

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

19th March 2017

Fountain of Life

Unlucky in love, lonely, broken and marginalized, the Samaritan woman in today's gospel represents all those in our society who live lonely and unloved lives. She represents everyone who has been forgotten or who lives on the edges of society. She represents all those who thirst for more from life.

Since Jesus and the Samaritan woman are standing by a well, Jesus uses 'water' to describe God's love to her. Love is like water. Without water we live with a yearning. Without water we wither like plants and die. Jesus tells us that he gives the water of eternal life. The 'water of life' satisfies all of our longings and yearnings and is offered to us all whoever we might be. God's love makes us whole.

So how do we make 'the water of life' a reality? Start close to home. Decide to bring Jesus' love into the life of someone in your family or neighbourhood. It's difficult to stand next to a fountain and not get wet! It's difficult to witness God's love and not become immersed. Once we get into the habit of spreading God's love without judgement and without prejudice others will start to adopt that habit too.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION DURING THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Seniors' Gathering: Come and join your peers in prayer, reflection and socialising, Wednesday, 22nd March 2:00 p.m. in the church hall.

Exploring Prayer and Faith: Wednesday, 22nd March, 7:00 p.m. Join with others to learn about and experience aspects of Catholic spirituality and teaching.

Mass and Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:00pm. Opportunity for private confession after Stations.

For your Diary: Parish Retreat Day, Saturday, 8th April, 10:30 – 3:30

NO MASS ON TUESDAY: There will not be a 10:30am Mass on Tuesday, due to a Funeral of Barbara McKenzie at 1:30pm.

CONFIRMATION & POST-CONFIRMATION: All are invited to take part in the Jewish Passover meal "PASCHAL SEDER" on Wednesday 29th March from 6:45pm -8:30pm in the Crypt of St John the Evangelist 39 Duncan Terrace. Please confirm your attendance with Fr David or Sr Miriam before Monday 27th March. Thanks.



REMINDER: THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND.

ANNUAL MASS IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: will take place on Saturday 3rd June at 3pm in Westminster Cathedral. If any couple in the parish is celebrating a significant anniversary this year – that would be 25, 40, 50 or more years! – and you would like to attend this special Mass, please let Sr Miriam or one of the priests know. Thank you.

WEB SITE: Check out the parish website at www.rcdow.org.uk/copenhagenstreet the site now includes the newsletter and much more. If you Google Blessed Sacrament, don't go to the "Catholic Directory" site as it is outdated.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Please collect your box of Planned Giving envelopes for 2017/18, please DO NOT USES THEM until the week ending 8th April 2017'. If you do not wish to continue giving by envelope or would like to switch to a monthly standing order, please e-mail the office. If anyone would like a box of envelopes, please provide the office with your full name and address and contact number. Thanks.

SPIRITUAL READING AND PRAYER BOOKS: There are some religious books on the cupboard at the back of church. If you are interested, please help yourself.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: Envelopes £220.20, loose plate £203.32
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for those who have died recently: Barbara McKenzie, and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Leny Tirado, Mary Payne, Alice Clancy, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Eugene Mariner, Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Margaret Phillips, Peggy Walsh., Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, Teresa Finnigan, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach , Albert Boateng, Anne Griffin, baby Freddie Mudd.

MASSES THIS WEEK:

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 19 th March	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Mass Book p.158)	8.30am 11.00am	Carmela Finnerty RIP Jack Walsh RIP (Anniv.)
Monday 20 th March	<i>ST JOSEPH Solemnity</i>	10.30am	Anna Moris Querci della Rovere RIP
Tuesday 21 st March	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 22 nd March	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Friday 24 th March	<i>St Patrick</i>	7.00pm	Private Intention
Saturday 25 th March	<i>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</i>	10.30am	All our Parishioners
Sunday 26 th March	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Mass Book p.160)	8.30am 11.00am	Dena Adams RIP Dan Ahern RIP

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome

Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm