

**Thank you to all who joined us for our Special 50th Anniversary kickoff** with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Vincent last Sunday. A very special thank you to the **Couples for Christ** who transformed our old hall into a festive and fun gala space. Thanks also to all of you who brought food to share at our banquet.

If you missed out on the beautiful **50th anniversary mugs**, don't despair! We'll be selling these collector's items with our new logo designed by Fr. Alejandro after all Masses this weekend. At just \$12 a piece, they make excellent Easter gifts—they do a great job holding just the right amount of lollies! (So much better than Easter Baskets that are impossible to fill!) These commemorative mugs are here for a limited time. (Make sure to buy a set so you and your spouse don't fight!) Best of all, profits support the up coming renovations to OLOR church!

**Gospel Prayer Group Meets at 10am this Tuesday only!** Join Fr. Alejandro on Lenten Tuesdays 10-11am in the parish office to pray with the following week's Gospel. Newcomers are welcome!

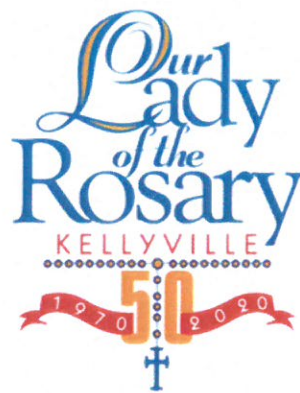
**All are welcome to pray and spend an hour or more in adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents on **Friday 28 March**. The night begins with a Maximilian Kolbe Novena **Mass at 7pm**, followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at **8pm until 10am on Saturday, 29 March**. Come and visit Jesus who awaits you there! Devotional prayers for pro-life are said before the **11am Mass**. We offer a light lunch following the 11am Mass with your help: please bring a plate to share!

**Lenten Shrine News** Renewal Wednesdays: Join Fr. David on Wednesdays, 18 **March** and 1 **April** at 7pm for a "Renewal of Christian Commitment" based on the RCIA Rites and the Johannine Gospels. **Stations of the Cross** are at **10.15am** each Lenten Friday at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. An **Introduction to Sacred Scripture** continues at the Shrine on Saturday 4 **April** comprising two 45 minute presentations (with a tea break in between) starting around 10am (after the usual Saturday morning Parish Mass). Buffet breakfast will be available. Donations accepted.

**Thank you for last week's parish collection of \$3,130.35**

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*Under the Pastoral Care of the Conventual Franciscans.*

**Our screen broke** last weekend when its motor was accidentally left on overnight. As a result, we had to purchase a new screen and motor and install it for around \$1,200! The parish could use a dozen of Christ's disciples to come forward and donate \$100 each to help cover this unforeseen cost. (Or just one person to donate the full amount!) Are you that person? See Fr. Alejandro (or any priest) following Mass or contact the parish office. Thank you.

**Pray for our Elect and those receiving sacraments at Easter** At the doors of the church are prayers cards with the name of a candidate preparing for sacraments. Thanks for taking time to support them.

**Our Working Bee needs worker bees** on Saturday 4 April at 9.30am to help us spruce up the Church and its surroundings ahead of Holy Week and in preparation for Easter. Please bring your muscles and we'll supply a light lunch.

**No morning tea on 5 April** There will be no morning tea after 9am Mass on Sunday, 5 April (Palm Sunday) due to solemnity of the day and our entrance into Holy Week.

**Extra full Masses** Please pray for our students and their families as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. Please note that the 6pm Mass on Saturday 4 April and the 11am and the 6pm Mass on Sunday 5 April will be especially full with the families of our children preparing for First Communion. Please give yourself extra time to find parking and a pew. And please be patient and kind to families who might not know how to behave in church. Thanks!

#### OUR JOURNEY TO EASTER

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**  
10.15am Stations of the Cross  
at the Shrine

7pm Mass in Parish Church followed by  
Confessions and Stations of the Cross  
of Bl. Pope Paul VI  
**EASTER SCHEDULE**  
Sacred Triduum  
Holy Thursday, 9 April,  
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
in Parish Church.  
Adoration in the old hall until 10pm

Good Friday, 10 April,  
10.30am Youth Group  
Stations of the Cross at the Shrine  
3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
in the Parish Church

Holy Saturday, 11 April  
No Confessions

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 6pm Mass  
on Easter Sunday**

**Mulan in 2 weeks:** Just a handful of tickets left for our Mulan Sunday at 2pm on **29 March** (the day before Fr. Alejandro's birthday) at Event Cinemas, Castle Hill. We'll hire out a whole theatre just for us and the profits we make go for our reno-church project. Free cupcakes will be given out for attendees in honour of father's birthday and the Chinese Year of the Rat! Tickets are \$20 each. If you are a needy person or family and would like to go but have trouble with the cost, please let us know as we have donated tickets to give to you. If you would like to donate a ticket, please let us know by calling the parish.

**Men's Breakfast** will take place on **Saturday, 21 March** at 8am. All men most welcome! Please contact Peter Upton at 0412 283 244 to reserve your brekkie.

