

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

23 MARCH 2014

Walking through Lent with Pope Francis The Woman at the Well

This Gospel passage invites us to stand with Jesus as he speaks to a woman who was seen by many as a "bad" person. You can imagine the horror of those first hearing this. He offers to quench her thirst, but not in the way she thought she needed.

The Gospel sheds light for us on the reflections of Pope Francis on how our parish communities are called to be places of welcome and inclusion so that people can experience the joy of the Gospel in their lives and respond appropriately.



Pope Francis reflects:

A Church which "goes forth" is a Church whose doors are open. Going out to others in order to reach the fringes of humanity does not mean rushing out aimlessly into the world. Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way. At times we have to be like the father of the prodigal son, who always keeps his door open so that when the son returns, he can readily pass through it. [46 The Joy of the Gospel]

To ponder: Life is so busy, so rushed, yet Jesus found time to listen to the woman at the well. His spending time with her changed her life.

Question: How can we find time for others and for God in our busy lives?

PARISH NEWS

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR: we welcome Sr Mary Laetitia from St Anne's Home, Stoke Newington, who will be making an appeal at all the Masses this weekend for the work of the Little Sisters in caring for the Elderly. Please be as generous as you can in your response to this appeal.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be prayed in the Church at 5.00pm today and on each of the Sundays of Lent.

PLANNED GIVING: The envelopes for 2014/15 will be available toward the end of March. If you do not require a box this year would you please let the office know, alternatively if you wish to contribute by standing order please advise us. If you are new to the parish and would like a box, please let the office know.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next baptism preparation course will be on **Tuesdays 1st and 8th April at 7pm in the Church.**

DORCAS BEFRIENDING PROJECT: Are looking for a parishioner who could occasionally accompany a very elderly parishioner to the 12 o'clock Mass, (the elderly parishioner is happy to travel by car or bus). The parishioner lives in Hullbridge Mews, next to Rosemary Gardens. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

DIARY

LEGION OF MARY: We meet every Wednesday at 7pm. Please come to 39 Duncan Terrace.

In an event of a fire or a fire drill taking place, please remain calm, and follow the safest exit routes that will be co-ordinated by the Church Fire Wardens, who will lead you to the designated assembly point.

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 29th March at Our Lady of Lourdes, Berrymead Gardens, London W3.

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NOTICES

'FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE' HALF-WAY EVENT: Please join us at Ealing Abbey Hall on Tuesday 25th March at 7pm for an evening of prayer, brilliant pro-life speakers and refreshments. Hear about the 9 women who have chosen life for their children during this prayer campaign so far. Please see <http://40daysforlife.com/london-ealing.html>

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES: For a Bookkeeper and an Administrative Assistant – Please see noticeboard for details.

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REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died recently, Nora Margaret Berry, Mick Feeney, Ellen Christine O'Reilly and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Cornelius Whooley, Michael Fitzgerald, Theresa Brown, Mary O'Loughlin, Pauline Harty, Leica Johnson, Susan Corrick, Marcella Bailey, May Healy, Patricio Lucila De Leon and Harry Hrebeniak.

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HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Lisa Ip, Helen Hallissey, Sr Beatrice Immediata, John Sampson, Frances Jennings, Jerry Waldron, Bro. J Lavelle (Marist Brother), Tony Jones, Theresa Burchall, Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart and Joe McConville.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Sat 22 March	6pm	Intentions of Eddie & Olive Jones	Matthew 17:1-9
Sun 23 March 3 rd SUNDAY OF LENT	9am	Elizabeth Frances Hastings RIP	
	10.30am	All our Parishioners	
	12noon	Michael Anthony McIntyre RIP	
	6pm	Richard Matthews RIP	
Mon 24 March Lent Feria	10am	Fr Vincent Rochford RIP (Anniv)	Luke 4:24-30
Tue 25 March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10am	Harry Hrebeniak RIP	Luke 1:26-38
Wed 26 March Lent Feria	10am	Funeral Mass for Ellen Christine O'Reilly RIP	Matthew 5:17-19
Thu 27 March Lent Feria	10am	Intentions of Eileen Leahey	Luke 11:14-23
Fri 28 March Lent Feria <i>Friday</i> <i>Abstinence</i>	10am	Giuseppina Gasparo RIP (Anniv)	Mark 12:28-34
Sat 29 March Lent Feria	10am	Catherine Myra O'Brien RIP	Luke 18 :9-14
	10.30–11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15–5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Mary McEntagart RIP	John 9:1-41
Sun 30 March 4 th SUNDAY OF LENT	9am	All our Parishioners	
	10.30am	Grant Lewington RIP	
	12noon	With Thanks for our Mother Pat Yearley RIP	
	6pm	Kathleen & William Dahill RIP	