

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People

3rd Sunday of Lent—Year A

12th March 2023



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Mass Times: Mon Candlelit Mass 8pm, Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am,
Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

Coming Up:

Child Safe Environments Briefing for Volunteers

Wednesday 22nd March
10:30am—12:00pm

Thursday 23rd March
6:30pm—8:00pm

Defibrillator Training
THURSDAY 23rd March at
10:30am

menAlive weekend
25th & 26 March 2023

2nd Rite Reconciliation
28th March at 7pm

Save the Date:
Pasta Night 31st March
(see details page 4)

Dinner Dance
May 27th 7pm

Readings

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex: 17: 3 —7

Psalm: 94: 1—2, 6—9

Rom: 5: 1—2, 5—8

Jn: 4: 5—42

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Sam 16:1, 6—7, 10—13

Psalm: : 22:

Eph: 5: 8—14

Jn: 9: 1—41

Lent: A Time for Personal Encounter with Jesus



Today's Gospel tells us how Jesus awakened in the Samaritan woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost. Here is a woman who comes to Faith and becomes a missionary who brings others to Jesus. Jesus recognizes the gifts and ministries of women in his future Church. Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat down by the well. When Jesus and his disciples reached the well, it was a hot midday, and Jesus was weary and thirsty from traveling. Ignoring the racial barriers and traditional hostility between Samaritans and Jews, Jesus sent his disciples to buy some food in the Samaritan town. It was at this point that a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. She had probably been driven away from visiting the common well in the town of Sychar at dawn by the other women of the town, as a moral outcast. It was this woman whom Jesus asked for water, and it is no wonder that she was surprised, because the petitioner belonged to the Jewish community who hated her people as polluted outcasts and betrayers of Judaism.

The water-seeking Samaritan woman who faced Jesus that day belonged to a heritage rejected by the Jews. This Samaritan woman also seemed unwanted by her own people. Since she had had five "husbands," and was living with a sixth "lover," she seems to have been considered by fellow villagers as an immoral person, and she seems to have been driven from the common well of the town by the decent women. Perhaps she had not stopped wishing that somewhere, sometime, some way, God would touch His people, that He would touch her! Jesus' meeting the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well illustrates the principal role of Jesus as the Messiah: to reconcile all men and women to God. Hence, Jesus deliberately placed himself face-to-face with this person whom, apparently, no one else wanted. Jesus saw, in this social outcast and moral wreck, a person who mattered to God. The Samaritan woman must have unburdened her soul to this stranger because she had found one Jew with kindness in his eyes instead of an air of critical superiority. She was thirsting for love that would last, love that would fill her full and give purpose to her life.

Jesus not only talked with the woman, but he also carefully guided her progressively from ignorance to enlightenment, and from misunderstanding to

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clearer understanding, thus making her the most carefully and intensely catechized person in this entire Gospel. Jesus always has a way of coming into our personal lives. When Jesus became personal with this woman and started asking embarrassing questions about her five husbands, she cleverly tried to change the subject and talk about religion. She didn't want Jesus to get personal. But Jesus wanted to free her, forgive her, shape her life in a new direction, and change her. He wanted to offer this woman Living Water. The living water may refer to Baptism and the gift of the Spirit, the source of life. At the end of their long, heart-to-heart conversation, Jesus revealed himself to the woman as the Messiah, which in turn led her to Faith in him. This growth in understanding on the part of the woman moved through several stages: first, she called him a Jew, then Sir or Lord, then Prophet, and finally Messiah. When the Samaritans came to hear Jesus because of her testimony, their affirmation of Faith reached its climax as they declared that Jesus was the Saviour of the world, and that they believed in him not just because of what she had said "for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world." We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. A sign that God is active in our lives is His entering into our personal, "private" lives. Jesus wants to "get personal" with us, especially during this Lenten season. Christ wishes to come into that "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, not to be unkind or malicious to us, but to free us, to change us, and to offer us what we really need. Then we need to be witnesses to God's work in us, just as the Samaritan woman was, proclaiming Jesus as God and Saviour. Let us have the courage to "be" Jesus for others, especially in those "unexpected" places for unwanted people. Let us also have the courage of our Christian convictions to stand for truth and justice in our day-to-day life. Let us also be open to others and accept others as they are, just as Jesus did. We have been baptized into a community of Faith so that we may become one with each other as brothers and sisters. To live this oneness demands that we open ourselves to others and listen to one another. Jesus did not allow the woman's status, past, attitude, or anything else to obstruct his ability to love her. Let us also open our hearts to one another and accept each other as God's gifts to us. Thus, we shall experience resurrection in our own lives and in the lives of our brothers and sisters.



Weekly Bulletin

If anyone would like the weekly bulletin emailed to them please contact the office at:
welcome@henleybeachparish.com.au

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Recently Deceased:

Marie Egar, Marie Abbas, Vinny De Tullio, Ursula Guidone, Pat Raven, Trevor Evans, Rosa Salerno, Cardinal George Pell, Fr Peter Fountain, Joan Quinn, Bruna Ferro, Bob Lowe, Carmel Chaplin, Valmai Bendo, Craig Hancock, Mary Connell, Bill Burford, Mischa Brus, Thomas Kennedy (Brother of Sean Kennedy), Dianne Doyle, Robert Dowling, Mary Flynn, Margaret Verstagen, Betty Bravington, Patricia Dinan, Christine Ballinger, Nina Gomez, Gunter Wunderer, Queenie Enniss, Jim Vasileff, Teresa O'Brien, Horace Cassar, Anne Grant

Anniversaries:

Bernie Errington, Ma Carmen Cuara, Salome & Dennis Lobo, Carmelo Strazzeri, Joseph Attard, Nikoll Ducaj, Malcolm Jones, Joan Stafford, Kevin Wakefield

Sick Parishioners:

Rene Young, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Barber, Brendan Taylor, Gerald (Gerry) Sutton, Rose Oteng, Julie Green, Noel Hocking, Maria Tinus, Brian Barden, Joan Dignan, Brian Fitzgerald, Lola Pedler, Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Kennedy, Robin Franks, Nan Sheridan, Anthony Kennedy, Hazel Wilson.

LENTEN BOOKS

Adelaide Archdiocese Lenten Reflection Book
 "I have come, that you may have life".

Available at the Back of the Church – Free



Catholic Archdiocese of Wollongong Lenten Program "Triumph"

Available in the Church office - \$6 each

Water Bottles - A reminder to please bring back your small change Water Bottles.

3rd Sunday of Lent—You can help people continue to thrive by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phoning 1800 024 313.



PROJECT COMPASSION

You can help to improve the lives of children by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phoning 1800 024 413

Knit & Natter will meet on Thursday 23rd March from 10am to 12pm in the Conference Room. All welcome
 Enquiries: Carmel 83564029



Lenten Retreat Saturday 18th March 11am - 3.30pm Topic "Come Back to Me"

Speaker: Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS

The day includes talks, reflection, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Mass, Sacrament of Anointing. Please bring your own food, tea/coffee provided. Enquiries and bookings: Phone Pauline 0403002240 by 15th March. Cost is by donation. All welcome Thank you and God bless.

Pauline Cotton Co-ordinator Living Waters Prayer Group

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Pastoral Council notices

It is with sadness that Tammie Iacopetta has tendered her resignation from the PPC. Tammie has been a valued member of the council for the past 3.5 years. The PPC want to thank and acknowledge her contribution to the parish in this role. Tammie will continue her activities with the Social Justice Group. Thank you Tammie

The PPC announce that the Live Streaming of mass will discontinue. We have found it increasingly difficult to facilitate this. New resources are required and a dedicated team of members who can avail themselves with time to set up and follow through. We thank James Kappamankal and all those involved in ensuring this much needed service was provided to our parishioners throughout Covid and up until the end of 2022.

Links to live stream services can be found on our website under 'Mass Times' for those who cannot come to the church.

St Michaels College staff have a morning mass each Tuesday of school term at 8am. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the chapel for mass. Please park on the road and enter the chapel from the Lawrie street Entrance.

Over the next month, we are inviting parishioner who may wish to become involved in a parish activity to contact a group leader. Each week we will focus on one of those groups and provide contact details of their leaders. This week we start with a new committee and invite all interested to make contact. This is a fun one.

Events/Social committee

The Pastoral Council would like to gather all those interested in assisting in an Events/Social committee group. We envisage this group working on events like the parish picnic, multicultural day, social gatherings for fundraising and any other brilliant ideas that the group may bring together.

The group will work autonomously and report to the PPC each month on its activities. A dinner Dance Fundraiser is scheduled for May 27th so this will kick start the group. Contact Noreen 0410 848 441 n.gaudry@outlook.com; or Tim on reachtimjackson@gmail.com.au;

Hold the Date

May 27th 7pm Dinner Dance

Work on the baptismal font reinstatement is currently underway, we watch with anticipation as this project is completed. We look forward to seeing our newest members of the parish being baptised at the font very soon.

Fr Manu will do some training for any children who are interested in becoming an altar server. Please see Father after mass. It would assist if you had your name, phone number, parents name and email address on a slip to hand to him and he can then organise contact with you.

Photographer - Is there a photographer in our parish that could assist the PPC from time to time, with some project work. Website photos, events etc.

Call Dennis Hoiberg 0418 384 619 dennishoiberg@me.com



- There will be **Stations of the Cross** Every **Friday at 7pm** in the Church during lent.

- There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church during Lent.

SECURITY REMINDER

We have had some unwelcomed visitors in the church and items are missing from the church. Can everyone assist by ensuring the external doors are locked during the day with just the hall access open during times when no one is in the church.



