

THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH
MARCH 30 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT | YEAR C

Background to the Saturday Night Year A Readings specifically for those in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – this is a week “Late”.
3rd Sunday of Lent: The Woman at the well: (Jn 4:5-42) To travel from Galilee south to Jerusalem, **Jews normally skirted the territory of the Samaritans**, even though it was a three-day short cut (by foot of course). However, it was not a safe route at all – unfriendly country to say the least. **Why did Jews and Samaritans so despise each other?**

The trouble became entrenched in the **7th Century before Jesus**. The mighty pagan Kingdom of Babylon (in modern day Iraq) overran **Samaria, the Northern Kingdom of Israel**, and **Judah, the Southern Kingdom with its Temple in Jerusalem**. The Northern Kingdom was spared destruction and exile because **the Samaritans compromised and brought five pagan idols associated with Babylon into their kingdom and also intermarried with the unbelieving conquerors**. The Jews fought and were conquered, the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed, and many were exiled into Babylon

When the exile was over the Samaritans offered to help the Jews rebuild their temple in Jerusalem. This was totally rejected. The Jews wanted nothing to do with the compromisers. In the Book of Sirach it refers to the Samaritans as “stupid people!”

By the time of Jesus the Samaritans had built a shrine on Mt Gerizim during the early 4th century BCE, and it became the centre of their worship, noted by the Samaritan woman, instead of Jerusalem. This makes sense of what Jesus said to her: “...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.”

So, Jesus was not on friendly turf, and to make matters immeasurably worse for his apostles, he does something absolutely **taboo**: he speaks to and actually asks a favour of an unaccompanied woman; and she was a despised Samaritan. Two taboos shattered.

And all this happened beside a well around midday on a stinking hot day. **The Patriarch Jacob’s well at Sichar was already around 1,800 years old in the time of Jesus – just over 10 meters dug out of solid rock**, with water which wells up from beneath it – a pure source of running water. Today it lies within **the city of Nablus in the garden of a Monastery**.

The story is of a person’s gradual journey into faith in Jesus: So, it is a story of a process of coming to belief in Jesus: and that is why it is strategically placed in the Third Sunday of Lent for those adults who will be received into the Church at Easter. They too are undergoing a process of coming to belief in Jesus, just as we all are – a life-long, deepening relationship is on offer here. This 4th Sunday the Gospel is the story of the man born blind, and the following Sunday is the raising of Lazarus from the tomb. (Saturday night Mass only)

In a series of magnificent encounters, Jesus proclaims himself the *Water of Life, the Light of the World, the Resurrection and the Life.*



Jacob’s Well, Nablus, Israel

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Pool of Siloam



THIS WEEK



SATURDAY 29 MARCH - 4TH LENT C

5:00pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

10:00am – FIRE SAFETY TRAINING - CHURCH

6:00pm Mass RCIA Rite at Mass

SUNDAY 30 MARCH - 4TH LENT C

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 31 MARCH

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL - ST FRANCIS OF PAOLA

9:00am Mass

6:30pm CHARBEL RAISH - PARISH HALL

THURSDAY 3 APRIL

5:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration/Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 4 APRIL - ST ISIDORE OF SEVILLE

9:00am Mass with OLR Year 6

SATURDAY 5 APRIL – 5TH LENT C

5:00pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 6 APRIL - 5TH LENT C

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 7 APRIL – ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

We acknowledge the traditional owners the Gadigal Clans of the Eora Nation, who cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who have maintained these Spiritual connections and traditions.

