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Lent 3
March 8th 2026

Welcome

St. Mary's, Kilcoy
Sundays, 8.00 am
Wednesdays, 9.30 am

St. Matthias', Woodford
Sundays, 10.00 am
2nd Tuesdays, 9.30 am

Bellthorpe Service
Sunday 29th March 5.30pm

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Christ died for us
Romans 5: 8*

Holy Communion is available to all baptised & communicant members of Christian churches. All are invited to come forward to receive either a blessing or Holy Communion. Please join us at the end of the service for refreshments.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Please keep the family of Allan Tinney in your prayers as they give thanks for his life and mourn their loss. Allan's funeral will be at St Matthias' on Monday 16th at 1.30

Sentence: 'The water that I will give,' says the Lord, 'will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'
John 4:14

Collect: O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Today's Hymns

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer – Let us sing to the God of salvation
Lord Jesus, joy of loving hearts – A spendthrift lover is the Lord

First Reading: Exodus 17:1 – 7 *A reading from Exodus, Chapter 17, beginning at the 1st verse.*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there 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?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' 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. 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. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?' *Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.*

Psalms 95 (APBA pp 322 - 323)

Second Reading: Romans 5:1 – 11 *A reading from Romans, Chapter 5 beginning at the 1st verse:* Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 4:5 - 42 *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John, Chapter 4, commencing at the 5th verse:* So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 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.) 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.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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.' 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no

husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, 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 know, for salvation is from the Jews. 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. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. 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.'

For the Gospel of the Lord, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

For those who are sick/ in need: Patricia, Val, Cindy, Lenny, Jewels, Tanisha, Tim, Bob, Mandy, Annette, Darren, Bevan, Billie, Riley, Daniel, Mary B and Bonnie.

For our parish: Loving God, bless and enable each person in this parish; inspire us in our vision and guide us in our planning and working together. May our lives so reflect the light of your kingdom that others may see and be drawn to your presence. May they come to know the grace and peace of your everlasting love for all your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for: Our wonderful School Chaplains: Mt Kilcoy Rebecca Nitschke; **Kilcoy High:** Dillon;

Woodford: Amanda Williamson; **Delaneys Creek:** Tracy Sbresni. Praise God for Kilcoy Chaplains

Pray for: Wisdom for our governments; Ethnic and religious violence; Domestic & family violence; child abuse victims and perpetrators; The homeless; Refugees; Victims of war and ethnic violence. Peace & justice for Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and the Sudan; Peace for Gaza & the work of Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. All who live with the fear of religious violence and bigotry.

Praise God for: our new birth in Christ by water and the Spirit

WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

Tuesdays Bible study at St Matthias 10.00am: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Wednesdays 9.30am: Weekly Service at St Mary's. Everyone welcome

Tuesday 10th March 9.30am: Service at St Matthias followed by the Guild meeting

Sunday 15th March: Parish Council meeting in Woodford following the Woodford service

CHURCH NOTICES

The “**Containers for Change**’ bin has arrived and is in the process of being installed. Drop off your 10 cents refundable drink cans, bottles and cartons. If it has a 10c logo we are interested!

OP Shop Volunteers needed: Are you or someone you know looking for a way to give back to our community? The OP Shop is always on the lookout for volunteers. Work a full day or half a day weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Casuals welcome to cover sickness and holidays.

Confirmations and Reception into membership of the Anglican Church

Bishop Sarah will be visiting the Parish on **Sunday 31st May**. Please let Rev Jilleen know if you are interested in being confirmed or Received into Membership of the Anglican Church. Confirmation classes will be starting in March on Sunday afternoons.

St Matthias’ Nativity window Restoration: Donations welcome. Envelope: **St Matthias window**.

St Mary’s 3 Baptistry windows Restoration: Donations welcome. Envelope: **St Mary’s windows**.

Thoughts to Ponder: Mending a Broken World by Br. Geoffrey Tristram SSJE. *Matt 4: 1-11; Gen 2-3:1-7. (continued next week – ran out of room)*

PRAY DAILY: * The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East * The Diocese of Bunbury:

†Ian Coutts; Clergy and People *** The Parish of St Lucia:** Katherine Bowyer, Clergy and People *****

Child Care Centres * Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim: Principal – Michelle Carroll;

Chaplain - Kathrin Koning; College Council; staff & students

PEW REFLECTIONS. March 8th, 2026, Dr Julie Lewis © *Anglican Board of Mission, 2023*. Like the Israelites in today’s first reading, we can sometimes lack trust and faith in God when we wander despairingly in the difficult times and, “wildernesses,” of our lives. Like them we can also fail to learn from or remember previous times in our lives when God’s unending providence, mercy and love did sustain us in challenging times. I pray that we treasure and learn from the times God freely gave us the life giving, “water,” of his love and mercy and have unerring faith and trust that he always shall. **Pray** that we can trust God and believe, even in times of wandering despair. **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.



St Mary’s Pantry: Donations of pantry items or money will be very welcome. Slip an extra item into your shopping basket for the Pantry. Help us to help others.

FUTURE READINGS and HYMNS

15th March – Lent 4 – Violet – Year ‘A’

1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23 (APBA pp 243)

Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1 - 41

To God be the glory – Fairest Lord Jesus

My song is love unknown – Morning glory, starlit sky

22nd March – Lent 5 – Violet – Year ‘A’

Ez 37:1-14; Ps 130 (APBA pp 364)

Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1 - 45

And can it be that I should gain – In water we grow

O breath of life, come sweeping ... – Come, O God of all the

BLESSING: Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.