

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

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Charity Number: 234092

Year of Saint Francis of Assisi

1 Reading Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm – O that today you would listen to his voice harden not your hearts.

2 Reading Roman 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel John 4:5-42

Third Sunday of Lent (08/03/2026)

In the encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman, we learn that despite how the world must have treated the Samaritan being sinful, Jesus saw in her the possible missionary that she could be with His encouragement. No matter what our past was, our future is pure and spotless.

It is always the Lord who takes the first initiative to reveal Himself as we see in today's gospel reading. The whole scene starts as an encounter between two strangers which gets evolved into a mystical transformation and missionary action from the side of the Samaritan woman. The Lord continues to reveal himself through simple day-to-day conversations if we listen to his voice which comes through the people.

St Augustine said our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord. Here in today's Gospel reading we find the same thirst in God too. It is a paradoxical scene; the giver of the living water is thirsty Himself. The thirsty Messiah and the woman who was in thirst of the living water meet. The voice that echoes in this passage is that 'my child, my heart is restless until I encounter you, talk to

you, listen to you, sit with you and dine with you.' It is a wonderful way to understand how God and humanity are thirsting for one another.

This passage gives us a glimpse about the power of God's mercy and love. When Jesus meets this woman, He brings up her past into the conversation not to condemn her or to punish her but rather to reveal Himself to her. Let us pay attention that the name of the woman is unknown, it is left blank by the author so that we can fill with our own names. No matter who you are and what you have done, you are special, precious and loved by God Himself. This is the good news that the Lord gives us today. Our day-to-day experiences and encounters can be transformative and life changing. Let us be attentive to what happens around us and let us thirst for God in all that happens and in all that we do.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests.

Next Baptism Preparation Course will be on Monday 30th of March 2026 at 6:30p.m. for Session One. Session 2 will be the following Monday 13th April at 6:30p.m. in the church.

THE BOOK OF GENESIS – LENTEN TALK On Thursday 12th March at 7 p.m. in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, 410 Brentwood Road, in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) Fr Adrian Graffy will be giving a talk on the Book of Genesis, a book which in different ways figures prominently during Lent. The talk will be preceded by light refreshments from 6.30 p.m. This free, in-person event is also available via live stream at www.whatgoodnews.org

The HCPT Easter Pilgrimage appeal will be on this weekend, 7th and 8th March. The parish HCPT group 161 aka 'The purple pilgrims' work to enable Children with additional needs to Go on Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Thank you for your support.

The Missio team are appealing for donations of unwanted Christmas gifts towards their Mission hamper prize which will be drawn on Sunday 22nd of March.

We will be having **40 hours Adoration** following the 6:00pm Holy Mass on Thursday 12th March to Saturday 14th March 9:45am followed by Holy Mas at 10am. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with Our Blessed Lord as we journey through Lent. Please sign up for an hour or more.

Stations of the in English Cross after 6pm Mass on Fridays of Lent. Stations of the Cross in Tamil 11-12pm. Stations of the Cross in Malayalam 5-545pm.

Confessions are available before and after each Mass.

We Pray For All Mothers Living and Dead.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Richard and Nora Keane) (Rest In Peace) (Family)
Sun 8 March	Third Sunday of Lent
08:30 am	Thanksgiving (Agnes and Shania)
10:00 am	Anton Joseph (Rest in Peace) (Victor)
12noon	Billy Halpenny (Rest in Peace) (Maureen)
Mon 9 March	Monday of the Third Week of Lent
09:15 am	Intentions (Leone Abegunde)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Leone Abegunde)
Tue 10 March	Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent
09:15am	Thanksgiving (Leone Abegunde)
06:00 pm	Intentions (Leone Abegunde)
Wed 11 March	Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent
09:15am	Nestor Fedorak (Rest in Peace) (Olga)
06:00pm	Intentions (Leone Abegunde)
Thu 12 March	Thursday of the Third Week of Lent
09:15am	Thanksgiving (Conrad and Carol)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Nigel)
Fri 13 March	Friday of the Third Week of Lent
09:15am	Geraldine's Intentions (Gerry)
06:00pm	Intentions (Nigel)
Sat 14 March	Saturday of the Third Week of Lent
10:00 am	Ronald Amedee (Rest in Peace) (Mario Joseph)
06:00 pm	Bernard and Shiela Mossa (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 15 March	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Intentions (Agnes and Shania)
10:00 am	Joseph Nicholas Pillai (Rest in Peace) (Victor)
12noon	Rob Descamps (Rest in Peace) (Linda and Eunice)

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Mon 16 March	Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent
09:15 am	Joe Boyce (Rest in Peace) (Joe and Mary)
06:00 pm	Intentions (Anna and Sandra)
Tue 17 March	Saint Patrick, B, Patron of Ireland
09:15am	Elizabeth McGann (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)
06:00 pm	Martin Gallagher (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Wed 18 March	Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent
09:15am	Linda Campbell's Intention (Margaret)
06:00pm	Joe Boyce (Rest in Peace) (Joe and Mary)
Thu 19 March	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
09:15am	Natalie Rosario (Rest in Peace) (Rodrigues)
06:00pm	Caleb Joseph Williams (Rest in Peace) (Elezabeth O' Donovan)
Fri 20 March	Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent
09:15 am	Khrystyna Thanksgiving (Olga)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Anna and Sandra)
Sat 21 March	Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent
10:00 am	Anne Marie Francis (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
06:00 pm	Jean Marrano's Intentions (Keane)
Sun 22 March	Fifth Sunday of Lent
08:30 am	Angelita Tolentino (Rest in Peace) (Rosie)
10:00 am	Kathleen Murnane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12noon	Ester Castillo (Rest in Peace) (Tessie and Francis)

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris), Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Linda Campbell, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Pdraic Maloney, Damon, Bridie Curley, Rose Ogidi, Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chris Cullen, Mrs Best, Michael Brown, Albert Callanan, Anne Close, Robinson, Frieda, Melissa Isaac and Mum, Moreena Blackwood, Mick Curley (Christina), William Nkyi-Acheampong. Marie Rachelle Bell Bower, Ermin Elizabeth Bryce, Doreen Palmer, Peter Wiltshire, Vittorio Pollame.