**On Lenten Fridays** OLOR will offer a 7pm Mass followed by Exposition, Stations of the Cross (of Bl. Pope Paul VI) and Benediction. Confessions will be heard during Stations. Come and walk in the

footsteps of Christ as he journeyed to Calvary.

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#### OLOR PARISH SCHEDULE

**Mon.** 7pm Mass followed  
with Divine Mercy Novena,  
Exposition and Adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament.  
**Confessions 7.30-8pm**,  
Benediction at 8pm.  
**Tues.** 7pm Mass followed by  
St. Anthony Novena  
**Wed.** 9.15am Mass  
**Thur.** 9.15am Mass  
**Fri.** 9.15am Mass with  
Exposition and Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament.  
Benediction at 11.45am  
**On First Fridays:** 7pm Mass  
followed by Exposition and  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament.  
**Confessions 7.30-8pm**,  
Benediction at 8pm.  
**Sat.** 9am Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help Devotion  
**9.15am Mass**  
**Confessions 9.45-10.15am**  
**and again 5pm to 5.45pm**  
5.50pm Angelus  
**6pm Vigil Mass**  
**Sun.** 7am, 9am, 11am Masses,  
5.50pm Angelus, 6pm Mass

## Divine Mercy

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish  
8 Diana Avenue Kellyville

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

1:00pm Eucharistic Procession

Rosary in 5 languages in the Church  
for those who cannot join the procession



✠ Blessed Sacrament street procession  
✠ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
✠ Relic of St. Faustina  
✠ Divine Mercy Novena  
✠ Divine Mercy Chaplet  
✠ Benediction  
✠ Confession

**Holy Mass 3:00pm**

Celebrant: Mons. Cezar Echano

*Jesus I Trust in You*

+ Veneration of St. Faustina's Relic takes place after Mass.  
+ Religious items will be on sale and blessed after Mass.  
Bring your family and friends, refreshments afterwards  
Enquiries: Steve Boland 0405 206 695

**Pilgrimage Information** The Acts of the Apostles will come alive as we go out with St Paul and his companions to rediscover the faith and struggles of the early Christian communities. Capture afresh the fervour and spirit of the Church's great evangelist. Join our parish priests, Fr. Alejandro and Fr. Leonides on an OLOR Parish 17 day pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey. On offer is also an optional 9 day pilgrimage extension from Rome to Venice. Not only is Italy a land of unforgettable charm and beauty, you will also follow the paths etched into our faith heritage from Rome to sacred towns made famous by St Francis, St Clare, St Catherine and St Anthony. Collect a brochure from the main church exit or contact the parish office for more information. This is a once in a life-time excursion that you will not want to miss!



**Renovation Updates** The DA proposal for the Church was lodged on Friday 13 March. Please pray for a speedy approval after which we will begin the tender process. If you know of anyone who would like to offer their services for the good of the Church, please ask them to call the Parish office to advise their contact details.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** Giuseppina Rossi, Tracy Capdor, Stephanie, Christopher Anthony, Niko Juanengo, Peter Prizas, Diosdado Deang, Leo Keutman, Helen Lewis, Moira Maroney, Winnie Smith, Robin Banks, Amanda Webb, Annalise Sherlock, Ricardo Patane, Michelle Nickols, Michael Dimech, Fallon Weinman, Chris Ransom, Avelina Ibarra, Saja Derbas, Nigel Napoli, Denise, Antoinetta Cigolini, Amelia Williams, Kim Kenna, Leonie Hite, Arnel Galeng, David McHenry, Andrea Bioco, Lily Eyles, Dodo Calisura, Guida Lambropoulos, Vitaliana Terrado, Antonino Pull, Winston Nickols, Berty Muldoon, Bev Swann, Carmelo M Ortea, Liam Newland, Elvie Anderson, Josephine Murphy, Fran Clarke, Barbara Higgins, David Got, Floralba Gonzalez, Caleb Peter Newland, Maria Glinka, Doreen and Dudley Fernando, Rita Terese Keogh, Wieslawa Kielich, Cosimo, Mary Arrowsmith, Sarah-Jane Baillon, Jo Fuller, Peter Crocker, Concordia Llave, Angelique Vanjour, Michelle Climpson, Therese Sergi, Matthew Francis Crowley, Miguel Cayari, Julie Windle, Marie Milligan, Scarlett Lizano, Daniella Gulate, Monty Roughe, Gary Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Margaret Loscialpo, Christopher Dean, Mark de Vries, Susan, Waliamma Naidu, Bev Schnellen, Charlene Lucre, Marshall Charles, Janae Winpe, Joelle Fameli, Nancy Margaret Courtney, Janis Murphy, Eunice Ally, Andrew John Foley, Paul Karam, Marie Adolphe, Felix Weinman, Iolanda Giannetta, Brian, Lucy Farrugia, Marie Rajjanayagam, Christopher Youl, Clement, Joseph Vella, Tony Weinman, Phil Nickols, Angela Vasta, Lesley McEnelly, Roy Fimmano, Rose Carroll

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#### Mass and Ministries 14/15 MAR. 2020