South Australian Men's Gathering, Henley Beach Parish March 25-26 2023

Register Now!

On the weekend of 25-26 March 2023, Henley Beach Parish is hosting a South Australian men's gathering conducted by menAlive.

menALIVE was founded in 2003 in Queensland by a group of lay men who wanted to do something about the question "Where are all the men?"

One of cohorts of people missing from the Church are men 25-42 years of age. Coincidentally we also know that loneliness for men is at its highest 18- 42 – a coincidence? So what menAlive is, is an opportunity for men to come together in a safe space to discuss our faith, share experiences and build lasting relationships.

Henley Beach Parish is fortunate to be able to work with menAlive to host this state wide men's gathering.

This will be the 3rd menAlive weekend held in the Parish

Men of Henley – please come. The location is the Marine Centre. The fee is \$50 for a fully catered weekend. There are concessions available for those who require it. This weekend will change your life.

There are a few of us down the back should you wish to discuss and to register. Registration forms will also be at the office. For more information about this weekend, contact Dennis Hoiberg on 0418384619



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, 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!

Parish Pasta Night

Parish Pasta Night on Friday 31st March. Five women from the Parish are hosting this event in response to building up parish connections with each other. Come and join us! We hope to see you there!

Event: Parish Pasta Night
Where: Cucina by Liquid
(181 Grange Road, Findon)
When: Friday, 31st March, 2023
Time: 6pm to 9pm
Price: \$25 pp. Drinks not included



Menu:
1 serve of large garlic bread
Any pasta of your choice
Dessert: Cake

There will be further information at the various Masses in the coming weeks about how to book and payment.

Rachele Tullio on behalf of Jo Martin, Julie Pascoe, Amanda Drewer, Mirjam Ralston.

For further details or to book please contact Jo-anne Martin on 0439 782 795.

“Volunteers Required for BAPS Committee

The former BAPS Committee (Building and Property Services) was stood down with the Advent of COVID in February 2020, but there is now a need for it to be re-assembled to tackle the ever increasing list of Parish maintenance tasks.

The role of BAPS can be broadly summarised as follows:-

- Determine and prioritise the list of maintenance works requiring action in the Parish;
- To cost these works and report to the Parish Finance Committee (PFC) for approval of expenditure of funds;
- Then proceed with awarding contracts for these works and supervising the work of contractors; and
- Assist the PFC with preparation of annual budgets and regular reporting on the progress of works and expenditure.

If you have a building or trade background and would like to utilise your skills to assist the Parish as a member of the BAPS Committee / Team, please contact Fr Manu at the Parish Office on Ph 8356 8888 or Email at parish_priest@henleybeachparish.com.au or contact Angelo Piovesan on Mob 0401 122 778.”

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE representative, Henry Cowell will demonstrate for us how to use the recently installed DEFIBRILLATOR on:

- **THURSDAY 23rd March at 10:30am**
For those who signed up for this demonstration, kindly ring the office on 8356 8888 and let us know which session you will attend. **MANY THANKS.**

Important Information & Clarification

Since the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse it is an Australian Government regulation that **ALL VOLUNTEERS** working in churches have the following:

- Police Check
- Child Safe Protection Training

Anyone wishing to continue as a VOLUNTEER or take on a ministry role in any capacity of the parish must attend one of these training sessions:

There will be two Child Safety protection training sessions held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

Session 1:
Wednesday 22nd March 10:30am—12:00pm
Session 2:
Thursday 23rd March 6:30pm—8:00pm

In order that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion be sufficiently prepared for their privileged role, **all parishioners in the Archdiocese of Adelaide** (not just Henley Beach) are required to

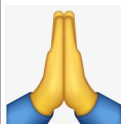
- Undergo training session, and
- Be mandated by the Archbishop to carry out this ministry.

Hence the training was held here last week.

A big thanks to all who attended on the day.

Those who could not make it to the last session please contact Fr Manu at the office to arrange another training session as it is mandatory before the names are sent for the Archbishop's approval.

Baptisms in our Parish we welcome into our Parish Community Rio Quaglia, Sutton and Kelly Cestari and Hudson Winen who are being baptised this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



1st and 2nd Collection

Please split your planned giving envelope in half

1st collection supports Diocesan and Religious Order **Priests of the Archdiocese**, including Fr. Manu. **Orange** side (**Presbytery Offering**) of planned giving envelopes to be placed into the wooden bowls.

Any loose change for the Priests to be placed into the wooden bowls.

2nd Collection is for the **Parish**

Green side (**Thanksgiving Offering**) of planned giving envelope goes into the baskets. Any loose change for the Parish to be placed into the baskets.

Those who give electronically need not put contributions in the 2nd collection. Your giving is for the 2nd collection.

The 2 collections are taken up one after the other immediately following the Prayers of Intercession.

There is NO collection after Holy Communion.

If anyone has any questions/queries or would like to make any changes to their giving, please call Joanne at the Parish office. Thank you