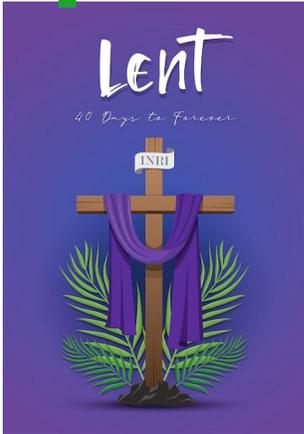


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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

8 March 2026

This week our sanctuary lamp burns for:

Francis Raj & Carol Jones

This Week's Feasts:

Mon 9th Mar St Frances of Rome

Masses and Devotions

Sunday	7.30am	Mass
	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday	12.30pm	Mass
Wednesday	12.00pm	Rosary
	12.30pm	Mass (lunch in meeting room)
Thursday	12.30pm	Mass
Friday	11.30am	Eucharistic Adoration
	12.30pm	Mass
Saturday	5.00pm	Reconciliation
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf Psalm 24:15-16)

*My eyes are always on the Lord,
 for he rescues my feet from the snare.
 Turn to me and have mercy on me,
 for I am alone and poor.*

Pope Leo XIV March Prayer Intention

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

First Reading (Exodus 17:3-7)

A reading from the book of Exodus

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. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22)

(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)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to 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 Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (See 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)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

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 cc he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said 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.'

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon (John 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.*

NEWS & EVENTS

PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent, we invite all parishioners to support Project Compassion, a wonderful initiative by Caritas Australia. Through prayer, generosity, and small acts of sacrifice, we can help transform lives and bring hope to communities in need. Please join us in giving this Lenten season. Envelopes and donation boxes are available, please return at Easter. Use the QR code to donate online.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent @ 7pm, St Thomas Church

Parishioners are warmly invited to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7pm. Come reflect, pray, and walk with Christ this Lenten season.

CORRECTION TO HOLY THURSDAY MASS TIME

7pm on Thursday April 2

There was a typo in the March Newsletter, parishioners are advised that the correct Holy Thursday Mass time is 7pm.

NEXT RCIA MEETING

Weds 11th March @ 7pm - Parish Meeting Room

The next session will be on the Sacrament of Service. Members of our Parish will talk about their vocation to this Sacrament. All enquiries; silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au

Next weekend's readings **Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A**

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13, Psalm 22, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38