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Third Sunday of Lent

18th/19th March 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: (Missal 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

Jesus Meets Us Where We Are

Today's Gospel is a beautiful story of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. Jesus meets her where she is at – a Samaritan woman who is an outcast. Having met Jesus she experiences a spiritual conversion.

We would do well to read this Gospel again and again. It opens up for us aspects of Jesus' personality and his mission among us.

Jesus is thirsty. The well is deep. He has no bucket but the stranger woman has. Jesus does the unexpected and in asking her for a drink, He accepts her as a child of God, a person worthy of the deepest respect just like any other human individual. Jesus then offers her 'living water', that is, a share of the life of God. The woman then rushes off to tell her neighbours all about her encounter with Jesus.

Drawing water was a humdrum part of the Samaritan women's daily life. But it was there she met Jesus, the saviour of the world. Her generous kindness opened the way for Jesus to touch her and change her life. Jesus comes to us too in our everyday ordinary lives. That's where he meets us.

May we be generous in our response to Jesus and allow him to touch us and change us so that we can share it with our family and neighbours and our parish community of St. Lawrence.

The lessons from today's Gospel are many.

FR. JOHN

PARISH NOTICES

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday to Friday at 8.30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 10.00am, Saturdays at 12.30pm Wednesdays at 7.30pm (Polish)

LENT CATECHESIS

The Lent course 'A Biblical Walk Through The Mass' takes place on Tuesday evenings during Lent in the Parish Centre at 7pm.

MASS & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK

Our Annual Mass of Healing and Anointing for the Sick will take place on **Saturday 1st April** at 12.00noon. .

There are lists at the back of Church for those who would like to attend, helpers, offers of lifts for those with no transport.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Sr Katherine will be having a group meditation/reflection on Monday mornings during Lent after the 9.30am Mass in the Prayer Room.

PARKING

Please note that there will be **NO** parking in the Church grounds on **Monday 20th March, Friday 24th March and Monday 27th March** in order to accommodate the Funerals on those days.

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 and 5pm

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 20th March** at 7.30pm for a very interesting talk on "Doctoring in Africa" with Hugh and Daphne.

THANK YOU

Helen Hurley would like to say a big thank you to all who supported her Coffee Mornings and helped raise funds for the Zimbabwean Orphans. She has just returned from Zimbabwe and there are a couple of letters of thanks on the notice board from grateful recipients of the donations.

PLANNED GIVING

The new Planned Giving Boxes are available for collection at the side of the Church.

COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee morning this **Sunday** after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Parish Centre organised by the Cleaning Ladies. Proceeds to the Parish Centre Building Fund.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA COFFEE MORNING

The Knights of St Columba invite you to extend your commitment to the Parish through the Knights of St. Columba. There will be a Coffee morning on **Sunday 26th March** after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Parish Centre when there will be an opportunity to learn more about the work of the Knights.

LITURGY PLANNING FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

There will be a meeting on **Monday 27th March** at 7pm in the Presbytery to discuss Liturgy for Holy Week and Easter Services. Some key people have been contacted by email but if anyone would like to come along who has a part in helping with the Liturgy you are most welcome e.g. Eucharistic Ministers.

CELEBRATION BRICKS

We hope to place another order in the next few weeks, if anyone would like to purchase a brick please complete an application form and hand it in to the Parish Office.

'Celebration Bricks' can celebrate a birth, marriage, life of a dear one, an achievement, a blessing or simply **YOU** or **your** family leaving a legacy of your connection with this community. There are two options available: *Option 1 – single brick, two lines per brick – 16 characters per line - £50.00 a brick. Option 2 – double brick, four lines per brick – 16 characters per line - £100.00 a brick.*

NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available to see families to sign Nursery School Applications on the following dates. To make an appointment to see him please put your name on one of the lists on the notice board. Please use the sign up sheets on the notice board. Please attend with your child, along with all the forms needed, their Baptism Certificate and the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

Saturday, 25th March 9.30-10.30am
Saturday, 22nd April 9.30-10.30am
Tuesday, 25th April 3.45-5.00pm
Tuesday, 2nd May 3.45-5.00pm

OTHER

VARIETY CONCERT

At All Saints Church, Uxbridge Road, Hanworth, opposite the swimming baths on **Sunday 19th March** at 3pm. All welcome.

DAY FOR THE LORD – for 24 hours St Patrick's, 21A Soho Square, London W1D 4NR will be open with continual Eucharistic Adoration and the availability of the Sacrament of Confession. It starts at midday on **Friday the 24th March** and finishes on Saturday the 25th March at 12noon with Mass for the Annunciation of the Lord. Please take an opportunity to come and visit and to pray.

LENTEN ALMS

The Cardinal's Appeal

This year the Cardinal has asked that the Lenten Alms collection be directed to the Cardinal's Appeal fund. The funds raised will go to support parishes or groups in their work to

further the mission of the Church: to serve the evangelisation of youth, to develop marriage and family life projects, and to provide service in society, especially to those on the margins. There are leaflets at the back of the Church giving more information and envelopes for your offering. The collection taken up at the Holy Thursday Service will be for the Cardinal's Appeal. In addition, there will be a Lenten Alms 'wall' box situated near the entrance to the Sacristy.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Sheila Webb RIP Alan Tovey RIP, Mary Brownlie RIP and Marlene Prosser RIP** who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families, friends and all who mourn them.

Their Funerals will take place:

Sheila Webb RIP: Requiem Mass here at **9.30am** on **Monday 20th March**. Please note there is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Morning Prayer that day.

Alan Tovey RIP: Funeral Service at Hanworth Crematorium on **Monday 20th March** at **1.40pm**

Mary Brownlie RIP: Requiem Mass here at **11.00am** on **Friday 24th March**.

Marlene Prosser RIP: Requiem Mass here at **10.00am** on **Monday 27th March**. Please note this is the only Mass in Church that day.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

11th/12th March: Envelopes £894.25; Loose: £1,075.15
Standing Orders: £665.00 **Total: £2,634.40**

Parish Centre Building Fund (incl. Bricks) - £115.94

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 18 th	10.00	DAY WITH MARY (10.00am-5.30pm) <i>Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany, Joyful and Luminous Mysteries.</i> Mass in honour of Our Lady
	13.45	<i>Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament; Sermon, Sorrowful Mysteries, Adoration and Meditations</i>
	16.15	<i>Sermon, The Glorious Mysteries, Act of Consecration, Benediction and Enrolments</i>
	18.00	Anna Khan RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sun 19 th	09.00	Victor Frost RIP
	11.00	Michael & Christine Bigley RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Mon 20 th	09.30	<i>No Exposition or Morning Prayer</i> REQUIEM MASS - SHEILA WEBB RIP
	09.30	Rita Connor RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Tues 21 st	09.30	Maria Mathers (Intention)
Wed 22 nd	09.30	Joanita Rodrigues RIP
Fri 24 th	09.30	Ann Andrews RIP (Anniversary)
	10.00	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	11.00	REQUIEM MASS - MARY BROWNLIE RIP
Sat 25 th	11.00-11.30	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
	11.45	<i>Benediction</i>
	12.00	Guillermo Jego, Mario Balbontin, Juan Fritz and Emelina Pietra Santa RIP
	12.30	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community <i>No Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> Sheila Webb RIP
Sun 26 th	09.00	Mary Keffe RIP
	11.00	May and Bernard Early RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Danladi in Thanksgiving		



Reminder -The clocks go forward by one hour next weekend (25th/26th March)