mass Times	Acolytes	Readers	Greeters
Saturday 5.00pm	Alex Harsanyi	Rosalie Cobai Anne Cobai	Michael Duffy
Sunday 7.30am	Tony Hague-Smith	Mary Bizzaca Julie Van Os	Annette Morey
Sunday 9.30am	Peter Jack	Veronica Lally Gabriel Vorster	John Hibble
14 & 15 March			
Mass Times	Acolytes	Readers	Greeters
Saturday 5.00pm	David Somers	Roula Cummins Simone Burke	Sue Burke
Sunday 7.30am	Romano Sala-Tenna	Sr Edith Mary Bizzaca	Fran McDermott
Sunday 9.30am	Phil McGann	Terrance Marbeck Nick Italiano	Hennie Ronchi

NEWS & EVENTS

PROJECT COMPASSION - LAUNCH

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations***. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available from the foyer or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

24:7 YOUTH MINISTRY OSBORNE PARK YOUTH GROUP

The 24:7 Youth Ministry invite all youth from grades 6-12 to join them **every Friday night** from 7.30 - 9.30pm at 67 Howe Street, Osborne Park, for fun and fellowship.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be held **every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm**.

THE ROSARY

Join us to pray the Rosary, **Tuesdays - Thursdays at 8.30am** followed by Mass at 9.00am, and on **Friday's at 9.30am** during Holy Hour.

SAFETY REMINDER

We kindly remind all parishioners to avoid leaving your valuables in plain sight in your car during Mass. There have been some incidents of theft recently. Please secure your belongings and lock your car to help prevent further occurrences.

PARKING FOR MASS

We kindly ask that all parishioners park **only** in designated parking spaces even when parking on parish property. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

SCHOOL MASS - WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH AT 9.00AM

St John's Primary will be celebrating Mass at 9am this Wednesday. All are welcome to join.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Will be held at our Parish on **Tuesday 24th March at 7pm**.

HEALING MASS - WED 18TH MARCH

There will be a healing Mass here at the parish on **Wednesday, 18th March**. The evening will begin at **6.30pm** with the Rosary and with Adoration & Benediction, **Mass at 7pm**, and **healing prayers at 7.45pm**. There will be the opportunity to be prayed over individually for healing. Confessions will be available during the evening. Come along to this evening of grace and healing!

CHANT THE MASS - EMMA SPADACCINI

Join music director Emma Spadaccini for an introductory **workshop** on the chants used for Mass. This second workshop will focus on music for the season of Lent. Learn the basics of reading chant and how to properly participate with the singing of antiphons, Mass parts, chant hymns, and the seasonal Marian antiphons. Held at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church** in Scarborough on **Tuesday March 17th**, starting at **7pm**. There will be refreshments in the hall following the workshop. People of all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This workshop is free of charge, however donations to support our music ministry are appreciated.

PARISH MORNING TEA - SUNDAY 15th MARCH

Please join us for morning tea on Sunday 15th March after the 9.30am Mass. **Please consider bringing a plate to share** - sweet or savoury items are most welcome. The parish hall will be open before Mass for food to be left in the kitchen. Thank you.

FIRST RECONCILIATION - PARENT & CHILD WORKSHOP

A friendly reminder to all parents who have children enrolled in the Parish Sacramental Program 2026 for First Reconciliation, that the mandatory Parent & Child Workshop will take place this **Tuesday, 10th March at 5.00-6.30pm** in the Parish Hall.

BUSY BEE FOR PALM SUNDAY PREPARATIONS

Help is required to cut up palms and prepare the Sanctuary for Palm Sunday Masses. We will have a short busy bee on **Saturday 28th March at 9am**. Your help is greatly appreciated! Please bring your pruners.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9

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
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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf 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 READING:

Jn 4: 5-42

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.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her. 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. '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.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.' 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.