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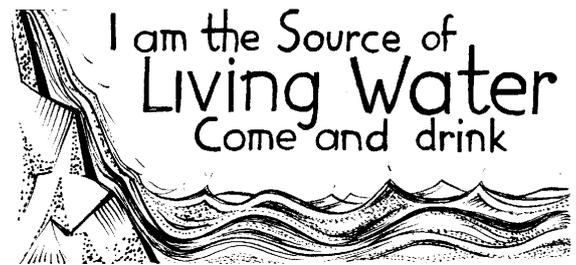
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## Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Catherine Daly RIP
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Rolly Obenza RIP
		<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Benediction</b>
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Yvette Allen
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Jim & Theresa O'Grady RIP
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Mireille Byrne RIP
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	M.U. Joseph & P.L. Joseph RIP
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5.15 pm</b>	<b>Rosary for Justice &amp; Peace in the Holy Land</b>
		6.00 pm	Patrick McGrath RIP
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Intention of Bert Brannard
		10.30 am	Mary Haugh RIP
		<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Hours and Benediction</b>



**SATURDAY:** Reconciliation: 10.15 -10.45 am and 5.15 – 5.45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 17:3-7; Paul to Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 1Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

**COLLECTIONS: Church: £494 DONA: £352 CAFOD Lent Fast Day: £774 Thank you for your generosity**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Bernard Markham, Ruth Waywell, John, Christopher Williams, Laura Pegg, Olivia (was Bengston-Gear) & family, Marie Davidson, Alice Headon, Shona, Jonathan Waywell, Elaine C, Richard Wells, Natasha, Henry Allen, David Hall, Baby Ava Lily Jaswal, David Steadman, Paul & Veronica Williams, Shirley Bradbury, Brian Johnstone, Terence Wheeler, David Lancaster, Camilla Jane, Michelle Dielt, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Tony & Kathleen Kearney, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Sienna Coates, Pat Duggan, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Mary Murphy, Noel & Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Ernest Hare, Cyril Woodgar, George Welch, Mark Zenkteler.

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Margaret Sullivan, Kathleen Shortt, John Gomez Rosina Curtis, Julian Mokrski, Alfonso Dibiasse, Elsie Phelan, Rolly Obenza, Maurice Brunet, Mary Ellis, Rene McGrath, Anne Soper, Charlie Gillespie, Delia Evans, Annie Mather, Natalie Citterio, Tony Towers, Catherine McGoohan, James Brownlee. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**3. THE LENTEN ALMS BOX** is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of Women in the Diocese.

**4. ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT 'HOOLEY'** in aid of our Parish Project, will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00 pm in the Barn. Irish Step Dancers, three course traditional Irish Supper – Bacon & Cabbage - Homemade desserts, Irish Coffee, Bar, a Sing-a-long and Raffle,. Come and enjoy an evening of fun, good food music and dance. Donations of Raffle prizes would be appreciated. Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend: Adults £10.00, Children £5.00

**5. WHEN DID YOU LAST VISIT THE REPOSITORY?** We now have a selection of Mother's Day, St Patrick and Easter cards in the shop together with the beautiful handmaid cards, the money from which, goes to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga.

**6 THE LENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** will take place here on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. If you will be unable to come there are posters in the porches with details of services being held elsewhere in the Deanery. There will be a choice of confessors.

## **7. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March – St Patrick's Night 'Hooley' – 7.00 pm  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Lent Service of Reconciliation – 7.00 pm  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Mass of the Lord's Supper – 8.00 pm  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3.00 pm  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April - The Solemn Vigil of Easter – 8.00 pm  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday – Mass at 8.15 and 10.30 am

**8. GRANDPARENTS' FORMATION DAY:** Thursday 23 April 10-4pm at St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham  
Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. You will be able to listen to the inspirational experience of David Wells as evangelist, father and grandfather. A chance to meet with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith you might like to visit his website W: [davidwellslive.com](http://davidwellslive.com) To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events) If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

**9. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT** is one of the small boxes under the noticeboard to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated

**10. TURNING TIDES: URGENT! THE WINTER WISHLIST:** Waterproof & Water Repellent Jackets, Thermals T-shirts M/L Hoodies, Fleece, Sweatshirts, M/L Tracksuit Bottoms, M/L NEW Gloves, Socks, Winter Hats, NEW Women's Pants S/M, NEW Men's Boxers S/M. Also Shampoo, Body Wash, Body Wipes, Deodorant, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Razors & Shaving gel. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year. It is much appreciated.

