

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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.

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"I don't have time to hate people who hate me because I'm too busy loving people who love me." ~*Author unknown*

PARISH PRAYER - Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service; that your love might grow among us and your Kingdom come.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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19TH MARCH 2017 – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Masses – Page 158 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	John Perkins
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Belmont Mass

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 212 – All ye who seek a comfort sure ...

Lenten Gospel Acclamation: Hymn 184

Offertory Hymn 926 – Whatsoever you do ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 211 – Our Father, we have wandered ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 5.30pm, or on request / by appointment

Weekday Mass Times (3rd week of Lent) [*Psalter Week 3*]

Mon.	10.00 am	St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM – Int. Michael Carolan
Tues.	No Mass today	Lent Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	No Mass today	Lent Feria
	11.00 am	Stations of the Cross (Led by UCM)
Thurs.	10.00 am	Lent Feria – Int. Albert Foley (<i>Fdn.</i>)
Fri.	10.00 am	Lent Feria – Int. Holy Souls
Sat.	10.30 am	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD – Int. Mona Murphy (<i>Fdn.</i>)
	6.00 pm	4 th Sunday of Lent (<i>Laetare Sunday</i>) - Donor's Int.

**Fdn. = Foundation Mass*

The Parish Newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

Anniversaries this week: Andrea O'Connor, Margaret (Peggie) Jackson, Joy Lannon, Mary Roberts, Desmond Stone, Anna Platt, Alex Siedlecki, Margaret Bowles, Sheelah de Chenu and Basil Howard. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits – If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital (QEII), King's Lynn, and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or Fr Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick List - Please pray for: Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, James Maxwell, and Pamela & Catherine Evans and Robert Anderson.

Money Matters – The collection for the parish last weekend amounted to £509.45, and the retiring collection for the CAFOD Fast Day was £530.25. Thank you very much for your generosity.

130 Club February Draw - 1st Prize £20 – Sarah Morris; 2nd Prize £15 – Paul Morris; 3rd Prize £10 – Colette Barrow-Nessian; 4th Prize £10 – Ann Dent; 5th Prize £10 – Jan Duffield.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Mon. 20 Mar	AA Group meeting – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Weds. 22 Mar	SVP Conference meets – 2.00pm in Emmaus Room
Fri. 24 Mar	Confirmation Candidates meet – 7.15pm in Emmaus Room
Sat. 25 Mar	Saturday Club meets – 11.00am in Emmaus Room

Stations of the Cross this week will take place on Wednesday morning at 11.00 a.m., led by members of the UCM.

No Mass on Wednesday this week as I will be attending the Ministry to Priests Programme at Clare Priory.

Lenten Station Mass – Our Lenten Station Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan on **Thursday, 23rd March 2017** at Our Lady of the Annunciation, Poringland, Norwich, commencing with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions at 6.00pm., followed by **Mass at 7.00pm**, and concluding with refreshments at 8.00pm. All welcome.

130 Club Promoter – The Parish 130 Club, which is a superb fundraiser for the parish, has been organised for many years by Patrick Monaghan, to whom we are extremely grateful for the commitment he has given to this role. Now approaching his 90th birthday, Patrick quite naturally feels he would like to hand over to a younger person! Is there a willing volunteer to take up the mantle of Promoter?

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 20th March - It is disappointing considering the importance of St. Joseph's role, that the gospels do not tell us more about him. All we really know of his character is that he was a 'holy and righteous man who generously cooperated with God's grace.' Early Christians must have been more interested in imitating Joseph's virtues than recording biographical details. So today, as the early Christians did, we honour Joseph for trusting in God's plan even though he had limited understanding of its reasons or consequences. We offer petitions to him as patron saint of fathers, guardians, workers and of the dying.

The Annunciation of the Lord, 25th March - The Angel Gabriel gave Mary a choice. It was God's plan to use her as the bearer of his Son, but she didn't have to say 'yes'. Our Lenten practices are designed to make us more aware of the choices and direction in our lives. We pray that as Mary's 'yes' brought forth the Saviour of the world, so we too will have the courage and wisdom to say 'yes' to God's plan in our lives.

Parish Open Meeting will follow the 11.00 am Mass on **Sunday, 2nd April**. The format will be: Midday Prayer, Lunch and the meeting. There will be no opening under Any Other Business. Please sign the list on the notice board for lunch and the meeting. Everyone is welcome. Please submit any items which you would like to discuss for the Open Meeting. The Agenda is quite short at the moment. However, some of the issues discussed at the last meeting can now be planned because of the funding which will come through the Alive in Faith Programme.

The Chrism Mass will be on **Tuesday, April 11th** at 7.00 pm at St John's Cathedral. We will hire a coach as usual. Please put your names on the list at the back of church. *(Please note – there will be no Queen of Peace Prayer Group meeting that evening to allow members who wish to attend the Chrism Mass.)*

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary ...

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: **Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen**