

MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Saturday 14 th March - Feria	6.30pm	Rose Aboud (R.I.P)
Sunday 15 th March – Third Sunday of Lent	9am	Tim & Josie Keane 60 th Wedding Anniversary
	11am	Lily Follon (R.I.P)
Monday 16 th March – Feria	9.00am	Sean McManus R.I.P
Tuesday 17 th March – St Patrick	10am	Paddy Dear (R.I.P)
Wednesday 18 th March - Feria	9.00am	John Farrell (R.I.P)
Thursday 19 th March – St Joseph	9.00am	Holy Souls
Friday 20 th March – Feria	9.00am	Crystal Stimpson (Int)
Saturday 21 st March - Feria	9.00am	People of the Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

Saturday 21 st March - Feria	6.30pm	Vincent Friel (R.I.P)
Sunday 22 nd March – Fourth Sunday of Lent	9am	Cordelia Onodu (Int)
	11am	Garry Honeyball (R.I.P)

Morning Prayer is recited every morning at 8.30am

Psalter: Week 3

Rosary is said every morning after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30am and 5.30pm
-6.00pm.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)

14th & 15th March 2020

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When we have a need that is not met, it is easy to take out that frustration on someone – just as the Israelites, who desperately needed water in the wilderness, got angry with their leader, Moses, and used him as their scapegoat.

But, if we turn to God, we find help, though not always as obviously or dramatically as the Israelites did when they got water from a rock.

Living water is available to us, as it was to the Israelites and to the Samaritan woman at the well. If we wonder, “surely not for me; I’m not good enough” then we should remember that Jesus chose to reveal himself as Saviour, source of living water to a most unlikely person – a woman, with whom rabbis were not supposed to interact; a Samaritan, regarded as unclean by the Jews; and an immoral woman, who lived with enough shame that she came to the well when others would not be there, But Jesus offered to meet her deepest need, and continues to do the same for us, today.

Through him, we can have the greatest peace, share God’s glory and thrive on the love God pours into our hearts, like the water poured from the rock and the well.

PRAYER: Generous God, I open my heart to your love, poured in like refreshing water for my thirsty soul. Help me to pour out that love on to others. Amen.

*Have a good Lent
God Bless
Father Maurice*

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Michael Balfour, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Desmond family, Gerry Dique, Anthony Doherty, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Jenny Jones, Ann Kelly, Neil Kelly, Sheila Leahy, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison Frances Nolan, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Nellie Ringrose, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Clara Yankey. Julia Joseph, Mary Kakari, John Barry, Sarah Content, Celia Desmond, Bill and Teresa Shorey, Jean Berry, John Doherty. Francesca Kelly, Paul & Eva AU, Rose Dique.

PARISH FINANCES

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelopes</u>
7 th & 8 th March 2020	£628.32	£450.75
CAFOD/Lent Fast Day	£590.72	

Confirmation Programme 2019/2020: The next session will be held on 28th March 2020 at 4pm.

First Holy Communion 2019/20: The next session will be held on Thursday the 19th March 2020, at 7pm.

Baptism Course: The next course is on 9th May at 9am in the parish hall.

Stations of the Cross: This will take place next Friday at St. Nicholas' Church at 7.30pm, all are welcome.

Tea Dance: Our next Tea Dance will be held this Wednesday the 18th March 2020 in the Parish Centre. As this is the day after St Patrick's day it will be a special St Patrick's celebration green will be the theme. Music by the fabulous Finbar Black, dancing from 13.30 till 16.30. admission £5.00 includes tea coffee and cakes. Any information please contact me John O'Connor on 07903366992

Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday 8th April at 11am, a coach will be leaving here at 9.30am. If you would like to go along, please put your details on to the board at the back of the Church.

200 Club: We still have cheques available for collection for P. Zindi & S. Galley – please see Father Marurice after Mass.

CAFOD Envelopes: Thank you for returning your envelopes last weekend and for once again being so generous, donating a total of £590.72.

Lent events at Gidea Park, Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Wednesdays 18th & 25th March 7pm-8.30pm The Great Johannie Gospels. On three evenings Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about the Gospels of the Samaritan Woman (Third Sunday of Lent), the Man Born Blind (fourth Sunday) and the Raising of Lazarus (fifth Sunday) in preparation for the Sunday liturgy. We will conclude with a shared reading of the Gospel passage. To book GPstudydays@gmail.com or phone 01708 449914

On 29th March 2020 England will be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary'. This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. Mgr John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, has asked people to prepare spiritually for the rededication by praying the Angelus every day after our parish Masses. The Angelus is a most suitable prayer to prepare us spiritually for the rededication, recalling as it does, 'some essential moments in the History of Salvation, reminding us of Mary's 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, which undid Eve's 'no' in the Garden of Eden'. We profess our faith in 'The Word, who was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us' and in his Death and Resurrection, the eternal destiny to which each of us is called in Christ.

Job Vacancies: Cleaners – 15hrs per week, 52 weeks per year £10.71 per hr. The Campion School is looking to appoint relief cleaners to start as soon as possible. For further details and an application form, please contact Mrs. C Noddings on 01708 452332 ext 359

The Passage is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tues 17th March – 12 noon Tues 24th March 2020 to support its work Helping Homeless People to move away from the street to a new home and to return to work. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 andrew.h@passage.org.uk