**Father Liam says: It is clear from the gospels that all twelve apostles** were gathered with Jesus at the Last Supper. It was the celebration of the Passover. Every Jewish family celebrated it in their own home with their own household. But Jesus was in Jerusalem with his new family – the Apostles. Many other followers of his were in Jerusalem also. We are not told who, apart from the twelve gathered together for that special Passover. It was the Passover of Jesus – marking his approaching suffering, death and Resurrection. Earlier in the day Jesus had sent Peter and John with the words: 'Go and prepare for us the Pasch that we may eat'.

For Christians this meal stands out above all the meals ever eaten – because at that meal Jesus instituted the Eucharist. Though he was about to be put to death, he would remain with his disciples to the end of time. His Risen presence in the Eucharist is his great gift to us. Because his love has no end, his presence with us in the Eucharist has no end.

St John introduces the Passover meal most solemnly: 'Jesus, knowing that his hour was come, that he should pass out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, loved them to the end'. (13:1) Luke says: 'with desire, I have desired to eat the Pasch with you. From this time, I will not eat it till it be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God'. (22:15,16) During the course of the meal Jesus had told his followers: 'One of you is going to betray me'. Later Judas leaves, but none understood why. Judas was in charge of the common purse so they thought Jesus had asked him to buy something they needed or perhaps had told him to give something to the poor. What Jesus had said to him was: 'what you are going to do, do quickly'. (John 13:27-30)

After the meal Jesus went with his disciples to the garden of Gethsemani. Judas knew they would be there and he led a cohort there to arrest Jesus. He had left the table of the Passover meal early so as to commit his treachery and betray Jesus with a kiss. Jesus had left the table with the eleven and had gone to the garden to pray to the Father. He was overwhelmed with the prospect facing him – his condemnation as a criminal, his suffering in carrying the Cross and being put to death. He prayed: 'My Father, if it be possible, let the chalice pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will'. He had taken Peter, James and John to be nearest him in his anguish and to comfort him, but they fell asleep. Jesus reproached Peter, especially. 'Could you not watch one hour with me.' But they fell asleep again – and when the soldiers came and arrested Jesus, all the eleven deserted Jesus and fled. It was all too much for them.

The Mass on Holy Thursday is called the solemn evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. We have the ceremony of the Washing of the Feet. At the Last Supper Jesus not only instituted the Eucharist. He also washed the feet of the disciples -something they were most reluctant to allow him to do. And he told them: 'If I then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet.' At the end of the Mass on Holy Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament is solemnly removed from the church and transferred to the Good Shepherd chapel. This represents what happened to Jesus after the Last Supper when he went and prayed to the Father and brought his followers with him. We are encouraged to spend some time in the Good Shepherd chapel in adoration of Christ's abiding presence with us.

During Lent this year there is a time of quiet adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday afternoon. Every contact Our Lord has with us is designed to give us life. 'In him was life. And as many as received him he gave them power to be made the children of God.' Jesus has given himself to us in the Eucharist so that he can always be close to us. It is the way he has chosen to be always near to us. He treasures us. We belong to him. He wants us to ponder on the fact that this is how much he loves us. He does not want to be separated from us so he has come to live among us. It is important that we find time to thank him for his love. He has come not to be served but to serve. He serves us by assuring us of his love. We matter immeasurably to him. He says to us: 'come to me all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest'.