

Sunday 19th March 2017
Third Sunday of Lent

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Psalter Week 3

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Fourth, 'L'Étare' Sunday of
Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41 (shorter form: John
9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)

Jews and Samaritans, by the time of our Lord, had not associated with each other for several hundred years. The Samaritans were, like the Jews, descendants of Abraham and worshippers of God, but they had intermarried with Gentiles and were also, in the view of the Judæans ('Jews') heretical in their belief, in particular by rejecting the necessity of offering sacrifice only in Jerusalem—they sacrificed, and indeed continue to do so to this day, on Mount Gerizim. Samaria lies uncomfortably between Judæa and Galilee; the people of Galilee who were Jews adhered to 'orthodox' Judaism, and therefore whenever they desired to make sacrifice or otherwise pray in the temple, it was necessary to journey through Samaria. This, then is what our Lord was doing in today's Gospel.

Today's passage belongs to a time and culture far from our own, which rather robs of it of its obvious meaning. Some other cultures, without running water in a hot climate, may understand better. When today's Gospel passage was read by a friend of mine in Africa, the women hearers were immediately puzzled as to why the Samaritan woman should be coming to draw water only at noon, the 'sixth hour'. One usually draws water early in the morning, while it is still cool. One of these African women spoke up, illuminated: "She'd been working hard all night!" The woman, then was on the margins even of her own people. Our Lord is once again reaching out to those who were considered beyond the pale.

But water can bring life to the driest desert, and it was precisely to these spiritually dried-up people that our Lord offered his water of life to show that there is nobody outside his mercy and his grace. Salvation was not only for the Jews, though as he says, it comes from the Jews. There is, then, nobody reading this who is incapable of becoming a saint if he or she truly desire and pray for it. God will give his grace to all who want it, a grace that can turn the deserts of our hearts into paradise, but we must be prepared to co-operate with this grace with all our strength. But who would not choose life over death?

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 19th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Coffee and Tea after 10:45am Mass
4pm Confirmation session 5 (Old Hall)

Mon 20th: Teas & coffee after Mass

Tues 21st: No Toddler group
10:40am Lent Group (Old Hall)

Wed 22nd: 8:30am Ecumenical morning prayer (Sacred Heart Church)
1pm Lent Group (Old Hall)
8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)

Thurs 23rd: 2pm SVP (Old Hall)
8pm Baptism Preparation Course (Old Hall)

Sat 25th: 1:30pm First Holy Communion Group B (Old Hall)

Sun 26th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Coffee and Tea after 10:45am Mass
4pm Confirmation session 5 (Old Hall)
🌸 Mothers Day 🌸



**Your Prayers are requested for the following
persons who are ill or housebound:**

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh;
Daisy Hill; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson;
Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy Mullen; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy; Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise & Breda Sharpe.

NB. No changes to Mass times this week.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 25th March 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please note new venue at: Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG.

1.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass or service of the Word and Holy Communion; 12.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30pm Talk "The Gift of Discernment of Spirits" by Cathy Stayne 3.30pm Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs).

For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com

Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

The following month, on Saturday 22nd April, our guest speakers will be Geoff and Gina Poulter talking about the Gift of Prophecy.

Ecumenical morning prayer will be here - Sacred Heart Church (for the whole month of March) on Wednesday at 8.30am. All are welcome to join.

The Justice and Peace Group would like to thank you for supporting the FairTrade stall last Sunday. The sum of £157.43 was raised. We welcome you again at our next FairTrade stall in May.

Come and relax at St. Cuthman's Retreat Centre over the weekend of Mothering Sunday at our Special Offer of £62.00 per person. Arrive from 2pm onwards on Friday 24th March 2017 and enjoy our delicious afternoon tea and depart lunch on Sunday 26th March 2017.

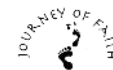
Please contact St. Cuthman's on 01403 741220 and quote ref "01/03 Mothering Sunday Offer"

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Cuthman's.

Whether your Lent was a good one or not – end it in the best way possible. - Join the Parish Retreat! Come for an enjoyable few hours! Saturday, 8th April in the Centenary Hall. Free!

Easter Retreat for Young Adults –

The popular, and powerful, Easter Retreat for young adults will be running again this year from Maundy Thursday (April 13th) to Easter Sunday (April 16th), offering young adults the chance to journey together through the key events marked by the Easter Triduum. If you've never experienced this in the heart of a monastic community, surrounded by people your own age, alive in the faith, it's really worth doing! For more details or to book, contact toc@worthabbey.net. You are also welcome to contact Jack Regan from the Diocesan Pastoral Team – Jack.Regan@dabnet.org.



Two topics this week!

A video on Reconciliation –

Or

The Creed – the first part.

Join us – and also for our consideration of the readings for next Sunday, with ideas from the Lent booklet.

All welcome!

**8.00p.m. Wednesday 22nd March,
in the Old Hall**

New Gift Aid Envelopes

If you forgot to collect your Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year last week, they will still be available for collection. Could all members, both weekly envelope and standing order members, please collect theirs from the table in the porch. Thank you for all your contributions in the past year. If you would like to join our Gift Aid Scheme please contact Peter Kelly on peterfkelly67@gmail.com or collect a form from the porch.

A set of keys have been handed into the Church. If they might be yours please contact the Parish Office.

St Thomas' Hall - Please note that the St Thomas' Hall will be **closed** on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st for sound proofing works. Toddler group is cancelled this week and Scouts and Beavers will be in the Old Hall.

