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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT 11th/12th MARCH 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel reminds me of a story called 'The Land of the Wells'. The story describes how in that Land there lived a lot of wells of all sizes, shapes and colours. These wells had something in common, they all felt inside of them a big void and they worried all the time about how to fill that emptiness.



They strove to find all kind of things that would make them feel that their emptiness was gradually being filled; they would try and fill themselves with all kinds of stuff and possessions. But something strange would happen because the more they threw in, the emptier they felt. This made them feel so frustrated. But they only tried to distract themselves and not think about it too much.

One day one of the wells was sad and desperate because none of the things that he had filled himself made him happy, and so he started to remove everything that he had previously thrown down his well. He pulled out and pulled out a lot of things and discovered his interior, more and more.

This well was really surprised because against all expectations he was feeling really good and happy, better than he had ever felt before. But he became even more joyful, when having removed everything, he discovered inside himself a source of pure and clean water that just kept flowing out of him.

From this moment the well was happier than he had ever felt before and never stopped entering within inside him every day to find that source of pure water that flowed out of him filling his emptiness. After a while a beautiful orchard full of flowers grew up around him.

Then some of the other wells saw what was happening to their neighbour so they decided to do the same, and remove all the stuff they had filled themselves with and they too discovered the same source of pure water within themselves.

Today Jesus is saying to us exactly what he said to the Samaritan woman, *"If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water"*. He is the source of living water, the source we can find inside ourselves and discover true life.

Like those wells from the story, like the Samaritan woman in the Gospel, who was helped by Jesus, we just need to remove everything that hinders us to find the source of living water inside ourselves. If we connect with this source, if we drink from it, our life also will be like a beautiful orchard, where others can find peace, shelter, support; where they can find God.

Have a blessed week,
Angelica Ramiro, FMVD

RETIREMENT NEWS:

Retirement News: When I announced my future retirement last week it came as a shock to many. I'm still trying to come to terms with it myself! It had to come sooner or later. My mind and my body keep telling me- "Joe, you're not as young as you used to be. You're no longer 25! Your energy and ability are not what they used to be". When is the right time? The fact is also that plans have to be made by Cardinal Vincent and others to plan a replacement and somewhere for me to live in retirement. So please be patient and I'm about for many months yet. Fr Joe

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH ACTIVITY –TEAS /COFFEE MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays, after 9am and 11am Masses.

We also welcome parishioners and newcomers on Thursday mornings after the 9.15am Mass

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2022

For any enquiries, please contact Sr. Anabel on 07455544065 or the Parish Office.

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

session: **Sunday 19th March after 9am Mass**

Next

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Next session on Saturday 18th March 2023

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Next session on Saturday 18th March 2023



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

A programme for adults who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.
Application Form at the back of the Church

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS

Application Forms at the back of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office or
Sr. Anabel

THANK YOU

For your generosity last weekend for **CAFOD LENT FAST DAY** which raised the sum of **£550.16**

Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Donation can also be given by using our contactless keypad at the back of the church. Please give generously.

ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATION SOCIAL EVENING TEA PARTY

Friday 17th March 2023

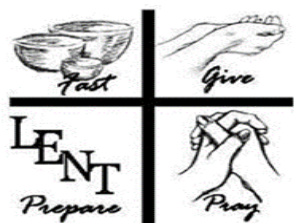
7:00pm to 9.00pm.

Ticket – £5 per person

Tickets will be available at the back of the church.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei Spirituality Centre. All welcome!
Next session **21st March, 2023**



LENTEN ACTIVITIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays at 7.30pm
(except 17th of March)**

PASSOVER MEAL

Wednesday 29th March at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Tickets are available from Germaine.

INVITATION TO OUR MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL

At the Home Office, Marsham Street,
SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm

Monday 20th March 2023

Every first and third Monday of the month.

Add your name to our mailing list for future dates and prayer sheets in advance via Barbarakentish@talktalk.net or orjohanmaertens@hotmail.com

OLIVE WOOD CARVES FROM THE HOLYLAND

**On sale here on 25th /26th March after
all Masses**

We are the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem) which is based in Nottingham. Our goal is to support and help the Christian families in the holy land to stay at work as olive wood carving is one of the most important source of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale.

So by selling their produce here in their behalf, this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities, as a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem there is only forty one thousands Christians left in the area.

SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

There are several ways of supporting those who are trying to help our brothers and sisters in this tragic situation. The following are ways in which you can help.

***By using our contactless keypad at
back of the church; or
Donating through***

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible.

For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

Or donating to

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>

WYD23 LISBON

"Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39)



We are going to the **WORLD YOUTH DAY!**
Lisbon, 1 to 6 of August 2023

The invitation is for young people 18+ We could look for sponsorships to be able to do this experience

Please get in contact with Sr Anabel, FMVD, wgparishsister@rcdow.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The repose of the souls of:

Henry Francois, RIP

[widower of the late Anastacia Francois]

Who died on 12th February 2023

His Funeral Mass on

Wednesday 15th March at 9:30am.

And

Bridget Gaynor, RIP

[sister of the late Anne Comerford]

Who died on Thursday 16 February 2023

Her Funeral Mass on

Monday 20th March at 9:15am

We remember their families and friends in our prayers.

May they rest in peace.

Entrance Antiphon

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

First reading
Exodus 17:3-7

Psalms 94

*O that today you would listen to his voice:
"Harden not your hearts."*

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: 5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Communion Antiphon

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

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul:

Julia Knell

Catherine Tourmentin

Bridget Gaynor [sister of the late Anne]

Henry Francois [widower of the late Anastasia]

Teresa McManus [widow of the late Joe]

Johanna Mary Geoghegan [Philip's mother]

RIP Anniversary

Nicholas Quinn

Nellie O'Shea

Michael Mills

Desmond Russell Vangramberg

Special Intentions:

The Gaynor Family

The Francois Family

The McManus Family

The Geoghegan Family

And for the sick and those in our parish

Ann

Bridget

Ernest Sr

Ivy

Kathy F

Kim

Laura

Merle

Michael J

Monica

Patricia

Rose

Sheila

Veronica

**NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE LISTED IN
OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS**

MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.15am

Wednesday 15th 9:30am – Funeral Mass

Saturday 6pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

ROSARY

Weekdays at 8.45am (before Mass)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays after Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday 24th and 31st March at 7:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5 – 5.30pm

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Joe Ryan, Parish Priest

Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister

Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

To make an appointment

Phone: 0208 888 5518 or email

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*We cannot guarantee to have anyone available
outside of these hours.*