

Sacred Heart
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 15th March 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Dear friends,

In today's Gospel, we hear about a conversation between Jesus and a woman from Samaria. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The hatred between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself says: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only talks with the woman, he also asks her to give him a drink, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law. We also learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands." After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus. This Gospel teaches us an important lesson; see yourself as God sees you, as he sees all his loved ones. as Pope Benedict XVI wrote; "Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give them the look of love which they crave" God is never surprised about the things you find when you explore the depths of your heart. In fact, he has been waiting for you to talk to him about these hidden things. Be not afraid. God looks upon his sons and daughters with the eyes of love.

Fr Graham

Coronavirus

We have been advised to put some special measures in place to help reduce and prevent the spread of coronavirus. As from last weekend: Please use the sanitising hand gel when entering the church or hall. Holy Water will not be available in the stoups in the church entrances. Distribution of communion will be in the form of bread only. The host will be given on the hand only. Fr Graham and Eucharistic Ministers will use the sanitising hand gel before and after distributing communion. The sign of peace will be "non-contact" – please wave to each other. Hymnbooks and Parish Mass Books will not be used. Mass settings and hymns for weekend Masses are printed in the newsletter. The offertory collection will be taken on the way out of church at the end of Mass. (The collection baskets will not be passed around.)

Church and social events suspended until further notice

Due to the spread of the Coronavirus and a desire to keep you all safe, especially the most vulnerable in our community, several church / social groups have suspended their gatherings until further notice. The following are suspended: Craft Group, Stella Dawson Prayer Group and the St. Patrick's Night social event has been cancelled. If you have already purchased tickets for this event, your money will be refunded. Other groups within the church are also considering their position. Please watch this space and the Facebook pages for further updates.

33 Days to Morning Glory – Prayer Retreat and Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary - 29th March 2020

You can keep up with the Retreat by watching EWTN at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46h_ijZURP8&list=PL_9yaNCbB144_PNfO4PG8q8YRQHTe4Jfy&utm_source=Behold2020&utm_campaign=25ec80895c-

[EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_02_13_06_44&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d5aa7295bf-25ec80895c-335364922](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46h_ijZURP8&list=PL_9yaNCbB144_PNfO4PG8q8YRQHTe4Jfy&utm_source=Behold2020&utm_campaign=25ec80895c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_02_13_06_44&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d5aa7295bf-25ec80895c-335364922). You may also like to look at the "Behold 2020" Facebook page, which includes some useful information and updates. There will be a Deanery Celebration of the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary at 3.00pm on Sunday 29th March at St Peter's, Eastwood Road North, Leigh on Sea SS9 4BX. It will consist of A Liturgy of Marian Hymns, Readings, Homily & Benediction – Refreshments served afterwards.

Foodbank Urgent Appeal

Thank you for your continued generosity, especially at this time of crisis, but we must ask for your support again. We are currently very short of tinned vegetables, meat meals, rice, rice puddings and custard and at a pinch squash that we would be grateful to continue to receive – thank you for your amazing support.

*** ***Around the Deanery, Diocese and Beyond*** ***

St. John Bosco Children's Camp

Do you know a child in need of a holiday between the ages of 8 and 13? The St John Bosco Children's Camp is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos situated in Aldham, Essex. The dates that the Camp runs are as follows:

- Week One Saturday 25th July to 1st August 2020 for Boys
- Week Two Saturday 1st August to 8th August 2020 for Boys
- Week Three Saturday 8th August to 15th August 2020 for Girls
- Week Four Saturday 15th August to 22nd August 2020 Mixed Camp

The suggested donation is £165 per week, including transport to and from London. Should you require an application form or more information then please visit our website - www.svpboscocamp.org.uk

Brentwood Cathedral "God Who Speaks" Lenten Lectures

Wednesday 18th March at 7.30 pm in Cathedral parish hall. *Sharing the Good News: Sacred scripture as beacon and promise* to be given by Dr Maria Heath, chair of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Free Entry. All welcome. For more information go to www.cathedral-brentwood.org

Mass for Migrants

Saturday 2nd May, 11am - Banner Procession and Mass, St Anthony of Padua RC Church, Forest Gate, E7 9QB. Everyone is warmly welcome to this wonderful Mass, celebrating the tremendous contribution of migrants to the London Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster. The Mass will include the newly painted icon of Our Lady of Walsingham, recently blessed by Pope Francis, and will be celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams, in honour of St Joseph the Worker. If you are the leader of a group bringing a banner please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

Director of Youth Ministry Vacancy Diocese of Brentwood

This role will help to deepen and strengthen our ever growing and vibrant youth ministry, at Walsingham House at Abbotswick and supporting parishes across the Diocese. Start in September 2020. Salary £40,000. Closing date = 16th March. Details at www.bcys.net/jobs or call Fr Dominic on 01277 373959.

