



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

3rd Sunday of Lent, 11-12 March 2023

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FRI 12.30pm to 3.45pm

Masses:

Tuesdays

9am St Gerard's Warrandyte

Sundays

10:30am—1st Sunday of the month @ St Anne's, every other Sunday at St Gerard's.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—St. Anne's

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Higgins

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Father Peter Robinson, Cesare Bettiol, Sandra Day, Decima Perera, Mick Walsh, Tony Doensen, Cimen Bordgnon, Paul Murphy, Anna Massarotti, Marjorie Neate, Betty McWade, Tullio Ceconello, Mary O'Callaghan, Chiarina Soccio, Tom Diepenhorst, Louis de Silva, Josephine Engel and one month anniversary of Domenico Italiano

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Lyn Read, Tyler, Helen, Justine, Peter Higgins, Dan Higgins, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen

Readings this week: Exodus 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at www.holyspiritparish.org.au

Holy Spirit Parish Vision

At Holy Spirit Parish, we are an inviting community inspired by the Holy Spirit; welcoming everyone to worship, grow, belong and serve together as Disciples of Christ.



Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—13th-19th March 2023

MONDAY	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY 7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
TUESDAY	9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.30 pm Netball Club Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room 8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am Mass , Holy Spirit Chapel 6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom followed by Stations of the Cross
THURSDAY	7:30pm Choir Holy Spirit Church
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
SATURDAY	6.00pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church— Prep Welcome Mass 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 18th-19th March 2023

Web: www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Jacek Holewa

9.00 am: Peter Parle

5.00 pm: Volunteer

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Maureen Chamberlin

9.00 am: Sharon Hipwell

5.00 pm: Volunteer

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Robin Walsh

9.00 am: Tina Toomey

Tea and Coffee:

9.00 am: Coffee cart for Prep Welcome Mass



The March 2022 Spirit Magazine is now being prepared. We would love any contributions you would like to share: photos from a community activity, back to school or first day stories or photos, achievements of our students and Alumni, articles you think worth sharing or a favourite digital resource.

Please send your inputs to thespirit@holyspiritparish.org.au by 24 March. Thank you very much, Yvette.

Holy Spirit Web Site - www.holyspiritparish.org.au:

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

Parish Database Update Please remember to advise the parish staff of any changes to phone and email details so we can update our database via email to Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or phone 7036 9395.

DAILY MASS BOOKS 2023

Daily Mass Book 2023 are now available to purchase from the Parish House. (\$30 each)
Please see Ruth or Jenny to get a copy.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY

Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm—Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: acornelio@connecteast.com.au for inclusion weekly.

Collection Notice For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to: www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. If interested, contact Jacek on 0490 884 914 or Ann on 0437 127 326.

Tuesday Meditation Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel (not during School holidays). Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES The next yearly thanksgiving envelopes for 2023/24 are available for collection from the back of the Church. As we are slowly becoming a cashless society, we also have convenient Credit Card and Direct Debit facilities which guarantees your regular contribution to the Parish. You may join the program on-line via our website or you can contact the Parish Office and we can arrange everything. Thank you to everyone who contributes financially to our wonderful Parish. It is very much appreciated.

All parishioners are invited to a **Mass of Anointing** followed by light lunch on Friday 31st March at 11am in the Church.

Please note that 9:15am Mass will not be celebrated in the chapel on that day.

For catering purposes, we will need to know numbers. Please fill in the sign up sheet on the word table or contact the Parish Office: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 70369395 by Wednesday 22nd March.

LORD, My God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Psalm 30:2



Volunteers needed

Our wonderful High Spirits leader Elma, is looking for volunteers to assist with the Religious Education of our children who attend non-Catholic schools. Elma has students ranging in year levels from year 3 to year 7. Volunteers need to have a current Working With Children check and sign a Safeguarding code of conduct. If you would be willing to lend a hand, please contact Elma via the parish Office (ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

On the Journey this week: On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista says we can learn much from the Samaritan woman's faith journey in this week's Gospel. Mother Hilda says called or uncalled, God is always present in our lives. The Triumph Lenten series continues with Ken Bryant and Darren McDowell. Plus, the bush deacon, Josh Clayton, and more great music!

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



MESSAGE OF THANKS

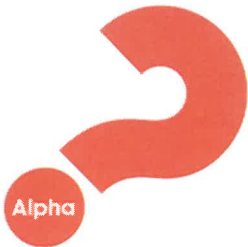
Tina Toomey and family would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to so many friends from Holy Spirit Parish who sent me cards, flowers, phone calls, home visits and food deliveries at the passing of my sister Pauline.

It has been so overwhelming for me and also humbling as I reflect at the blessings in my life.

You so kindly offered prayers during Pauline's battle with MND which was so powerful, and one particular person (not to be named) sustained my sister with her most beautiful and funny cards, gifts, video's sent plus so much more, for over 4 years! I am eternally grateful and this will sustain me during the time ahead as I move on along the road of life without Pauline.

Peace, Love and Blessings to every one of you. - God bless, Tina. XXXX

Alpha Get-Together – March 24th, 7pm



Remember when we used to gather in the Parish House for Alpha – sharing food, discussion, friendship?

If you have experienced Alpha at Holy Spirit Parish, either in person or online, YOU are invited to join us, renew some friendships and hear about plans for Alpha in 2024.

When – **Friday March 24th from 7pm** [if you can't make it till later still come along].

Where – Holy Spirit Parish House, 120 Oban Road, Ringwood North

What – Supper will be provided.

RSVP – Please let us know you are planning to be there for catering purposes.

By email: alpharsvp@holyspiritparish.org.au

By text or phone: **0429 876 434** (Maryann) or **0407 764 302** (Kerry)



Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt Sinai and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$6,940 AUD. The fare includes Airfare + Local Transfers in Deluxe Coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Sydney and Melbourne on 21st May 2023. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561 or email us info@magiholidays.com.au

GOD & BEER

An initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross, God and Beer brings together people of all ages from across the south-east suburbs several times a year. By drawing on the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic tradition, God and Beer aims to inspire and strengthen Christians through ideas for renewing the Church.

This month's speaker is Tracey Rowland, one of the world's leading theologians. She has written two books and many articles about Pope Benedict XVI's life and works. Tracey is the former dean of the John Paul II Institute's Melbourne campus and currently holds the John Paul II Chair of Theology at Notre Dame University in Sydney. In 2020, she was awarded the Ratzinger Prize, informally known as the 'Nobel Prize for Theology'.

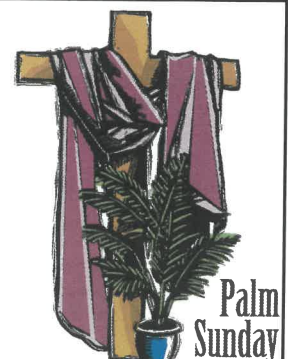
Meals are available for purchase. Kids are welcome to attend but must be accompanied by parents.

Dinner from 6.30pm. Talk begins at 7.30pm.

For any enquiries, email John Smyth at jtsmyth@gmail.com or call 0406 747 123.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES 1 & 2 APRIL 2023

Palm Sunday Masses will commence with blessing of palm & olive branches on the lawn at the top of the stairs and a procession into the Church. Whilst we will have palm & olive branches available at each Mass, we encourage parishioners to bring branches if they can. Thank you



BISHOP ROBERT RABBAT ' S SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



PLEASE DONATE NOW

The recent Syrian earthquake has hit people who were already displaced in a region that has been devastated by more than a decade of civil war. Yet again, we are seeing people fleeing and desperate for shelter in freezing winter conditions. We want to help provide that light in the deepest darkness, to get through this devastating disaster.

MCF DGR ACCOUNT

Ref: Syrian Appeal

BSB: 062784

Account: 100011493

All donations are Tax Deductible.

For a receipt please email mcf@melkite.org.au or contact on (02) 9750 5514

Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Catholic Development Fund

- Finance, Risk and Administration Officer

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Parish Administrative Coordinator - St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes, Murrumbreena
- Parish Secretary – Parishes of Frankston
- Pastoral Worker –St Peter and Paul's Parish, Doncaster East

Other Positions

- Stewardship Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Evangelisation Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Digital Marketing and Fundraising Contractor - Carmel Impact

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at hadmin@cam.org.au

EASTER SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!



