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**Confessions: Tues to Fri at 12 noon before Mass**  
**Masses: Tues to Fri 12:30pm**  
**Thu 6pm**  
**Sat 8:15pm & Sun 9am & 11am**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 2026**



“If you only knew what God is offering .” John 4:10

**FEED ON THE WORD**

Searching the Scriptures, finding life!  
 Followed by Exposition,  
 Vespers and Benediction.

**Sunday 15 March**  
**4:30 to 6:30pm**

Everyone is  
 welcome!

**Mass Schedule**

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> March	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9am Pro Populo 11am Sharleena Bronia
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> March	NO MASS
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> March	12:30pm Deceased members of Eileen O'Reilly's family
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> March	12:30pm Noel Muscat RIP & María Baldeón Sánchez RIP
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> March	12:30pm Mr Bantley wellbeing 6pm Faithful departed
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	12:30pm Those struggling with addictions

**LENTEN APPEAL 2026**

Thank you for contributing to **The Lenten Appeal** for Education, Youth and Evangelisation, Marriage and Family Life and Social Action across our Diocese. You can still donate using the QR code or visiting [www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal). Alternatively, there is a slot marked "Lenten Appeal" at the safe in the porch where you can post envelopes or donations. Thank you for helping our diocesan family to continue with this vital work.



This Sunday's retiring collection is to help **The Little Sisters of the Poor** to continue to care for the elderly poor in the spirit of humble service. Sr Maria from St Anne's House is with us to tell us more about their mission.

Big thanks to Fr Benedict SJ for celebrating our Sunday Masses while I was on retreat. Fr Oscar

Non-perishable, in-date food for the **Foodbank** is gratefully welcome.

Join our WhatsApp group for Sunday's hymns



**During Lent: Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday 6:30 to 7:20am in the Crypt.  
**Wednesday Word:** 10:30 to 11:30am on Wednesdays **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 7:20 to 8:30am Monday, Wednesday & Friday & 11:30 to 12:20 Tuesday & Thursday.  
**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays after Mass

# Living Water



*Beloved,*

According to the prejudices of the day, Jesus should never have approached the Samaritan woman by the well.

Jews did not associate with Samaritans. Jewish men did not speak to women by themselves and "holy men" did not speak to sinful people.

Yet the Lord did not act according to prejudices but according to the truth, and the truth was that this woman longed for divine love, the kind of love that no man - not even five men - can provide. And she was ready to receive this love as a gift from Christ.

When she finally realises that she is talking to the One whom she expects to come to reveal all things, she is filled with the Spirit of faith: the Spirit who is water welling up to Eternal Life and water that alone can quench our thirst for love and life. The woman puts down her water jar and goes to tell everyone whom she has found that day.

Christ died and rose from death in order to reveal the love of God: a love that is offered to sinners; a love that can compel sinners to die to sin in order to be raised to new life with God; a love that is poured by the Holy Spirit into the hearts of believers and becomes in them Living Water welling up to Eternal Life.

In the light of this love, sin is exposed as the misguided attempt to quench our thirst by drinking from a leaky cistern that cannot hold water (see Jeremiah 2:13).

This is why the Lord invites us to reveal the truth about ourselves that he already knows so that we can discover the truth about him that we need to know always more deeply. He loves us with everlasting love. No other love can fully quench our thirst.

*Fr Oscar,*