



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

20th March 2022



Christ and Moses

The Israelites witnessed marvels; you also will witness marvels, greater and more splendid than those which accompanied them on their departure from Egypt. You did not see Pharaoh drowned with his armies, but you have seen the devil with his weapons overcome by the waters of baptism. The Israelites passed through the sea; you have passed from death to life. They were delivered from the Egyptians; you have been delivered from the powers of darkness. The Israelites were freed from slavery to a pagan people; you have been freed from the much greater slavery to sin.

In those days Christ was present to the Israelites as he followed them, but he is present to us in a much deeper sense. The Lord was with them because of the favour he showed to Moses; now he is with us, but not simply because of your obedience. After Egypt they dwelt in desert places; after your departure you will dwell in heaven. Their great leader and commander was Moses; we have a new Moses, God himself, as our leader and commander.

What distinguished the first Moses? Moses, Scripture tells us, was more gentle than all who dwelt upon the earth. We can rightly say the same of the new Moses, for there was with him the very Spirit of gentleness, united to him in his inmost being. In those days Moses raised his hands to heaven and brought down manna, the bread of angels; the new Moses raises his hands to heaven and gives us the food of eternal life. Moses struck the rock and brought forth streams of water; Christ touches his table, strikes the spiritual rock of the new covenant and draws forth the living water of the Spirit. This rock is like a fountain in the midst of Christ's table. so that on all sides the flocks may draw near to this living spring and refresh themselves in the waters of salvation.

Since this fountain, this source of life, this table surrounds us with untold blessings and fills us with the gifts of the Spirit; let us approach it with sincerity of heart and purity of conscience

to receive grace and mercy in our time of need. Grace and mercy be yours from the only-begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; through him and with him be glory, honour and power to the Father and the life-giving Spirit, now and always and for ever. Amen.

A Lenten reflection by Saint John Chrysostom,

A PRAYER FOR LENT

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

Mass Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading - Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15: "I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 103: "The Lord is compassion and love."

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12: "God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did."

Gospel - Luke 13:1-9: "Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did.'

Baldock Festival are holding their Street Fair on Saturday May 14th. As in previous years we are asking for donations towards the bottle tombola. This has always been a good fund raiser for the Church helping with the cost of repairs and refurbishments. Any donations can be left in the church porch. Thank you.

Baldock Festival are also holding a Book fair on Saturday 7th May in the Community centre. If you have any books you have finished with please bring them to the church. All proceeds go to the Garden House Hospice.

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RC HOSPITAL

CHAPLAIN: John O Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital
Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,

FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES

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BAPTISM

PREPARATION: For further information please contact Richard and Marie Miller Tel: 01462 490630.

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Please come to the School Office or contact the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

have special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colete Murphy Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

PLANNED GIVING

Envelopes for the next year will be available in Church from 20th March. If your circumstances have changed ie you no longer a taxpayer or you have become a taxpayer please speak to Catherine or Father Denis. Thank you for your continuing support.

REPOSITORY

There will be a good selection of Easter cards available from this month and up to Easter.

CHURCHES FINANCES & COLLECTION

There are several ways to support the Parish. One of them is via a standing order, which is easy to set up and easy to stop, if you want to, when this difficult period has passed. Please use the bank account details, available from our website below, to set up the standing order if you use online banking, or you can write to, telephone or visit your bank as well. You can also donate via the website. Or, of course, you can contribute after mass in the Collection Plates provided. *Fr. Denis would like to thank everyone for their generosity during this time of pandemic.*

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock/donate/>

Your Prayers are asked for:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish, and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Lucy Lazarus, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frederick Hawkins, Mary Wrighton, Dorothy Kaciniel, Cecilia Parisi,

Dominic Manson, Mary Anne Doughty, Thomas Mason, Mary Kate Drew, James Creamer, Fr Michael Lee, Maria Parisi, Elsie Shepherd, Sadie Dyson, Lilian Cook and Peter Butterly

Sat 19 th	6.30 pm Vigil Mass	Private intention
Sun 20 th	8.30am 10.30am	Frances Turley RIP Adrian Sabanpan RIP
Mon 21 st	10.00am	Robert Fletcher
Tue 22 nd	10.00am	Clea Fletcher
Wed 23 rd	10.00am	
Thu 24 th	10.00am	Julian Brotherton
Fri 25 th	No Mass	The Annunciation of the Lord

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Fr. Denis is still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass, & Sunday morning Mass 10.30am, also morning Masses Monday to Thursday at 10am. All are accessible through the Parish Facebook page:

Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury

For more information, please go to the Parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock>

<https://young-catholics.com/>

LENTEN PROGRAMME

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held after the 10.00 Wednesday mass and every Friday (except Good Friday) at 7pm. All are welcome.

RECONCILIATION

A visiting priest and Fr. Denis will be available for confessions Saturday 2nd April 10.30-12.30pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during the two hours

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK:

Holy Thursday 14th April:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

Good Friday 15th April:

Children's Stations of the Cross at 10.30am

Celebration of **The Lord's Passion** at 3pm

A day of Fasting & Abstinence

Easter Vigil 16th April:

begins at sunset at 8.30pm

Easter Sunday 17th April:

at 8.30am & 10.30am