As always, we are preparing some very special liturgies for each of our Easter Services so that everyone will experience and understand the significance of Easter.

For this to happen, especially for the large number of people who join us to celebrate Easter, we need many more members of our parish to help at each of the Masses.

We want everyone to feel welcome, to feel that they belong to an active, vibrant community, and to return home feeling they have experienced something truly moving and meaningful.

Please consider volunteering in some capacity at one of the services, by adding your name onto one of the lists at the back of the church. For further information contact the

Parish House on 7036 9395.

Areas where you can help include:

- Special Ministers
- Offertory Procession
- Readers
- Collectors
- Altar Servers (particularly Holy Thursday & Good Friday)
- Welcomers
- Clean-up/reset team after each Mass –
- We particularly need people to help set up for Palm Sunday as the palms need to be collected and put up on the Saturday morning.

Please consider offering to help make our Easter Services this year truly moving and meaningful celebrations. Add your name to the sign up sheets or contact the parish Office on 7036 9395

The Liturgy Team

Easter Services at Holy Spirit are:

Palm Sunday, 1-2 April: **Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm**

Holy Thursday, 6 April: **Mass of the Last Supper, 7:30pm**

Good Friday, 7 April: **Stations of the Cross, 10:00am**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, 8 April: **Easter Vigil: 7:30pm**

Easter Sunday, 9 April: **Normal Mass time: 9:00am**



Hello to all our wonderful previous
Winter Shelter Volunteers -

WE ARE BACK for winter 2023!!!!

Hoping you have you got a few spare hours to come back to volunteer
with Winter Shelter this winter? We need YOU!!

As you are aware our program aims to provide basic facilities, hospitality
and crisis accommodation to those who are experiencing homelessness
in the city of Maroondah.

Our guests are offered "more than just a place to stay", they are
provided with a wholesome dinner, showering facilities, overnight
accommodation, breakfast and a packed lunch every night of the week,
from 1st June - 17th September.

If you can chat, listen, cook meals, serve food, socialise, drive a minibus,
transport our trailer between venues, help in the kitchen, etc we would
love to have you back to be part of our 2023 WS team.

An Information Night will be held late April/early May
(TBC)

To register for 2023 go directly to
<https://wintershelter.org.au/volunteer>
or use the QR code



Find us on Facebook or Instagram for more information or contact
Maroondah Winter Shelter Program Coordinator



Gitta Clayton M: 0451 744 453 gitta.clayton@croydonhills.care
or Beth - Volunteer Coordinator boswalds1@gmail.com



Holy Spirit Community Fete

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023



Our first Fete after Covid and didn't our community turn up and show how it is done! The sun was on our side despite terrible weather for set up during the week and the Friday night before.

We are on the search for new committee members as well as sponsorship and donations have opened for 2023.



Recap from our 2022 Fete where we raised \$78,174.40



60

Stalls and Rides

200+

Volunteers

9713

People in attendance



2023 Sponsorship & Donations

We are now taking donations and sponsorship offers for 2023. Marketing starts in March and runs through to February 2024. Offers close 30 June.

New Members Required

We are on the search for a new generation of committee members to help continue our fete to operate.



Vacant Positions

- P&F Liason
- Secretary
- Food Safety Officer
- Silent Auction
- Operations
- General Members

Next Meeting 21 March



For Sponsorship and Donations Offers contact:

Belle Godfrey
Marketing Manager

0492 200 676 | @holyspiritofficial
fete@holyspiritparish.org.au
www.holyspiritfete.org.au



Our Packages

We are offering new and improved Sponsorship Packages with multiple new inclusions. Strong social media, print and post options and the opportunity to sponsor rides, stalls and prizes. We are grateful for donations to our Raffle and Silent Auction; another way of promoting business.

We are unable to do contra in order to treat all sponsors fairly.

You may not know we **do not charge GST**. Check with your accountant as your contribution should be tax deductible as an advertising expense.

We kindly request all payments to be finalised with signed agreement.

Corporate Package

Please contact us to custom design a package for you and your needs.