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MASS TIMES

Sat 6:00pm (Vigil), Sun 9:30am, 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

9:00am Mass First Friday

RECONCILIATION

Sat & Sun 5.30pm-6.00pm

Thurs 5:00pm-6pm

ROSARY

First Saturday before 6.00pm Mass

BAPTISMS | WEDDINGS |

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING

Joshua 5: 9-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Liane Bodeker, Almarinda Cruz, Lily Rose Parks, Bernard Fonti, Alice Gatt, Peter Haylen, Manuel Mouco

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Tom Carlton, Sr Joan Pender, Frank Mifsud, Margaret Stocker, Jill Rees, John Dorahy, Brenda Longworth, Christine Moyle, Olga Nasser, Maria Pockaj, Lucienne Radzyminski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Astride Abeleda, Jeannie Chooi Hong Murcutt (*mother of Scott Murcutt*), Elisa Da Silva, Ena Delaney, Helena Adamek-Zychowicz (*mother of Anna Jordan*), Br Reg Pritchard msc

ANNIVERSARIES

Bridie Moon, Terry McGuinness, Reina Calderon, Brigid Siely, Marilyn Dorahy, Maria Taranto, Carlo & Alfredo Pengue, Aurelio Coelho, Gracinda Rodrigues, Jack Papallo, Anthony Jahja

SACRAMENTAL DATES

Confirmation:

Sacrament Administered Wednesday 28 May 6.30pm

First Holy Communion:

Enrolment: 6 August, 6.30pm Church; Masses 9.30am Sunday 14 and 21 September

First Reconciliation:

Enrolment: 17 September; Sacrament conferred: 12 and 19 November 6.30pm

ROSTERS

29/30 MAR	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Danny Tjahjadi	Yosep Rizal	John Allen
Readers	Sam Schubert Sr Helen Hearne	Michelle Alimhamzah Ana Corpuz	Ethan Lim Elsa Lim
E. Ministers	Sr Pauline Richards	Robyn Kildea Trish Veness	Patricia Reyes
KidsChurch	Patrick & ME		
Counters	Helen Liew, Jan Nicholas, Bob Brenac		
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness		
5/6 APRIL	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Arthur Handojo	John Allen
Readers	Bernadine Lavender Br Vince	Nani Widarto Jeff Kildea	Patricia Reyes Isabel Reyes
E. Ministers	Joyance Jo	Francine Pirola Byron Pirola	Geraldine Marcellino
KidsChurch	Patrick & Martha		
Counters	Johanna Jahja, Marissa Meyn, Inge Sutanto		
Comm to Sick	Jan Nicholas		

ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED?

Congratulations! We rejoice with you during this special time as you prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Catholic Marriage is a little different to civil marriage. It is meant to be a sign of the love God has for each of us. Therefore, Catholic marriage has the same qualities as God's love; freely given, total, faithful and fruitful. It's not always easy to love like God – as human beings we are limited and sometimes selfish making it hard for us to love perfectly. Although loving each other might seem easy to you now, your love will likely be tested in the future by the challenges of life. That's why all our engaged couples participate in a marriage preparation course. This course will equip you with practical tools from contemporary relationship science as well as assisting your celebrant in preparing you spiritually to enter the Sacrament of Matrimony. As it can get very busy in the weeks before the wedding, **you should start this course as soon as possible**. In our parish, the following courses are available.

SmartLoving Engaged: Online Marriage Preparation - Consisting of 9 lessons, you progress through the course at your own pace, doing the couple activities as you go. There is an option for a married Sponsor Couple from your community to accompany you through the course. www.smartloving.org/sydney

SmartLoving Newlywed Date Nites - Starting out in marriage is an exciting time. It's also a critical time for establishing rituals and habits that will become the bedrock of a thriving relationship. Newlywed Date Nites will help you do just that! www.smartloving.org/newlywed **50% discount, use coupon code: SydneyAU**

SmartLoving The Marriage Kit - Investing in your marriage is a life-long commitment. Now, it's easier than ever to access world-class marriage formation from your home that is practical and engaging. This online course of five lessons is tailored to couples seeking a lasting, passionate relationship. www.smartloving.org/marriage-kit **50% discount, use coupon code: SydneyAU**

SmartLoving Fertility Online Course - Based on the Sympto-Thermal method, the course incorporates scientific insights, relationship frameworks and Catholic Theology. It is included free with registration in SmartLoving Engaged. Individual coaching also available. www.smartloving.org/fertility **50% discount, use coupon code: SydneyAU**

