

12TH MARCH 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.**

Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

THE COLLECT

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R.v8

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

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. **(R)**

Come in; let us bow 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. **(R)**

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.' **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Cf. Jn 4:42.15

**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 5-15.19-26.39-42

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'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.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings,
and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins,
may take care to forgive our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 4: 13-14

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

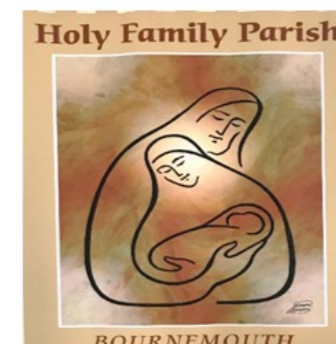
As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us in mystery
may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Third Sunday of Lent

12th March 2023

THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensburry Park



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The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is remarkable in many ways. First of

all, Jesus speaks to a woman, and a Samaritan woman at that. Samaritans were usually disdained by the Jews and this woman was also someone who had had a number of lovers. But Jesus cuts through all the normal conventions and sees right into the soul of this ordinary woman. She is so moved by her meeting with Jesus that she recognises her own sinfulness and her need for forgiveness. There are plenty of examples in the Gospels of Jesus spending time with 'disreputable' people for which he is severely judged by the 'law-abiding' members of the Jewish community.

If we wish sincerely to follow Jesus, we need to have a personal

encounter with him. In doing so we too will recognise our sinfulness and our need for forgiveness. And once we have done that we will be in a position to love others, no matter how 'disreputable' they may be, or how they are viewed by the 'upright' members of society. Pope Francis never tires of reminding us that our prime duty as Christians is to go towards the suffering, those on the margins of society and those whom society judges harshly.



Dear Parishioners, Today is the Third Sunday in Lent.

The First scrutiny of the catechumenates takes place today in the cathedral. Let us pray for all those who are called to be baptized during this Easter Vigil, and all those who will be received into the Church during this Easter time. We need to pray for Doreen from St. Bernadette, who will be received into the church on Easter day.

PALM SUNDAY and PENTECOST SUNDAY

For several years now we have celebrated the Triduum, that is Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil as one parish, at Christ the King, which is our Parish Church. It has proved to be a good experience for us to pool our resources and celebrate the highlight of the Church's year as a parish. This is usual in parishes which is made up of more than one worshipping community.

Since Covid and recent lock down, numbers have significantly reduced at both churches. Considering this, and after a lengthy discussion at the recent Pastoral Parish Council meeting, it was agreed that **this year on Palm Sunday, there will be only one Mass which will take place at Christ the King at 10.00am.** This will enable us to fully commemorate together, Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and the beginning of Holy Week.

I sincerely desire and hope that it will constitute the joy of our parish togetherness. And may I request you to consider this seriously and to make the necessary arrangements in order to participate in this significant liturgy this year.

It is equally important that we celebrate the birth of the Church at Pentecost as one parish, and so this Mass will take place at **St Bernadette's at 11.00am on Sunday 28th of May** and will be followed by a parish celebration in the hall. So please save the date - **Sunday 28th May, the Day of Pentecost.**

Lord in our midst or not ?

Today's liturgy deals with God's mysterious presence amidst us through signs and symbols. The People will always be hungry and thirsty again. Besides a continued need for food and drink, man has many more needs desires and wants. Man may yearn for truth freedom justice and love. The great bishop St. Augustine stated, "My heart is restless till it rests in God". God-with-us in Lord Jesus is ready to satisfy man's desires.

Today's Gospel uses the symbolism of water. Water is life-giving. God's people lived in a land surrounded by barren deserts., and water constituted a question of life and death. The theme of this Sunday is "Is the Lord with us or not"? He is. The point (God's word to you and me) is that we should open up to this mysterious presence of God in our midst, which today's bible readings present through the symbolism of water, so avidly experienced by biblical man as life-giving. Jesus thus said "Whoever drinks this water that I shall give him , will have a spring inside him welling up for Eternal Life".

Fr. Chacko

POPE's INTENTIONS

for March 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered from members of the church, may they find within the church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering

www.thepopevideo.org

MASS

INTENTIONS

Anyone can ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons:

for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

We can never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

If you would like a Mass offered for your intention, please speak to Fr Chacko

Mass request envelopes are at the back of church.

Donations / offerings

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Jocelyne Cotrel Kevin Moor Frances & Tony Herbert Sheila Shelley
Les Netherton Frances Smith Anna Browne Tony Bateman
Noel Harris

Please contact the Parish Office for your prayer intentions



DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 11	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Lent
Sun 12	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of the Third Sunday of Lent <i>9.30am Mass Int: Linda Dunsden</i> <i>11am Mass Int: Dorothy & Henry RIP</i>
Mon 13	StB	6pm	The Way of the Cross followed by Mass at 6.30pm Anniversary of Election of Pope Francis
Tues 14	CtK	9am	Adoration followed by Mass
Wed 15			NO MASS
Thur 16	CtK	9.30 am	Mass
Fri 17	CtK StB	9.30am 6 pm	Mass followed by the Way of the Cross The way of the Cross followed by Holy Hour at 6.30pm
Sat 18	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sun 19	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of the Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>9.30am Mass Int: Bill Blackburn RIP</i>

CARITAS - HOMES FOR UKRAINE

There are still many Ukrainians looking to come to the UK to seek sanctuary from the war. Saint John of God Hospitaller Services (SJOG) and Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are offering a matching, training and support service under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

If you would like to know more, Caritas and SJOG are holding an online event on **Wednesday 22nd March 6-6.45pm**. To Register, telephone 01364 645360 or go to

<https://forms.office.com/e/adH56azgaq>



DIOCESAN QUIZ NIGHT

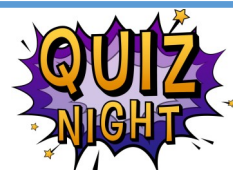
The next quiz will be the Big Diocesan Quiz, organised by the

Plymouth Children's Society.

Questions are set by the society and the quiz held will be held in local parishes.

Book the date in your diary -

Friday 28th of April.



Congratulations to Pope Francis
who on 13th March celebrates his 10th anniversary as the 266th Pope

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Stations of the Cross / The way of the cross Mondays & Fridays 6pm @ StB Fridays 9.30am @CtK

Sat 25th March 9.30am start Holy Family 'Walking together' for CAFOD finishing with Lunch @StB

Sat 1st April 11am Children's Stations of the Cross/ Way of the Cross @CtK

Tues 4 April 7pm A meditation & Reconciliation service for Holy week @CtK



Mondays & Fridays
9am—1pm @CtK

Come and be warm
Have a tea & a chat



Please continue to pray for those preparing for their First Holy Communion and those to be confirmed in our Parish this summer

I asked God, 'How much do you love me?'
He said 'This much' and stretched out His hands.....

God so loved the world....
7pm at CtK Tuesday 4th April

A reflection for Holy Week followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those who wish...



Holy Family 'Walking Together' for CAFOD

YOU are invited to walk for CAFOD

On Saturday 25th March,

It will be a chance to walk, talk and raise money together as a Parish!

Take a flyer with the full information at the end of mass

