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Third Sunday of Lent



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Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: Page 158: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42
Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Lent: Page: 164: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41



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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

Please hand in your items **in writing** by Wednesday of each week. Verbal notices will not be accepted.

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This week's rich breadth of Scripture prompts me to focus on the Gospel, to allow a deeper, more reflective gaze.

Many of us will be familiar with the account of 'The Woman at the Well' (Jn 4:5-42), as the story of a woman who must have been a social outcast (why else fetch water at the hottest time of day? – nobody else would be at the well). We know of her 'colourful' history: a woman who has been with five men, and not necessarily married. We remember that she was a Samaritan – an outcast people, shunned by the Jews.

Perhaps this woman needs to be re-habilitated in our minds. Her conversation with Jesus is the longest Gospel account of *any* conversation Jesus had, be it with religious leaders, friends, followers or family. It therefore must be immensely important.

Before we judge the woman, let us consider that, in an age of warfare, famine and disease, her multiple relationships may have been merely practical. Without a man, a woman in such a society would be destitute and vulnerable. Her position is, therefore, shameful more for its grinding constraint and poverty in lack of personal choice and dignity: she is a commodity.

As such she is truly one of the 'anawin', the outcasts and the helpless. Yet in this account, she has all of Jesus' attention, time, and conversation. In contrast to their quick repartee, the words of the disciples appear slow and dull. She can engage Jesus in a way they cannot. She sees and understands more than they to – 'I wonder if he is the Christ?'

Jesus sees her for who she truly is, an outcast in social terms, but truly 'blessed' in terms of the Beatitudes. She is 'poor in spirit', yet she becomes an 'apostle', an evangelist, since 'many Samaritans... believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony'.

We may ask ourselves: who do we discount because of their gender, race, belief, lifestyle? This Lent let us pray to see and affirm others as Jesus did.

Dr Jordan Pullicino

PLEASE DO NOT BRING FLOWERS TO CHURCH DURING LENT

**THE NOTICE BOARDS HAVE THE LATEST VIRUS UPDATES AND
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES BEING TAKEN**

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – SUNDAY MEDITATION

Meditate

There are parts of our lives which are hidden away from others and at times from ourselves. It takes finding someone we can trust, someone who accepts us for who we are and then the hidden parts of ourselves can be disclosed. This experienced is called prayer, the place and time when we find someone who knows us through and through and all the same loves us without being judgemental.

Act

The Samaritan woman was someone people avoided and most probably she did not speak to many people. Try to make conversation with someone who is in that situation at work, in the parish or in the neighbourhood.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next meeting is on **Saturday 21st March** at 4.30pm followed by Mass at 6pm.

SECOND CONFIRMATION GROUP

The next preparation session is on **Thursday 19th March** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Saturday 21st March at 10am** in the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICES

OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY – PLANNED GIVING APPEAL

Over the last couple of weeks you have heard about Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having taken into consideration the needs of our parish and having reflected on the message of stewardship. This weekend we ask that **all** parishioners complete a promise card. These cards will remain private and confidential. Please provide your full contact details and select the method of offertory giving best suited to you. If you pay UK income tax, please sign the **Gift Aid** declaration (in one name only) so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself. Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual center it is today. If you have any questions, there shall be volunteers available after Mass. Thank you.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 16th March** at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an evening making a gift for Easter. Bring your own work and have an enjoyable time among friends.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Our Lenten Alms is for the Cardinal's Appeal. The money raised from the appeal will go towards the funding of Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation and Social Outreach within Civil Society. You can put your offering in the wall box by the sacristy or take a donation envelope and return the next time you are at Mass. See poster in porch.

NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available to see families applying for admission to Nursery School on

Saturday 21st and 28th March – 9.30am-10.30am

Tuesday 21st April – 3.30pm-4.30pm

To book an appointment please put your name on the list in the Church porch. There are a maximum of 20 appointment slots. On the day of your appointment please come with your child and wait in Church. Make sure you bring your child's Baptism Certificate and your Certificate of Catholic Practice

LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS (LWOTC) production recreating the last hours of Jesus' human life and performed by the parishioners of SS Michael and Martin will be coming to our Parish **on Friday 20th March at 7:45pm**. All are invited to come & experience this moving, dramatic & very vivid live enactment which promises to be a truly powerful encounter of the betrayal, trial and crucifixion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The team are taking their Special 10th year production to various local parishes during this season of Lent. **Entry is free**

DOWRY OF MARY RE-DEDICATION

Following on from the Cardinal's recent Pastoral letter there are two special occasions which we can invite Mary to lead our Lenten Journey. The first is the three-day period from **19th to 22nd March** when the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will come to Westminster Cathedral. There will be three days of devotion and renewal. The second occasion is the three days from **26th to 28th March**, leading up to the National Day of Re-dedication **on 29th March**. One suggestion for the Re-dedication and for Lent would be a devout praying of the Angelus each day at morning, noon and evening: "Be it done to me according to Thy word." Can we say yes with Mary?

Gospel Choir - Meet at the Riverside Vineyard Church on **Wednesday 18th March** at 6.30pm. No musical experience necessary.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Annie Teresa Grindon RIP, Alan Victor Riglin RIP, Delfina Alves RIP, Fulvio D'Amico RIP and Gina Bouch RIP** who have died recently. The funeral arrangements for Fulvio D'Amico and Gina Boucher will be announced shortly.

Annie Teresa Grindon RIP: Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Monday 16th March at 10.00am**. Please note that this is the parish Mass that day. **THE CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED**.

Delfina Alves RIP – Her funeral will take place at Mortlake Crematorium on Wednesday 18th March at 3.20pm

Alan Victor Riglin RIP – His funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on Friday 27th March at 12.20pm.

Please keep in your prayers all their families who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Michael O'Keeffe (Get well) Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Lawrence Byrne RIP (First Anniversary)
Sun 15	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Terezinha De Souza in Birthday Thanksgiving People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Malayalam Deceased members of the McGillicuddy Family RIP
Mon 16	10.00	No Eucharistic Adoration REQUIEM – ANNIE TERESA GRINDON RIP
Tues 17	08.30 09.30	Eucharistic Adoration Josefina & Jose D'Souza and d'csd family RIP
Wed 18	08.30 09.30	Eucharistic Adoration Joseph Theratil
Thurs 19	08.30 09.30 18.00	Eucharistic Adoration Concessao Rodrigues RIP (First Anniversary) Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary devotions
Fri 20	08.30 09.30 10.00 19.45	Eucharistic Adoration Fr Gerry Burke RIP (First Anniversary) Stations of the Cross LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS PRODUCTION
Sat 21	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Josephine Jingco in Birthday Thanksgiving Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 22	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Katherine Soares RIP David, May and Bernard Early Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy Viviana Romano, Ernesto Soria & Leopoldo Eleazar RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Margaret Harries RIP		

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