SmartLoving BreakThrough provides spouses in difficult marriages powerful tools to bring hope and healing to their situations through an online course and optional coaching. www.smartloving.org/breakthrough **50% discount, use coupon code: SydneyAU**



Dear Parishioners,

We would appreciate your help to keep it egg-citing for OLR children to celebrate Easter, and welcome your chocolate eggs donation. Please place them in the baskets near the church entrance. Children will be given Easter eggs following OLR Easter Sunday mass. Thank you for your egg-ceptional support.

OLR Kids Church

HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration **Monday 31st March 6pm-7pm** (call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour) and Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass. **Reconciliation is available.**

FOR 5 WEDNESDAYS FROM
WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 2025
EVENT STARTS 6.30PM WITH SUPPER
TALK AT 7PM SHARP

Follow us @easterndeanerysydney
Event is free but Registration essential
Donation for Parousia Media appreciated

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZDdId6i6f0zA1aLpwvd6RwI0_ujk--Ui7IUdIBsUaigPjQ/viewform

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Join us at OLR Church on the **first Saturday of each month** for the "5 first Saturdays Devotion" associated with Our Lady of Fatima. **5.30pm Rosary with confessions available followed by 6pm Mass.**

WEEKDAY MASSES

First Friday Masses with anointing of the Sick at 9am, also at the Thursday evening Mass the day before the First Friday. PHMSC

PARISH COLLECTIONS 22/23 MAR

First Collection	\$1,238
Second Collection	\$557
Envelope Collection	\$1,675

Project Compassion \$210
Stained-Glass Window Repairs so far \$1,500

PDKK Epiphany & Domus Cordis present

UNSHAKEABLE FAITH

FINDING YOUR FOUNDATION

25 - 27 April 2025
Mt. Carmel Retreat Centre

For Year 10 to Umi students, under 18 yrs
(Venture TM, Kenso Youth, and friends)
\$250 pp, inc. meals from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch
Drop off: Friday, 6pm
Pick up: Sunday, 12.30 (family mass at 1pm)

"Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" - Hebrews 11:1

YOUTH CAMP

Join Now
Registration closes on the 16th March 2025
Contact Lydia B. at 0426 875 919 for more info

These activities will depend on weather. Complete your own research.

Sydney Catholic Schools Week

School Tours

Enrolling now for 2026

Tuesday 1 April
9.00-10.30am

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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL KENSINGTON

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



Please donate today

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty.

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HOPE RESTORED

EASTER RETREAT

IN PERSON RETREAT	ONLINE RETREAT
📅 12 April 2025 (Saturday), 9am - 3.30pm	📅 13 April 2025 (Sunday), 9am - 3.30pm
📍 St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Carlton	🖥️ Online via Zoom
💰 \$50 (BYO Lunch)	💰 \$40
📞 Verbum Dei Female Missionaries (02) 9341 5848 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com	

CATHOLIC CARE SERVICES

HOME CARE SERVICES

CatholicCare Sydney's Home Care services are available to older Australians to ensure they can continue enjoying life independently with comfort and confidence. Our services cover a range of offerings, from helping you keep up to date with your chores to helping you maintain your health and well-being. We can support you or your loved ones in maximising your independence and ensuring you're at the centre of decision-making with your care. To learn more, please call 13 18 19 or visit catholiccare.org.

FREE FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

CatholicCare Sydney offers FREE and confidential financial counselling to adults experiencing financial worries and stress. Whether it be harmful gambling behaviours or issues with multiple loans and debts, our fully qualified and experienced counsellors can provide you with information and the support you need to move forward. Financial Counselling provides both in-person and telecare (online and telephone) support, offering you flexibility. If you or a loved one could benefit from this service, contact our team, call 13 18 19, or visit catholiccare.org/financialcounselling to start your journey with us.