

Universal Prayer

8 March 2026 (Lent Sunday 3)

Presider: Let us bring our prayers before the God who knows our needs and quenches our deepest thirsts.

1. **For the Church:** that we may be a source of living water, welcoming all guests and breaking down barriers of division.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
2. **For our world:** for peace in places of conflict, especially the Middle East, Ukraine, and Sudan; for refugees and all who thirst for safety and justice.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
3. **For our local community:** for those struggling with the cost of living, housing, and health care; may we support one another with compassion.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
4. **For the environment:** that we may care for creation and work for a sustainable future for all, especially for our farmers.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
5. **For the sick, the lonely, and those who feel forgotten:** may they experience God's healing and the support of our parish family.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
6. **For those who have died,** especially members of our parish and all who mourn: may they rest in God's peace.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.

Presider: Loving God, hear our prayers and fill us with your living water, that we may bring hope to our world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Community Greeter | 8 March 2026

Welcome everyone to St John's for our celebration of Mass.
We gather today on the lands of the Dharawal people.

Our mission as a parish community is to know, follow and share Jesus with our neighbours.

- My name is _____
- Our celebrant is Fr John | Fr Richard
- We gather to encounter Jesus, the Living Water, who quenches our deepest thirst and renews our hearts this Lent.

We welcome every guest today, especially if you are new. ***We are so glad that you are here with us!*** Let us now stand and unite as one to celebrate this Eucharist.

[Only if no music...]

Let us pray the entrance antiphon together:

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.

Penitential Act [Priest]

Before we celebrate in the love of the God who is always calling and inviting us, let us pause and acknowledge our need for healing and life. *[All pause for silent prayer.]*

Lord Jesus, you are living water for our thirsty hearts. Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you break down barriers and offer us new life. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to share your love with our neighbours. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to the life of the age to come. Amen.