40 Days for Life Lent Campaign

40 Days for Life Lent Campaign outside the Buffer Zone (PSPO) around the Marie Stopes abortion centre in Ealing (nearest station, Ealing Broadway). TO JOIN THE VIGIL MEET ON THE GREEN BETWEEN MATTOCK LANE AND BOND STREET, EALING, TO AVOID BREAKING THE BUFFER ZONE. During 40 Days for Life campaigns 16,742 babies have been saved from abortion, 106 abortion centres have closedown and 196 abortion workers have quit their jobs. We still need people to come and join us in prayer each day between 8am and 8pm until Palm Sunday. Contact Sarah 07776 256838 or email London40daysforlife@hotmail.com to let us know what times you can attend.

The Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary

Takes place throughout the country on Sunday 29 March. To prepare for this renewal of the relationship of England with the Mother of God,, St John Vianney, Clayhall, is hosting two lectures: "Mary's Dowry and the Rededication of England", speaker Fr Neil Brett, Thursday 26 March at 7.30pm. Take place at St John Vianney, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Ilford, IG5 0JB. The lectures will last about 40 minutes, followed by time for questions and refreshments.

Planting trees for the future – come and lend a hand!

The Woodland Trust have granted 105 trees to Walsingham House at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, CM14 5SH), and we need a helping hand to plant them, please, on **Saturday 28th March, 9.30am-5pm**. Come with a spade, and some sandwiches – we'll provide drinks and snacks. So we know who to expect, please email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org. or call 01277373959. As the area where we are planting includes bee hives and a ditch, we suggest no very young children, please.

Sion Community Work and Pray

Join us for a week or a few days from 30th Mar to 4th Apr to volunteer your time and talents helping us with some essential upkeep to our large house/gardens. An opportunity for anyone who would like to take time out and experience community life, including daily prayer, Adoration and Mass at the Cathedral. For further information and to register contact Mary: admin@sioncommunity.org.uk

Sponsored Sleepout, Friday 3rd – Saturday 4th April

In the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The evening begins at 8pm with a film and talk; or arrive at 11pm for Mass. Sleepout midnight – 7am. In this freezing and wet weather, it is very difficult for those who are sleeping on the streets. The Sleepout is a powerful way to understand what it feels like to sleep outside, while raising money for homeless charities. Groups should register by emailing frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org; individuals can register on www.bcys.net, where there are full details of the event. Open to anyone aged 15-105 (those aged 15-18 must be part of a group, and have parental consent).

Money

Offertory – Sunday 8th March

£1,087.28

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, including; Charmaine Arnold, Christina Arnold, Marie Biner, Barbara Briggs, William Bryan, Eric Carpenter, Alfonsina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Margaret and Tom Cullen, June Deighton, Patricia and Richard Dixon, Patrick Doherty, Helen Escott, Harleigh-Jo Farrar, Roy Fitchew, Danielle Honeyands, Katrina Honeyands, Paul, Peter Hopkins, Bartley Igoe Jr, Teresa Igoe, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Bernard Lovell, Jacqueline Lovett, Peter Murphy, Sheila Norris, Fr Liam O'Driscoll, David Raglan, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Anita Rogers, Christine Sach, Maria Scinto, Penny Stiles, Jenny Warren and Sally Wray.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: John Bryan, Irene Boast, Eric Hayter, Robert Meadows, Canon Martin Horkan, Samuel Coleman, Frederick Bragg, (baby) Marcus Chi Kit Lei, Mary Bedford, Esther McCarthy, Ursula Rowlands, Laura Church, Brian Curtis, Frank Persighetti, Keith Ryder, Manolito B. Manaig Augustus Sharland, Fr Donal Donegan, Eileen Smith, Genowefa Browarska, Reginald Arthur Martin, Angela Goodall, John O'Leary, Fr Sidney Williams, William Denny, Stanley Byart, Tina Mangora, Michael McGuire, Geraldine Walsh, Elaine Walker, Frederick Lambard and Herbert Johnston,

15th March 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent (Divine Office Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: Come to the waters, you who are thirsty, says the Lord; you who have no money, come and drink joyfully.

First Reading: Exodus 17: 3 - 7

Psalm: 94: 1 – 2, 6 – 9 response v 9

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

- 1 Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.
- 2 Come in; let us kneel and bend low, let us kneel before the God who made us
For he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.
- 3 O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
As on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1 – 2, 5 - 8

Gospel Acclamation: 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!

