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Year A

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

15th MARCH 2020

GOSPEL: John 4: 5-42

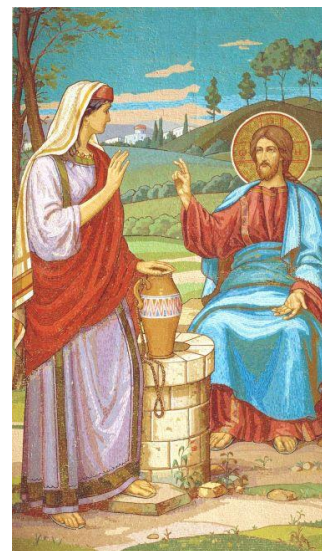
The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT tells of Our Lord's encounter with the Samaritan Woman at the well, one of the great traditional Lenten Gospels from St John (over the next 2 weeks we'll have the others, from Jn 9 and Jn 11). This passage focusses on the "living water" that Jesus brings to our life: cleansing, forgiving, healing, refreshing. The Samaritan Woman's life is totally converted by her meeting Jesus – may we too be utterly devoted to the Lord who knows our lives and our sins, and loves us still.

OUR 2020 'PLANNED GIVING' CAMPAIGN reaches this weekend our chance for a renewed commitment to St Augustine's in terms of our financial support. After the great Lenten Gospel, and in place of the homily, just for this week, we will be invited to fill out the [Financial-support form](#). Please think especially in terms of moving to the use of a Standing Order. And if you pay sufficient tax, please Gift-Aid your donations. Alternatively, please request to have (or continue with) the Offertory envelopes. Our Chair of Finance, Matthew Morrissey, outlined last week the sort of costs that the parish has to cover; and we rely entirely on parishioners to fund the parish's activities and maintain its buildings and grounds. Please be as generous at this time as you can. I am aware that for some of you this virus outbreak could be compromising your own income – so if you are simply unable to increase your weekly gift to the parish for the time being, that's totally understandable. Thank you!

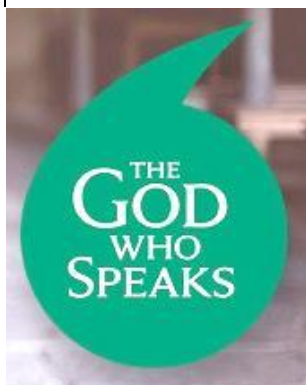
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 'Dowry of Mary' tour event on Friday 20th March HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED!



Let us meet Christ and allow Him to quench our spiritual thirst! Fr Philip

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 17

Jesus Christ himself "commanded the Apostles to preach the Gospel — promised beforehand by the prophets, fulfilled in his own person and promulgated by his own lips — to all as the source of all saving truth and moral law, communicating God's gifts to them. ... The Apostles handed on, by oral preaching, by their example, by their ordinances, what they themselves had received – whether from the lips of Christ, from his way of life and his works, or by coming to know it through the prompting of the Holy Spirit; it was carried out by those Apostles and others associated with them who, under the inspiration of the same Holy Spirit, committed the message of salvation to writing."



PRAYER & LITURGY

HESTER COUNSELL RIP formerly of this parish died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 20th March at 12 noon. Her body will be received into church on Thursday at 5pm.**

ANGELO ORSINI RIP of Stortford Road died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Tuesday 24th March at 11am** with Don Antonio.

SHEILA BARRY RIP of Belmont View, died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be **Friday 3rd April at 12 noon.**
May they rest in peace.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will take place **this Sunday 15th March at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly prayerful hour!

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Fri 27th (NOT 20th) March** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

DOWRY OF MARY TOUR at Westminster Cathedral, 19th to 21st March. Timetable of all the Cathedral devotions over 3 days available on **blue sheets** by Newsletters, or at <https://www.behold2020.com/westminster>. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS TOUR HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED!

RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO OUR LADY: this will take place across the country in parishes and homes on Sunday 29th March. See also: <https://www.behold2020.com/>

MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING MASS: The Cardinal invites couples who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020 to Mass on **Sat 30th May** at 3pm at Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please contact the Presbytery with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address & e-mail, or telephone number if no e-mail **by Wed 25th March.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES of many hundreds from our diocese led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols **25th–31st July.** Fr Philip attends each year, and is involved with the care of the sick. Additionally, the pilgrimage takes

some who are sick in our parish communities who are cared for at the *Accueil St Frai*: there are 22 such places available. For further information, speak to Fr Philip or e-mail Pilgrimage Administrator, Elizabeth Uwalaka elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk. Booking forms for general booking available here: <http://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-westminster-2020>

If young adults (18+) would wish to come and assist the more-sick members of the pilgrimage, then please speak to Fr Philip. He is the lead chaplain for the Westminster group at the *Accueil St Frai* each year, with its wonderful group of voluntary helpers working alongside the doctors and nurses that come with us.

AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY will be on **Thursday 14th May.** More details will follow in due course. Please save the date.

LENT

Prayer: e.g. regular **weekday Masses**; reading our pocket copies of **St Matthew's Gospel** 'day by day'; Friday 11am Adoration; **Sunday Holy Hour** (15th March, 5pm); **Stations of the Cross** (Fri 12.30pm, Sat 9.30am, Fri 4.30pm (Italian)), **Scripture Prayer Group** (Wed 10.15am in crypt).

Fasting: e.g. refraining from meat on extra day(s) in the week, not just Friday; 'giving up' some of the classic treats such as sugar, cakes, chocolate, alcohol; fasting from the use of TV, social media, internet, etc.

Almsgiving: e.g. **Lenten Alms** (collection box by lectern in church); **Broxbourne FoodBank** (collection box in porch); establishing a '**Charity account**' with C.A.F. for regular charitable giving; **wall boxes** for 'CaFOD,' 'Poor & Needy,' and 'World Missions.'

Reconciliation (as well as the regular times): **after every Sat eve/Sunday Mass** in Lent; Parish **Penitential Service**, Tuesday 7th April, 7.30pm.

PARISH "PENANCE" FOR LENT: In Lent, we will have no final hymn at Sunday Mass, and then we will **keep silence** in the body of the church, so as to allow a period of prayer for those who wish to remain after Mass in Thanksgiving. Please abide by this!

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Ian Witham, John Lumley, Bridget Newson, Judith Lloyd-Jones & Tallulah Scott.

**PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND,
EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED &
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY
COMMUNION AT HOME.**

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:
<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward**, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.
Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

"RCIA" - 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is the programme for preparation for adults wishing to become Catholics, or be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation. The **next meeting is Monday 16th March, 7.30pm in the Presbytery.**

CONFIRMATION 2020: next class for the candidates will be **Tuesday 24th March, 7-8.30pm** in the crypt.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: The third class for the children will be held on **Sat 16th May 10-3pm**. The fourth meeting for parents will be on **Wednesday 18th March at 8pm** in the crypt.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: The amount collected last weekend was £570.00. Thank you. Any late donations will still be accepted.

CORONAVIRUS - FOODBANK: In light of the uncertainty over the Coronavirus, it is understandable that we want to ensure our kitchen cupboards are well stocked. However, we must not forget that this can leave foodbanks struggling. Hundreds of people rely on generous donations from our parishioners. This includes the need for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc., as well as sealed packages of dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will make house

visits to parish homes **on Wednesday afternoon** in Ashbourne Road, High Road Broxbourne.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB has had to be suspended for the time being.

NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN will be held at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire from **17th-19th April**. Harvesters is a national Catholic Men's Network, with a desire to include men from other Christian Traditions. It seeks to encourage and equip men in their faith. Our annual weekends are a safe space for men to be refreshed in their faith. For further information and to book go to www.harvesters.org.uk

REMINDER: EU, EEA & SWISS CITIZENS living in the UK are required to apply through the Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. Deadline is 30th June 2021. Details re the process can be found at: www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Benge & Assunta Iameo. Thank you!

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus's pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

| Masses this week | | Today's Liturgy | |
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| Sat 14th March 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Maria Petrarca RIP</i> | | PAGE 158 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Exodus 17: 3–7 <i>Give the water to drink.</i> Psalm 94 — O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.' 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1–2, 5–8 <i>The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!</i> Gospel: John 4: 5–42 <i>The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Samaritan Woman (p. 72) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25) | |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i> | | | |
| Sun 15th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am** <i>Giuseppe & Patricia Nastri RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Daniel McGrath</i> 5pm Holy Hour † | | NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6–7, 10–13 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 8–14 Gospel: John 9: 1–41 | |
| Mon 16th March 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Ben Ighade's intentions</i> | | | |
| Tues 17th March ST PATRICK, Patron of Ireland 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Connie Murphy RIP</i> | | SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time. ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass. SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Any parishioner frail through illness or old age, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Philip for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time. SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699 | |
| Wed 18th March 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>John & Fatima Pinto RIP — followed by coffee in the crypt</i> | | | |
| Thurs 19th March ST JOSEPH 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Ugochulewu Uzoma Irechukwu RIP</i> | | REGULAR EVENTS Mon 16th 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery Wed 18th 6pm Brownies, crypt Wed 18th 8pm 1 st HC Parents, crypt | |
| Fri 20th March <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.35 Benediction 12 noon Funeral Hester Counsell RIP 1.00pm Stations of the Cross | | | |
| Sat 21st March 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Gaetano Martorana RIP anniv.</i> | | | |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i> | | | |
| Sun 22nd March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am** <i>Dave Greenall RIP anniv.</i> 11.15am <i>Terry McIntyre RIP</i> † | | | |
| * Vigil Mass of Sunday ** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only) † There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm) | | | |

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post your new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.*