

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS:** This Sunday at 10am Mass Rebecca Ayres and Bella Wyn Mills will be received into the Order of Catechumens. We also welcome Malcolm Harris, Roxanne Ria Winders, Craig Jandu, Jake Jandu, and Evan Jandu as they will be received into the full Communion with the Catholic Church. Please welcome them and keep them in our prayers.

**WORLD POVERTY GROUP:** We shall be starting our "Easter Egg Raffle" this weekend 18th/19th March. We shall have the draw on Sunday 9th April after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Hall. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

**GIFT AID AND PLANNED GIVING:** The boxes of envelopes for gift aid and planned giving for the next financial year, starting from 9th April, are now available at the back of Church. Anyone else who would like to gift aid or take part in the planned giving scheme please contact Noel Harte on 024 76694212. Thanks to everyone who contributes to the Parish Funds.

**BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING:** A Bereavement Group meet each Friday afternoon at St Oswald's Church on Jardine Crescent. Anyone who would like to attend are most welcome.

**AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Fr Harry Curtis and St Joseph the Worker Church are holding an afternoon of Recollection on Saturday, 1st April, 12.00-4.00 pm, in their parish hall. There will be a talk and a time of prayer for Eucharistic Ministers, in preparation for renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday. All our Eucharistic Ministers of our Parish our welcome to attend.

**"THE GIFT" - LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE:** To be held at Christ the King Church – 6 sessions beginning at 7.15pm on Thursday 27th April, 4th, 11th 18th, 25th May and 8th June. If you wish to know more, an overview of the course will be held on Sunday 23rd April at 6.30pm at Christ the King Church. Next weekend at both Masses John Cassidy will be talking about this.

**EXTRA MASS:** During Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross followed by Mass on a Friday evening at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** Next Sunday we celebrate Mothering Sunday. So, we pray for them all in the coming week. May God keep them safe and pass his blessings onto them.

**PIETY SHOP:** New stock is now available in the piety shop including cards for Mothering Sunday, Easter, First Holy Communion as well as small gifts. The shop is open before and after Mass at the weekend, but can also be opened when Michelle is in the office.

**BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - VACANCIES FOR EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS:** Please see the advertisement in porch at the back of Church.

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### THIRD SUNDAY LENT – YEAR A.

Reading Year A Parish Mass Book P. 158- Psalter week 3

Preface of the Samaritan Woman - Eucharistic Prayer III.

Sunday 19th March 2017



"The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life."  
(Jn.4:14).

Dear Parishioners, as the Israelites journeyed through the desert, Moses provided them with the life saving gift of ordinary water. Jesus, the new Moses, gives humankind living water, a share in the very life of God. After meeting Jesus, the Samaritan woman's life was changed and she truly had happiness. As Christians, we met Jesus at the well of Baptism and he has given us the ability to drink his living water. Through the sacraments we receive, let us ask God to strengthen our faith and love and transform our lives, so that like the Samaritan woman, we may have happy life and become God's messenger among others.

**Mass times and Intentions:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>05.00pm</b>	Derek Harper - Ann.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent.</b>	
		<b>10.00am</b>	Roger Fahey - RIP.
			John and Annie O'Brien - RIP
		<i>04.00pm</i>	<b>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction.</b>
Monday	20th	<i>Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the BVM.</i>	
		09.00am	John Keogh - RIP.
Tuesday	21st	09.15am	Molly Dunn - RIP.
Wednesday	22nd	09.00am	<b>Eucharistic Service.</b>
Thursday	23rd	12.00pm	Vi Donoghue - RIP.
Friday	24th	09.00am	Bishop Joseph Vu Duy Thong - RIP.
			<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.</i>
		6.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross followed by Mass</b>
Saturday	25th	<i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.</i>	
		10.00am	Jane White - 90th Birthday.
		<b>05.00pm</b>	Ellen Wynne - Sp. Ints.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent.</b>	
		<b>10.00am</b>	Sp. Ints.
		<i>04.00pm</i>	<b>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction.</b>