Why not do something different this Lent? Be sociable - come to a Lent group. Details in the church porch.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

From 12-21 May 2017. In the footsteps of Jesus - From Nazareth to Jerusalem via Bethlehem and Jordan Valley. Led by members of the Chemin Neuf Community. See www.chemin-neuf.org.uk or Email: storrington@chemin-neuf.org

A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 - Helpers and The Redshirts:

People are invited to apply as Helpers for this year's pilgrimage, and young people in years 10 and 11 are invited to apply now to join The Redshirts for a year of fun, faith and laughter including the pilgrimage to Lourdes with others of the Diocese from 26 July- 4 August 2017. For more information and application forms see the website www.ablourdes.org/contact

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £ 1,420.58 (Gift Aid: £394.15)

Second collection CAFOD: £947.42 (Gift Aid £461.20)



Madaba Lunch.

Over 80 people filled the Centenary Hall on Sunday 12th March for a very enjoyable lunch supplied by the caterer, Carol Jones. A remarkable £563 was raised for the Christian refugees from Mosul presently being supported by the parish of St John the Baptist in Madaba, Jordan. Sincere thanks are due to all who attended or helped in any way particularly those who supplied puddings or contributed Entry March to the decoration and the excellent selection of raffle prizes.

Our next contribution to assist the Iraqis refugees in Madaba will be taken to Jordan next month by a representative of Parishes for Peace and handed personally to Fr. Eyad for distribution to those in need.

A selection of photographs of the lunch, taken by Alan Pullin will shortly be on view in the church porch. Thanks again to all involved. Mike Wood



If you would like to make a contribution or if there is anyone who has already made a support contribution (including the second collection on 29th January 2017), and who is also a UK tax payer and is willing to allow 'Parishes for Peace' to claim Gift Aid on their contribution, could they please collect and complete a 'Parishes for Peace' Gift Aid envelope from the back of the Church and deliver it to the Parish Office.

There will be a Penitential service at Redhill on Friday. There will be a list for car sharing next Sunday 26 March in the porch should you require a lift.

Choir

Hilary will run a choir every Monday from 8-9pm on the following dates at the church - Monday 20th March, 27th March, 3rd April and 10th April



Along with a warm up before each service at 7.30pm on 13th April (Maundy Thursday), 2.00pm on 14th April (Good Friday) and 7.30pm on 15th April (Easter Saturday). If you are interested in joining please contact Hilary on hilary.meyer@hotmail.co.uk. All welcome

Interested in Social Action?

On Saturday 25 March from 10am - 1pm at DABCEC Crawley. Helping to set up a Network for Social Action in the Diocese. For more information contact Aidan Cantwell on Aidan.Cantwell@dabnet.org and to book contact Rosie Read on Rosie.Read@dabnet.org.

John Fisher School Vacancies

COVER SUPERVISOR -

required as soon as possible

SITE ASSISTANT - required as soon as possible

See notice board for full details.

Application forms available via the website on

www.johnfisherschool.org Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby, the Office Manager on jrigby3@suttonmail.org by the closing date: noon on Monday, 20th March 2017. Interviews will be held week commencing 27th March 2017.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and to equality of opportunity. An enhanced CRB will be required.



SVP Film Club – 2.00pm Monday 27th March in the Old Hall

'The Way' will be our March film. Martin Sheen plays Tom, an American doctor who comes to France to collect the remains of his adult son, killed in the Pyrenees while walking the Camino de Santiago, or 'The Way of St James'. Driven by a profound sadness, and desire to understand his son better, Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage, leaving his old life in California behind. Armed with his son's backpack and guidebook, Tom navigates his journey along the 800km Camino, but soon meets others from around the world, all looking for greater meaning in their lives.

Sandy and Eva will introduce this film with a short explanation of the Camino.

CAFOD vintage tea Sunday 30th April 2017-

Tickets for the Parish's Vintage Tea in aid of CAFOD will go on sale after Mass from Sunday 2nd April and will cost £8 each Sunday. All wel-



Baptism - Nicola Erin Palmer will be Baptised here next week. Please keep her in your prayers.



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Magnificat - There are copies of Magnificat available for sale in the shop. This booklet contains all the mass readings and devotional readings for a month. It is pocket size and is very popular.

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(First Friday during school term 7pm)

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Head teacher: Maria Wheeler

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

| Sunday 19th | <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> |
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| 9:00am Mass | Priscilla Wheeldon RIP (Peggy) |
| 10:45am Mass | People of the Parish |
| 5:15pm Mass | Rosalin Long (Foundation) |
| Monday 20th | St Joseph |
| 10am Mass | Margaret O’Riordan (Foundation) |
| Tuesday 21st | |
| 10am Mass | Secular Priests’ Common Fund |
| Wednesday 22nd | |
| 10am Latin Mass | Thomas Conway RIP (L & D Sheriff) |
| Thursday 23rd | <i>St Turibius</i> |
| 10am Mass | Oluwatomi Famori Birthday Ints |
| Friday 24th | |
| 7pm Mass | Joe McCarthy RIP (Family) |
| Saturday 25th | <i>Annunciation</i> |
| 10am Mass | Agustine & Agnes Mendonca RIP (D’Souza family) |
| Sunday 26th | <i>Fourth, ‘L’Etare’ Sunday of Lent</i> |
| 9:00am Mass | Eileen Kelly RIP |
| 10:45am Mass | Mary Owens (Foundation) |
| 5:15pm Mass | People of the Parish |

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40am (cancelled this week)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -

every Tuesday 9am to 10am (cancelled this week)

Rosary -every Wednesday & Thursday 9:40am (cancelled this week)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -

Saturdays: 9am – 10am

Confessions every Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour -

after Saturday Mass

Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm