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Third Sunday of Lent (Year A) 12th March 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: (on request)

FRIDAYS IN LENT

6:30pm

STATIONS of the CROSS



Sacrament of Confession is available
after the Stations of the Cross

LENTEN ALMS

Boor Box
at the back
of the Church



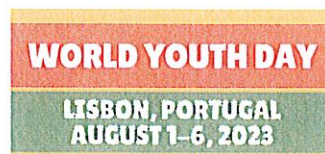
*Keep your deeds of
mercy secret*

Next Sunday, March 19th is **Mother's Day**. We will 'break the Lenten fast' with **Tea & Coffee** in the Parish Hall after the 9:45am Mass. Bring some cakes to share. Speak with Nicola about what you can do to help. Do not forget to call you mum on the phone or videocall, if she is far from you. Do not forget to hug her and kiss her, if she is near you. Do not forget to pray for her, if she has passed to the Father in heaven.

Fundraising to get to World Youth Day



 **St Team fundraiser**
Maria Mila Carbonera and Gabriella Carbonera are organising this fundraiser.



SCAN to help
these young
people to go to
the WYD in
Lisbon

Hello, we:
Paolo(15), Rebecca(13), Maria-Mila(18), Gabriella(16), Monica(14) and Jacob(13), are 6
people in our church that want to go to World Youth Day; a congregation of youth with
the Pope that take place annually and next summer it will be in Lisbon, Portugal.



which jar are you?

Have you heard the long Gospel of today's Third Sunday of Lent?
A thirsty woman, a jar, a well, water...

The woman at the well is not simply looking for water. She has discovered within her, deep down, an insatiable thirst for love. Searching for love, she has turned to all that surrounds her: relationships, friendships, education, money, beauty, fame, intelligence, beauty... one jar after another or even two or three at the same time, hoping to be full-filled. Eventually she found herself still thirsty, still needy, still not fulfilled.

This time round though someone is waiting for her by the well, Jesus Christ. He enters a dialogue with her and through this dialogue makes her aware that this thirst of hers is the external sign that there is something more, something more true, more lasting, more meaningful about her life.

Christ points inwardly, to her heart and to the gift which he wishes to place in there. Christ wishes to open up in the very centre of her being a wellspring of life and love, and once this living water begins flowing it will transform her from a beggar for love to a giver of love, leaving behind all her jars by the well.

The time of Lent is the time when we can discover 'which jar we are'
Finding ourselves hungry and thirsty for love, attention, gratifications, affections ...
Finding ourselves greedy, storing up our jars with all we can find, food, internet, music ...
Finding ourselves afraid looking for more and more strong resistant secure copious jars ...

Today is the Sunday of the **FIRST BAPTISMAL SCRUTINY**.
Today the Church enters into a dialogue with all those asking for baptism and all of us already baptized, to help us identify and name which jar dominates us making us into fearful beggars of love, offering us the grace to **renounce** it.

The Church announces to us another way to live and gives us the grace to '**leave behind our jars**' by the well of the baptismal font around which we will renew our Baptism at Easter.

Oh Blessed Lent...

fr. Ivano

Father Ivano