<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	Saturday	After morning Mass & evening Mass.	
<b>BAPTISM &amp; WEDDINGS:</b>	By appointment.		
<b>E. MINISTERS</b>	Saturday	05.00pm	A. Tourville / C. Morris.
<b>25th &amp; 26th March</b>	Sunday	10.00am	J. Bradley / I. Bateman / O. McGinnity.
<b>READERS</b>	Saturday	05.00pm	Children from the School
<b>25th &amp; 26th March</b>	Sunday	10.00am	C. Knox / H. Tigbe.
<b>LAST WEEK OFFERTORY:</b>	<b>£498.46. (Including Gift Aid)</b>		
<b>GIFT AID:</b>	<b>£273.05.</b>		
<b>FOR CAFOD:</b>	<b>£510.30. Thank you for your generosity.</b>		
<b>SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR PARISH DEBT.</b>			

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at 10am Mass on Sunday  
**TEA & COFFEE IN THE PARISH HALL** after 10.00am Mass to support "Mary's Meals"  
**CLEANING ROTA** for Wednesday 22nd March 2017 - Parish Team.  
**COUNTING TEAM** next Sunday 26th March 2017 - McAree Team.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS & EXPOSITION:** Thursday at 11am.

**RCIA (Journey of Faith):** Monday at 7pm.

**GOSPEL SHARE:** Thursday at 7pm.

**CATECHESIS:** Lessons will be held weekly from **11-12pm** and from **12-1pm** for all candidates and those attending non-Catholic School. Please contact Christine Knox at 02476 468732 to enrol.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY OF OUR PARISH:** Jim O'Brien, Mary Hewson, Maureen Daly, Mary Hayes, Keith Evans, Madeline Huntbach, Maureen Weir, Bridie Cooke, Phyllis Sage, Michael O'Brien, Noreen McCarthy, Christina Di Maria, Kathleen Cashman, Maria Fletcher, Rene Costelloe, Mary A Hayes, Robert Dick, John Doran, Ellen Wynne, Nora Noonan, Peter O'Hara, Margaret Wess, Edith Jonnis, Lynda Thomas, Mavis Booth, Margaret Hall, James Lloyd-Cameron, Rev. Michael Wright and Kathleen Ollis.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Edward Kennedy, Robert Lavelle, John Quinn, Elizabeth Dick, Michael Hughes, John Joseph Folan, Christopher O'Toole, Maureen Ann Kennedy, Mary Hadley, Patrick J. Hoare, Mary Philomena McGinnity, Michael Battles, Patrick (Tom) Doyle, Elizabeth Clarke, Michael (Bert) Marren, Madeline Stacey, Oliver Murtagh (Collin Scott), John Feenan and Mary Edna Feenan.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR** the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Malinovskis**, who died on Sunday 05th March 2017. Her body will be received into Church on Thursday 30th March 2017 at 5pm and her funeral will be on Friday 31st March at 10am, followed by burying at Canley Cemetery at 11.30am. We also pray for **Doris Mulhern**, who died on 5th March 2017. Her body will be received into the OLA's Church on 5th April 17 at 7pm, and her funeral will be on Thursday 6th April 17 at 12noon; followed by burying at Canley Cemetery at 1.30pm. May they rest in peace.

**ENROLMENT MASS FOR CONFIRMATION:** Next Saturday at 5pm Mass we welcome the children of Year 5 who will making their confirmation in November and their families to their Enrolment Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

**FATIMA CENTENARY 1917/2017 - CELEBRATION EVENT:** This will be taking place on Saturday 13/5 at St. Peter Apostle Church, Leamington Spa, which is a pilgrimage Church in the Archdiocese for the Centenary Year. Please come and bring a friend. A packed lunch will be needed. For parking please use St. Peter's multi storeyed car park. For details see the poster on our parish notice board and on our Archdiocese website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)