


**Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate  
& St Gregory the Great**


# Third Sunday of Lent

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

**Week 3 Year C**

Jesus answered the woman at the well, "If you only knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.

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

What is the meaning of 'water' in the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman?

One can live without food for several days, but not without water. Water is a source of life and growth for all living things. When rain came to the desert, the water transformed the wasteland into a fertile field. The kind of water which Jesus spoke about was living, running, fresh, pure water.

The image of "living water" is used throughout the scriptures as a symbol of God's wisdom, a wisdom that imparts life and blessing to all who receive it. "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 13:14). "Living water" was also a symbol for the Jews of thirst of the soul for God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolised the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God's image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. The life which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a "new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember in a special way those Candidates and Catechumens who are preparing to receive the Sacraments this Easter and who are entering into the First Scrutiny this weekend.

St Hippolytus (170-236 AD), an early Christian writer and theologian who lived in Rome, explains the significance of the Holy Spirit's work in us: "This is the water of the Spirit: It refreshes paradise, enriches the earth, gives life to living things. It is the water of Christ's baptism; it is our life. If you go with faith to this renewing fountain, you renounce Satan your enemy and confess Christ your God. You cease to be a slave and become an adopted son and daughter. You come forth radiant as the sun and brilliant with justice. You come forth a son of God and fellow-heir with Christ." (From a sermon, On the Epiphany)

**Fr John**

## Sunday 24 March 2019

- 18.30\*** Mass  
**08.00** Mass Carmeno & Carmena Vassallo +  
**09.30** Mass Paddy Bradley +  
*Holy Communion session 9 - PH*  
**11.15** Mass  
**13.00** Baptism  
**13.00** Confirmation Year 10 - PH  
**18.30** Mass (First Scrutiny) Year A Parish & People

## Monday 25

### The Annunciation of the Lord

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass  
**13.00** Mass at Chase Farm Hospital  
**12.30** Alpha - PH  
**17.30** Alpha Confirmation Year 9 and Parents - PH  
**19.30** Alpha - PH  
**20.00** RCIA - JP Room

## Tuesday 26

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass Fr Arulneson +  
**16.30** Holy Communion Reconciliations  
**18.00** YOYB - PH

## Wednesday 27

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass Bridie Walsh +  
**11.00-18.00** ADORATION  
**13.00** Mass at Barnet Gen Hospital  
**16.00** Novena to Our Lady of Perp Help  
**20.00** Ignatian Spirituality Course -PH

## Thursday 28

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass Joe Brohan +

## Friday 29

*Please note parish office is closed today*

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass  
**11.00-18.00** ADORATION  
**18.30** Stations of the Cross - C

## Saturday 30

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass John Rossi ann +  
**18.30\*** Mass Peggy O'Neill +

## 31st Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 08.00** Mass Michael Lydon +  
**09.30** Mass Barbara Carnera-Sullivan ann+  
**11.15** Mass (second scrutiny) Year A Eddie Mitchell +  
**18.30** Mass Parish & People

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## NOTICES

**Can your connections help our church?** We are hoping to approach a number of organisations for funding for our new church, who have a charitable giving section. This process can be made much simpler, or in many cases unique, if a parishioner is currently employed or has connections with an organisation.

We are looking for parishioners who would be happy to approach their employers on behalf of their parish. We will do everything to support you and will provide appropriate documentation and references to assist this application. This will enable us to hopefully reduce our debt in a much shorter period of time and thus enabling us to redirect future funding to exciting new projects for our parish and community. Please email Fr John [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk) if you can help.

**Have you signed a Gift Aid Form?** we will soon be claiming the income tax you have paid on your donations. If you have stopped paying income tax or you have any queries, please contact Patricia Carey by email [barnetgac@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnetgac@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 8449 3338 so that we do not ask for the tax you have paid. **Planned Giving Boxes will be available for collection at each Sunday Mass on 23/24 March.**

**Friends of St Martha/Jeanne Antide** meet on Sunday 31 March at 2.45pm. Lift available outside the church at 2.30pm. Please let Sr Irene know.

**My Day to Day** Lenten Booklets with daily readings during Lent is available in the porch, price £1.00. Money can be placed in the box.

**Adoration** every Wednesday & Friday: 11am to 6pm. Please sign up on the list in the porch if you can spend an hour with Jesus.

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays at 6.30pm in church, led by individuals and/or parish groups. All welcome.

**Anyone who would like to help sing or play in the music group for the Triduum:** Maundy Thursday 18th April at 8pm, Good Friday at 3pm (choir only) and Holy Saturday 20th April (evening), please contact Teresa O'Sullivan via presbytery 8449 3338 or speak with Teresa after the 9.30am Sunday Mass.



**Be Reconciled  
with God**

**Friday 5 April  
7.00pm**

**Service** journeying the Stations of the Cross with Adoration and Praise & Worship. **Individual Confessions** is available throughout the evening.

**Please note this replaces our parish Lenten Reconciliation Service.**

Many thanks to everyone who supported the CAFOD Soup Lunch on Fast Day and for the generous donations. We made £470.07. The CAFOD Group.

Thank you to everyone who supported our St Patrick's Night last Saturday, special thanks to our donors and to all those who worked behind the scenes to make it happen. We raised £3,245.00 for our church.

You are invited to join us on a journey into Ignatian Spirituality for Lent 2019 'Letting God Draw Near: Finding God In All Things' Wednesdays: 8.00pm - 9.30pm here in the parish hall. Suggested donation £5 per talk. Facilitated by Audrey Hamilton from Mount Street Jesuit Centre. To register - please email Audrey on [audrey@mountstreet.info](mailto:audrey@mountstreet.info) or telephone 020 7495 1673

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick & Homebound**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**RCIA Candidates & Catechumens:**

**Recently died:** Stephen Hosty

## Music for the Liturgy 09.30 Mass

**Entrance:** 193

**Psalm:** The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

**Prayer: R/:** Hear our prayer.

**Offertory:** 786

**Communion:** O, God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.

720

**Going Forth:** 845

### Appeal for a Pianist

The parish is looking for people who can play the piano or organ to join the music team. Please speak to Fr John or Teresa O'Sullivan.