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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

**Charity Number: 234092**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT– 14/15 MARCH 2020**

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel is full of misunderstandings! Jesus meets a woman, ask her for a drink, then offers her an unlimited supply of clear, running water- 'living water.' The woman, although intrigued by Jesus, has really no idea of what he is offering. At first, she imagines him to be talking about a more efficient way of obtaining water from the well. Gradually, however, she comes to see that Jesus is offering something far better than an improved system: water brings life, and Jesus' offer of water is an offer of life.

There is a lovely, gentle gradualness about the woman's growth in understanding. The stranger who is teaching her, Jesus, is himself gentle, and does not rush in to correct her initial misunderstanding. Instead, Jesus engages with the woman and her concerns; he gives her a full hearing. Gradually, the woman comes to see and understand what Jesus is offering. Through the encounter at the well, she is changed.

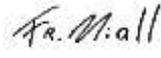
The encounter with Jesus is rarely, if ever an all-at-once experience of perfect understanding. Most believers, at least some of the time, find themselves groping along, trying to make sense of events in the light of their faith, and trying to make sense of their faith in the light of events. The Lord respects our natural pace, just as he respected that of the woman at the well.

The conversation at the well slowly worked up to Jesus' self-revelation to the woman: 'I am He.' Like the woman in the Gospel, our understanding of the Lord and his ways deepens gradually. We have been introduced to Jesus, but our whole life is a getting-to-know-you.

## Reflections

1. Sometimes we encounter the Lord in an unusual or unexpected place. Can I think of any unexpected encounters in my own discipleship? What might I learn from them?
2. What things do I still not understand? What things about my faith and about Christian living puzzle me?
3. What might be the Lord's attitude to our questions and misunderstandings? Would it be characterized by harshness or by gentleness?

## Have A Blessed Lent

 (Fr. Niall)

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

**Baptism Course:** Next Baptism Course will be in April.

**Holy Communion** The next Holy Communion preparation session is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10am.

**Sacrament of Healing** Each first Saturday of the month there is an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Healing during the 10a.m. Mass.

This Sunday we welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Leo Henry Field and also Blessing Akosua Afful-Yankyera. May God bless them and their families.

**Stations of the Cross** every Friday evening of lent at 6:45p.m. All are welcome.

This weekend of the 14th and 15th of March, we have the annual HCPT appeal for the support of those going to Lourdes.

A young female parishioner wishes for a child in the parish to have her doll's house. It is in very new condition.

**Viva Voce Choir** Because of the on-going threat of Covid-19, Viva Voce Choir have with great regret decided to cancel the concert on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**HCPT Bingo Night** - Friday 27th March at Our Lady and St George's primary school, upper site. Details to follow.

Concerns over COVID 19, HCPT had cancelled the Lourdes Pilgrimage this coming Easter.

The HCPT are hosting the coffee morning after the 10:00am Mass this Sunday morning.

**LEGION OF MARY** The Sisters of Mercy re-launched the Legion of Mary in our parish on Saturday 7th March. The next Legion of Mary meeting will take place on Saturday 18th April after the 10am Mass. We pray that the re-launch is a success and that parishioners will participate.

The Blessed Cyprian Tansi Catholic Society's Choir and their members will sing at the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 22nd March 2020 in celebration of the 22nd anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Tansi. You are all welcome to this celebration. For more information. Please contact Mother Maria on 07940143545

**Pilgrimages** Bernadette Wilson is organising coaches for the following events The Confirmation candidates to Brentwood Cathedral , The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham , The Chrism Mass and Fr Niall's induction into the cathedral chapter on Monday 18th May. All the departure times and those who wish to travel will be in the upcoming newsletters . If you wish to join any of these events a list will be put on the church noticeboard.. Please make sure you put your name on the correct list.

**Walsingham News** We will be celebrating the rededicated of the Dowry of Mary on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The venue of the film is our parish hall. We will show a DVD of Walsingham for 1 hour and take up names of people who will come to our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020. So a great celebration for our Blessed Mother of Walsingham. Please come. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 3pm in the parish hall. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May pilgrimage to Walsingham. Look out for organisers. (Joe Elwod-02085203455)

**OLSG School Nursery:** We are currently accepting applications for September 2020 and the deadline is fast approaching. The deadline for nursery applications is 20th March 2020.

Samaritans 020 8520 9191.

Our Sincere condolence to Cesar on the death of his brother Arien Portalibre.

Mass attendance last weekend 651. Syro Malabar 120. The collection last week was £1436.52p. Average weekly standing order collection is £350. Thank you.

<b><u>counting</u></b> <b><u>Rota</u></b>	16/02E	23/02B	01/03F	08/03E	15/03B	22/03F
<b><u>Hospital</u></b> <b><u>Rota</u></b>	15/02B	20/02D	01/03F	08/03E	15/03B	22/03F



Joke of the Week This bloke said to me 'you look like a medieval stringed instrument'. I said " are you calling me a lyre!"

**Parishioners are invited to use the gel dispenser in the church porch**  
**Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tuddy.**

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06:00pm</b>	Vincent Baskerville (Rest in Peace) (Dave Moss)
<b>Sun 15 March</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Fr. Cosmos (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Milly)
<b>10:00am</b>	Doris Lizares (Rest in Peace) (Cesar and Nelly)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Stephanie Effie Yamson (Intention) (Sylvia)
<b>02:30noon</b>	Syro Malabar Mass
<b>Mon 16 March</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9:15am</b>	Jay's Intentions
<b>04:00pm</b>	Whipps Cross Hospital- Mass-(Parishioners)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Maura Stone (Rest in Peace) (Thorogood)
<b>Tue 17 March</b>	<b>SAINT PATRICK'S DAY</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Patrick Ramsey (Thanksgiving) (Jane)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Sr. Patricia's Intentions (Sr. Anne Maria)
<b>Wed 18 March</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Mary Finnegan's Intentions (Ann)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Elizabeth McGann(Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mass)
<b>Thu 19 March</b>	<b>SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Nataline Rosario (Rest in Peace) (Almeida Family)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Sr. Mary Connors (Rest in Peace) (Hurley)
<b>Fri 20 March</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Arien Portalibre (Rest in Peace) (Cesar and Nelly)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Fr. Niall's Intentions (Jane)
<b>Sat 21 March</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Patricia McKenna (Rest in Peace) (Murphy)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Bernard and Shiela Moss (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 22 March</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Kathleen Murnane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Pat McKenna (Rest in Peace) (Elwood)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Fr. John Garrett (Rest in Peace) (Pact)
<b>02:30 pm</b>	Syro Malabar Mass

### Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave,, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Hazel Belzaira, Tina Henriques, Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Grace Mecaley, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Paul Dynan, Roy and Margaret Bandhu, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeda, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Ted and Pat Howland, Josephine Walsh (Paul)

**Rosary:** Weekdays after morning Mass Reconciliation (Confessions): Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.

**Bible Study:** Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room