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- The logo is printed on the boards & flyers
- Promo repeatedly by the MC on Fete Day
- Promotional social media posts
- Professional Photo opportunity Fete Day

Sponsor Packages

Sponsorship exposure & benefits	Diamond \$3000	Platinum \$2000	Gold \$1000	Silver \$750	Bronze \$500	Social Media \$380
Onsite Fete booth (promotional only, if requested)	✓					
Exposure as a sponsor on road side Billboard signage at 5 key locations	✓	✓				
Featured Article in "The Spirit" magazine, school and parish newsletters (to be supplied)	✓	✓				
Audie Promotions and Recognition made over the PA on Fete Day	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Ride pass valued at \$50.00	6 passes	5 passes	4 passes	3 passes	2 passes	1 pass
Fete hospitality vouchers	75	75	50	50	20	20
Signage outside school 2 weeks prior fete (to be supplied)	✓	✓	✓			
Company logo and details printed on Fete Flyer flyer. Distribution 20,000 (size proportional to package)	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Inclusion and exposure of your business in school and parish newsletters, DOJO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Company logo and business special mention on the Fete's Facebook & Instagram pages	12 promo posts	8 promo posts	4 Promo post	5 Promo post	4 Promo post	3 Promo post
Dedicated area on the "Sponsors" page on the "Holy Spirit Fete webpage"	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Targeted social media campaign promoting your business on Facebook and Instagram	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Special Sponsors Appreciation Certificate after the fete (upon request)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant:

We now bring our prayers and needs to our God, who gives us new life through water and the Holy Spirit.

Reader:

We pray that all people will have just access to the necessities of life, especially water. May we in our support for Project Compassion this Lent do all we can to become a source of hope for those who thirst. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that through the gift of the Holy Spirit poured forth into our hearts through our Christian baptism, we may be a source of "living water" all who thirst for meaning and purpose in their lives.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that like the Samaritan woman we may find ways to make room for God in our busy daily lives, giving time to prayer and reflection during this time of Lent.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who thirst everyday, especially refugees, displaced persons, victims of natural disasters, conflict and war; that the Lord will comfort them and that their plight will be recognized and improved through international co-operation and aid.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For all gathered here at this Eucharist; that we may live in a spirit of solidarity and generosity so that others may have the possibility of different life choices.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:

Father Peter Robinson, Cesare Bettiol, Sandra Day, Decima Perera, Mick Wash, Tony Doensen, Cimeno Bordgnon, Paul Murphy, Anna Massarotti, Marjorie Neate, Betty McWade, Tullio Cecconello, Mary O'Callaghan, Chiarina Soccio, Tom Dippenhorst, Louis de Silva, Josephine Engel and one month anniversary of Domenico Italiano.

May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father. Hear our prayers and grant what we ask in faith, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION: 3rd Sunday of Lent

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

FIRST READING

Exodus 17.3-7

Give us water to drink

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- 3 In the wilderness the people thirsted for water;
and the people complained against Moses and said,
“Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”
- 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord,
“What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”
- 5 The Lord said to Moses
“Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you;
take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.
- 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb.
Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.”
Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.
- 7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord,
saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R.7c+8a)

- R. If today you hear God’s voice, harden not your hearts.
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! R.
- 6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. R.
- O that today you would listen to his voice!
- 8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. R.

SECOND READING

Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

*God’s love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 1 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand;
and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
- 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
- 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person,
though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.
- 8 But God proves his love for us
in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again

GOSPEL

John 4.5-15, 19-26, 39, 40-42

*The water that I will give will become a spring of water
gushing up to eternal life.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

- 5 Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar,
near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
- 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well.
It was about noon.
- 7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."
- 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)
- 9 The Samaritan woman said to him,
"How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?"
(Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)
- 10 Jesus answered her,
"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,'
you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."
- 11 The woman said to him,
"Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"
- 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well,
and with his children and his flocks drank from it?"
- 13 Jesus said to her,
"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,
14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.
The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."
- 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty
or have to keep coming here to draw water.
- 19 I see that you are a prophet.
- 20 Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain,
but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."
- 21 Jesus said to her,
"Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
- 22 You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.
- 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here,
when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,
for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.
- 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."
- 25 The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming" (who is called the Christ).
"When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."
- 26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."
- 39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus.
- 40 So when they came to him, they asked him to stay with them;
and he stayed there two days.
- 41 And many more believed because of his word.
- 42 They said to the woman,
"It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves,
and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

The gospel of the Lord.