



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

Third Sunday of Lent

Year C / Week 3

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please take this bulletin home

Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst; the water that I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

When Jesus Christ used the expression "living water" he was referring to something which only God could supply. The Scriptures often spoke of water figuratively as an image of the soul thirsting for God. As a hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. - *Psalm 42:1,2*. You give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life. - *Psalm 36:8,9*.

As we journey through Lent we discover that in every human heart there is a thirst which only God can satisfy. God is the true living fountain who can quench our thirst forever. Isaiah prophesied that the chosen people would draw water with joy from the wells of salvation (*Isaiah 12:3*). Jesus states a Messianic claim that he can give the true "living water" that will not only satisfy our thirst for God but give us eternal life as well.

As Jesus speaks to the Samaritan woman, he awakens the dormant faith and longing in her heart for God's promises to be fulfilled. She now begins to see more clearly with "eyes of faith". Then Jesus opens the "eyes of her heart" to recognize that he truly is the Messiah and Saviour. The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (*called Christ*) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you - I am he." - *John 4:25-26*

Quote for Lent: The Living Water of the Spirit, by John Chrysostom, 347-407 AD

Sometimes Scripture calls the grace of the Spirit "fire," other times it calls it "water." In this way, it shows that these names are not descriptive of its essence but of its operation. For the Spirit, which is invisible and simple, cannot be made up of different substances... In the same way that he calls the Spirit by the name of "fire," he also calls Him "water" in order to highlight the cleansing he does and the great refreshment he provides those minds that receive Him. For it makes the willing soul like a kind of garden, thick with all kinds of fruitful and productive trees, allowing it neither to feel despondency nor the plots of Satan. It quenches all the fiery darts of the wicked one. (homilies on the gospel of John 32:1)

Fr John

P A R I S H N O T I C E S

Sister Catherine Hyland's funeral Mass is on Tuesday 8th March, 10.00am. Please keep Sr Catherine, her family and Sisters at Summerhill in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

Following approval of the plans for the upgrading of our church by Barnet Council, there will be

a presentation of the plans to the parish on Monday 29th February at 7.30pm in the Church.

Stations of the Cross (*led by a parish group*) at 7.00pm and every Wednesday during Lent. This week's is being led by the Youth Clubs. Please join them.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 28 February 2016

18.30* **Mass** Audrey Bagge ann +
08.00 **Mass** Anne Neary ann +
09.30 **Mass** Adrian Gibson (thanksgiving)
(1st Scrutiny)
1st HC Session - PH

11.15 **Mass** Parish & People
12.30 *Baptism: Dolly Elderfield*
17.45 *Evening Prayer & Benediction*
18.30 **Mass** Mary Chamberlain +

Monday 29

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED
09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 Mass Thelma Sanders (int)
11.00 *Meditation - P (all welcome)*
13.00 Mass @ Chase Farm Hospital
19.30 *Refurbishment Meeting - C*
20.00 *RCIA - JP Room*

Tuesday 01 St David

09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 Mass Albert & Lena Williams +
10.30 *Life Ascending Group - JP Room*

Wednesday 02

09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 Mass Peter Delyfer (int)
13.00 Mass @ Barnet General Hospital
17.15 *Novena: Mother of Perp' Help (BSC)*
18-19.00 *Adoration - C*
19.00 *Stations of the Cross (led by Youth Clubs) - C*

Thursday 03

09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 Mass Maria Mateo ann +
12.00 Parish office closed

Friday 04 Women's World Day of Prayer

09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 Mass Sarah O'Sullivan +
12.30 *Big Picture Course (1) - PH*
18-19.00 *Adoration - C*
19.00 *Big Picture Course (1) - JP Room*

Saturday 05

09.30 Morning Prayer
09.30 RE Class - JP Room
10.00 Mass Margaret McDonagh (int)
18.00 Sac of Reconciliations
18.30* Mass Olivia Murphy ann +

Sunday 06 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Refreshment Weekend after all Mass'
08.00 Mass Sr Agnes McKeon (int)
09.30 Mass Parish & People
1st HC Session - PH
11.15 Mass Ellen Castelo ann +
17.15 *Holy Hour*
18.30 Inclusive Mass Elias Christofi +

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Reconciliation Service with individual confessions is on Monday 7th March at 8.00pm - all welcome!

'The Big Picture' - a perfect follow-on from 'The Gift' course. Every Friday at 12.30pm in the parish hall (*please bring your own lunch*) or at 7.00pm in church. *Tea & Coffee available at both.* **Everybody will need a personal copy of The Big Picture Book** price £9.95. *Come along even if you missed the first one!*

Life Ascending Group meet on Tuesday 1 March, after the 10am Mass. Special guest: Fr John McKenna.

All are welcome to join the choir to sing and play at the Holy Week service. Please let Frances (*contact details bottom right*) if you can attend. Rehearsals are on the 8th, 18th and 21st March from 7-9pm.

Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland. Spiritual Director: Fr Rob (SMA) **2-8 July 2016**. Info/ application forms, with price of the pilgrimage, are available in the porch. Please return all forms to the presbytery.

Fairtrade Fortnight: 29 Feb-13 Mar. Please take time to think about Fairtrade during this fortnight and try to do something positive to help small scale farmers and producers. In these two weeks, there will be information in the porch. Also if you would like to purchase anything from the Fairtrade catalogue, please fill in the sheet there.

"Rich in Mercy" Ephesians 2:4 a Day of Prayer and Reflection

Anyone wishing to reflect on what the Jubilee Year means for parishes, come along on Saturday 12 March 10.30am to 4pm at St Augustine's, Hammersmith, London W6 8AU. A study day with talks, reflections & workshops. **Guest speaker:** Bishop Paul McAleenan (*chairman of Caritas Westminster*) All are welcome,

particularly anyone involved in parish ministry. *[see poster in porch]*

Appointments are available for Nursery School Application. Please contact the presbytery/ email the office this week to make your appointment.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 4th March at United Reformed Church, Wood Street, 2pm. Speaker: Rev'd Ros Lyle. *[See poster in porch]*

Gardening Club meet on Saturday 12 March from 10am to 1.00pm. Please join us & lend a hand. Any enquiries, contact Joe O'Connor 8445 6580.

High Barnet Youth SVP are holding a Family Bingo Night in aid of the Parish Redcaps on Saturday 12th March, 7.30pm in the hall. Bring your own drink. Cash prizes and raffle. For further information, please contact Mary Boland.

Parish Tea Dance is on Saturday 5th March (*Doors open 2pm*) 2.30-4.30pm. Cakes and raffle prizes gratefully received. Chris Sausman on keyboard.

Mass Celebrating the Gifts of all People with a special welcome for people with learning disabilities is on Sunday 6th March at the 6.30pm Mass. All welcome!

*Elizabeth (Betty) Forbes family announce
Betty sadly died on the 13 February. Her
funeral is on 10 March at 11.30pm at Our
Lady's Church in Welwyn Garden City.
Those who knew Betty are welcome to
attend.*

*In the following days, 795 Holy Masses
will be celebrated for the Souls in
Purgatory, the members of your
Community, your Bishop and Fr's John
and Voltaire. God Bless you. Fr Claudio.*

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick & Homebound: Jane-Rose Azemi, Thomas Houlihan, Jean Ellis, Don & Ann Lewis, Liz Clarke, Janet Bennett, Anne-Marie Nowell, David Brown, Tony Costello, Thomas Geiger, Linda Quilter, Margaret Trehy, Emanuele Brunelli, Michael Mulvaney, Pat Lucid, Pauline Purdue, Michael Ball, Helen Day, Niamh Easton, Stephen Carey, Stasia Ryan, Theresa Mordue, Doreen Bernas, James Brown, Nancy Dillon, Bridget Allin, Amelia Simon, Kate Waters, Donna Morrison, Linda Atkinson, Dominic Buckmire, Judith Townsend, Troy Hopkins, Elio Marcangelo, Fr Fred De L'Orme, Diana Faller, Pat Cosgrove, Stuart Atkinson, Mary O'Toole, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, John-Joe Murphy, Maria Wallace, Bernard Eason, Mariela Mansi, Jean Watkins, Michael Finnegan, Mary Wallace, Eleanor Baker, Martina Rooney, Concetta O'Connell, Jean Legg, Liam Kinsella, Margaret Greaney, Teresa Woodhouse.

Sacrament of Baptism: Caoimhe Keenan, Frederick Fox, Elissa Bush, Lucas Brennan, Cody Davey, Sophia De Vera, Dolly Elderfield.

Please pray for Kitty, Hannah, Marc & Sunny, our Catechumens and Candidates being received into the Catholic Church this Easter.

Recently died: Sr Catherine Hyland, Betty Forbes

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

9.30 Mass

Entrance:	193
Rite of signing:	Make us now your living sign. Recreate us for your purpose in this place and in this time.
Offertory:	612
Communion:	399 / 408
Going Forth:	795

11.15 Mass

Entrance	204
Gospel Acc:	184
Prayer R/:	Hear our Prayer
Offertory:	196
Communion:	457
Going Forth:	955

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