



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Exodus 17:3-7

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

**Second reading:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise 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 and praise to you, O Christ, you are the Word of the God!

**Gospel:** John 4:5-42



**Dear Parishioners**

We can all learn a lesson from the Samaritan woman, who was no saint by earthly standards, but who was sincere and honest of heart in telling her story. As we journey through life in our search for complete happiness and for total love, we can drink at the well of power, pleasure and prestige only to discover that there still remains a gnawing uneasiness. Trying to quench a spiritual thirst with material things is like trying to satisfy a physical thirst with salt water. The more we drink, the thirstier we become. The truth is that we are all empty vessels and only capable of being fulfilled with something spiritual. When we enter into the depths of our heart, we find that there is a tremendous desire, an inner ache within us that only the love of God can satisfy. It is part of our make-up to crave for the unending, the unchanging and the eternal. If we remain true to our baptismal calling, Christ will quench our spiritual thirst with the living water of grace, which will lead us to eternal life. The Samaritan woman gives us great hope and encouragement in the way she opened her life to the saving power of Christ. Her past does not prevent her from being a messenger of the Gospel.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent Year(A)**

**Week commencing Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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### Masses

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)	Kathleen O'Brien RIP
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)	Steve Sollis RIP
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> March			
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am	Requiem Mass of Peter McGoldrick RIP	
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross & Benediction	People of the Parish
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> March			Wellbeing of the EBC
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am	Funeral Service of Anthony Roache RIP	
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)	Hector, Phyllis & Sheila Hall RIP
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)	Sollis Family RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

#### Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, . Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn.

#### Those who have recently died: .

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin.

## Information

### Missio

Geraldine Flynn is the new secretary for Missio and will be available to collect your red Missio box from promoters and individuals after mass on Saturday Evening and Sunday morning of the weekend 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of March. If for any reason you are unable to get your Missio box to us on these dates, please give her a call on 07719 488754 directly to make alternative arrangements.

### Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We will be collecting any new, unopened Christmas gifts and gift sets after Christmas for future fundraising sales. Please keep anything that you think might be saleable and check the bulletin for details of when we will be collecting these items. No alcohol. Thank you!

### Sunday Coffee

Thank you for joining us for coffee and a big thank you to Marie Andrews for bringing some of her crafts to sell to raise funds for the parish. We raised over seventy pounds.

### Wednesdays During Lent

At 7pm on Wednesdays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross together with Exposition and Benediction. Do please come along and use the service as part of your Lenten preparations.

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