Gospel: John 4: 5 – 42 Shorter form (omitting oblique text): John 4: 5 – 15, 19 – 26, 39 - 42

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will be become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Next weekend: First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6 – 7, 10 - 13 **Psalm:** Psalm 22 response v 1 **Second Reading:** Ephesians 5: 8 - 14 **Gospel:** John 9: 1 – 41 Shorter form (omitting oblique text): John 9: 1, 6 – 9, 13 – 17, 34 - 38

How will Jesus re-create us this Lent?



At the end of today's Gospel, the woman leaves her water jar and goes into the town. It is a remarkable detail because her purpose in coming to the well was to draw water. She leaves that task behind after encountering Jesus and goes to tell others, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

In this painting, the woman's water jar is behind her as she faces Jesus, who extends a finger towards her. His posture reminds us of Michelangelo's famous depiction of the Creation of Adam in the Sistine Chapel. Jesus re-creates her in a way, and her imagination is opened to consider that he is the Christ, the Messiah.

We can suppose how townspeople viewed her, knowing that she has been with more than five men. Now she has become a source of good news for them—many of them began to believe in Jesus because of her invitation. Jesus has transformed her into a spring of water for others, welling up to eternal life.

How will Jesus re-create us this Lent? In our own transformation, how might we bring good news to others and become a spring of water for them?

Hymns for the Third Sunday in Lent (A) – 15th March 2020

Entrance Hymn:

Abba Father - Carey Landry

*Abba, Abba, Father, you are the potter,
We are the clay, the work of your hands.*

Mould us, mould us and fashion us
Into the image of Jesus, your son,
Of Jesus, your son. (2)

Father, may we be one in you
as he is in you,
and you are in him. (2)

Glory, glory and praise to you,
Glory and praise to you for ever. Amen.
Foe ever. Amen. (2)

Offertory Hymn:

Be Not Afraid Robert J Dufford, SJ

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words to foreign men
and they will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Be not afraid, I go before you always,
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

Recessional Hymn:

Bind us together – Bob Gillman

*Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together,
Bind us together with love.*

There is only one God,
There is only one King.
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing:

Made for the glory of God,
Purchased by his precious Son,
Born with the right to be free,
For Jesus the victory has won.

You are the family of God,
you are the promise divine,
you are God's chosen desire,
you are the glorious new wine.

Masses and Services		Daily 33 Day Retreat Prayer	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 14 th March	First Mass of Sunday	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Fill my heart with praise to God for giving me Mary as my spiritual mother.</i>	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass To include the First Scrutiny of RCIA Candidates <i>Intentions of June Axup</i>	
Sunday 15 th March	Third Sunday of Lent (A)	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Help me to be faithful to heart-pondering prayer, as was Mary.</i>	(9.00am Polish Mass) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross – at St Luke’s Anglican Church (St Luke's Rd, Southend-on-Sea SS2 4AB)	8.30am Confessions 9.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 16 th March	Feria	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Remind me to ask for Mary’s powerful intercession in my times of need.</i>	9.30am Mass <i>Elpedio and Honorato Bonggot RIP</i>	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 17 th March	St. Patrick	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Thank you for the gift of my loving Mother, Mary.</i>		
Wednesday 18 th March	Feria	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Prepare me to entrust myself completely to Mary so she can bring me closer to Christ.</i>	Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group – has been suspended until further notice. <i>No Lenten Talk this week – Next talk takes place on Wednesday 25th March</i>	10.00am Mass followed by <i>Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.</i> <i>Fr William Wells RIP</i>
Thursday 19 th March	St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Draw me in, with, and through Mary to the Fountain of Love and Mercy.</i>	6.30m Mass followed by <i>Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.</i> <i>Pam Dobson RIP</i>	10.00am Mass
Friday 20 th March	Feria	<i>Spend the day pondering de Montfort’s Marian teaching as it is summarised by these three words: Passion, Baptism, and Gift.</i>	9:30am Mass followed by <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>John Cahill RIP</i>	1.30pm Mass
Saturday 21 st March	Feria	<i>Spend the day pondering Kolbe’s Marian teaching as it is summarised by these three words: Mystery, Militia, and Love.</i>	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Mass followed by <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Noel Kelleway RIP</i>
Saturday 21 st March	First Mass of Sunday		5.00pm Confession 5.30pm Mass <i>Patrick Monahan RIP</i>	
Sunday 22 nd March	Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) Laetare Sunday	<i>Spend the day pondering Teresa’s Marian teaching as it is summarised by these three words: Thirst, Heart, and Covenant.</i>	(9.00am Polish Mass) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass <i>Val Armitage RIP</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross	8.30am Confessions 9.00am Mass To include the Second Scrutiny of RCIA Candidates <i>People of the Parish</i>