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte: Allen Fernandez Lectors: Glenice Lui and Hani Reario EM: Jerry Lui and Rebecca Neylan
Sun. 7am	Acolyte: John Sorbello Lectors: Walter Bradstock and Karla Barnes EM: Grace Trzcinski
9am	Acolyte: Ramon Rendon Lectors: Yehan Withanage and Carol Caswell EM: Josephine Apap and Erlinda Rendon
11am	Acolyte: Rodolfo Susi Lectors: Vincenza Sanders and Evelyn Zaballero EM: Arlene Pineda and Felicia Borgona
6pm	Acolyte: Ferdinand Villanueva Lectors: Maria Remiendo and Jennifer Lumapas EM: Annette Tan and Volunteer
Counters: Church	Peggy Dalglish and Mary Zahra Sid Karam

#### Mass and Ministries 21/22 MAR. 2020

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte: John Sorbello Lectors: Leona Alphonso and Frank Adoranti EM: Nathaniel Manlolo and Sonny Huang
Sun. 7am	Acolyte: John Juber Lectors: Nancy Comito and Tom Crowley EM: Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte: Steve Boland Lectors: Primary School children EM: Ruth Hyland and Princy Benny
11am	Acolyte: Alex Cecilia Lectors: Volunteer and George Castline EM: Elvira Tandingan and Tracy Capdor
6pm	Acolyte: Arul Arulthasan Lectors: Stefan and Stephanie Arulthasan EM: Salena Artap and Rita George
Counters: Church Vacuum:	Rhodora Manlolo and Karla Barnes Paul and Racelle Fameron

#### Mass Intentions: 14 - 21 March 2020

<b>Sat. 14</b>	9.15am: Earl Kelvin and Leopoldo Malahay 6pm: John Saliba
<b>Sun. 15</b>	7am: Mary Sorbello 9am: Salvatore and Giovanna Maria Frasca and Teresa Crucitti 11am: Earl Kelvin Pelaez Malahay 6pm: <b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Mon. 16</b>	7pm: Andy Zahra and Wayne Holland
<b>Tues. 17</b>	7pm: Cooke family
<b>Wed. 18</b>	9.15am: Fr. Joseph Saliba
<b>Thur. 19</b>	9.15am: Those enrolled in FMA
<b>Fri. 20</b>	9.15am: Charles, Grace Vella & Joseph Scicluna 7pm: Deceased residents: Bella Vista Gardens
<b>Sat. 21</b>	9.15am: Deceased Friars and their families 6pm: Salvatore Cipri

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‘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’ said the woman. ‘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 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 coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.’ ‘I who am speaking to you,’ said Jesus ‘I am he.’

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman’s testimony when she said, ‘He told me all I have ever done,’ 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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**  
*Longer form 4:5-42*

HOMILY

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** APOSTLES’ CREED  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*  
**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**  
P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. Lift up your hearts.  
**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**  
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**R. It is right and just.**

PREFACE OF 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*  
**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.  
**All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  
**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**  
P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .  
**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**  
P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .  
**R. Amen.**  
P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  
*All exchange a sign of peace.*

LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from

on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with ysou.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**  
P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

LIVING WATER

Weary from his journey, Jesus requests a Samaritan woman to give him a drink from the water she has drawn from the well. When she expresses her surprise at this breach of the cultural and ethnic barrier between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus begins to convince her that he has a far greater gift to give her: not the inert water of a well but ‘living water’, the kind of water that gushes up continually from a spring. What Jesus is referring to in this symbolic way is the gift of the Spirit. The woman half grasps his meaning but can go no further. Like all who reach a certain stage in the spiritual life, her knowledge of Jesus cannot go forward until the truth of her own life has been owned and set on the way to healing. That is why Jesus tells her, ‘Go, call your husband’. Jesus’ knowledge of her personal life leads the woman to recognise him as a prophet. So she brings up the subject of worship, a key matter of dispute between Jews and her own people. Jesus goes on to speak of a ‘worship’ transcending these divisions: a worship of God from hearts transformed by the Spirit of truth, the kind of worship to which Jesus is gently leading her. Later, the woman will exclaim to her townfolk ‘Come and see a man who has told me the story of my life’. The encounter with Jesus has not only brought meaning to her life. It has made her a missionary to her people, transcending social and ethnic divisions.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / A

15 MARCH 2020

THE WATER OF LIFE. Jesus is the saviour of the world. In today’s Gospel he offers the water of life to a Samaritan woman who, in turn, becomes the first missionary of Jesus. She hurries to tell the people of her town about him. We, who have received the life of God in baptism, are also called to be missionaries by inviting others to come and see Jesus.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 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.**

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**  
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**R. And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.  
P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
**R. For we have sinned against you.**  
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**R. Amen.**  
V. Lord, have mercy.  
**R. Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Christ, have mercy.  
**R. Christ, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, have mercy.  
**R. Lord, have mercy.**

*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

COLLECT

P. O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**R. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Exodus** Ex 17:3-7  
*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.**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8  
**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

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans** Rom 5:1-2, 5-8  
*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.

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**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf. Jn 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** Jn 4:4-5, 19-26, 39-42  
P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**  
*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.’