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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**12th MARCH 2023 – YEAR A**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**: Number 2

**MYSTERY OF FAITH:** When we eat this Bread…

**Sat:** 6:30pm - Fedele Girardi

**Sun:** 10:00am - People of St Peter’s living & deceased

**Tue:** 9:30am - Fr Richard Smith

**Wed:** 7:30pm - Derek, Margaret & family

**Thu:** 9:30am - Rose Bernadette Chopra

**Fri:** 7:30pm - Gallagher & Gilvarry families

**Sat:** 6:30pm - People of St Peter’s living & deceased

**Sun:** 10:00am - Lucy Aguti

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11am - 11:30am

Children’s Liturgy: During 10am Mass

Sunday School: 11:10am to 12noon in the Hall Lounge

Rosary: Wednesday 7:10pm

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Gerry MacGregor, John Vinter, Janis Poole, Antoni Drozd, Bridget O’Rourke, Daniel Melton, William Fisher, Patrick Clinton, Lily Warren, Eileen Hudson, John Murphy, Lorine Roche, Michael Moore, Ann Sloan, Anne Green, Michael McAleer, Clare Grimmett and Anne Wood.

**People who need our prayers:** Ida and Roberto, James, Dan, Gilbert, Lisa, Francis, Jose & family, Diane, Stewart, Gordon, Bill, Pat, Paul, Anne, Wendy, Emily, Bernie, Jacob, the Waterfield family, Peter & Paul, Frank, Val, Marie, Neal, Yvonne, Kele, Sam Sophie, Lewis the Bailey & Thompson families, Melissa, Josie & family, Andrew, Josh & family, Eileen, Marie and Andrew.

**OFFERTORY:** Last week’s collection amounted to £525.63. Thank you very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Last weekend raised £1,112.07 for CAFOD Family Fast Day; a wonderful amount. Thank you very much indeed.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** In Church on Friday at 7pm

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023:** The programme welcomes any candidates who will have reached 8 years old by May this year and are baptised.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 14th and is **open to all**. It begins with Mass at 9:30am and the topic is, ‘Culture, friendship, community’. This is from Pope Francis’ teaching Fratelli tutti. Welcome in Hall Lounge after Mass. The study starts at 10:30am and finishes with lunch at 1pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

**UCM NEWS:** Spring edition is available at the back of Church. There are also a few free copies of The Catholic Post, a quite new, monthly Catholic newspaper.

**MOBILE PHONE:** Found in the Parish Hall last Thursday. Please contact the Parish Office if it is yours and describe the profile picture. Thank you.

**REST IN PEACE:** The death has occurred of Fr Richard Smith who died a week ago. His funeral arrangements will be announced later.

**THIS YEAR’S DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS:** Will be celebrated with Bishop David at the Cathedral on Thursday April 6th at 11am to which the people of the parishes of the Diocese are invited.

**ENCOUNTER RETREAT DAY NORTHAMPTON:** Encounter enables participants to deepen their relationship with God as well as discovering a renewed desire to share their faith with others. This will take place on Saturday March 18th at St Gregory’s Catholic Church Hall, Northampton. Please contact Maria Heath tel: 01604 713015

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** There is a comprehensive list of requested items at the back of church (including tinned foods & household goods). Please keep the donations coming, as stocks are running low and demand is increasing more and more. Thanks to everyone for all the donations, both of goods and money!

**THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES:** Invite you to include your petitions and intentions and share in the masses. For details see: <www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena>

**EARLS BARTON MUSIC:** Presents Mozart’s Requiem at Wollaston School on Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 7pm, and Good Friday, April 7th at 7pm. Tickets are £9 for adults and £4.50 for children and are available from Jeyes in Earls Barton or from TicketSource at: [https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/earlsbartonmusic/mozart-requiem/e-xamxxy, from earlsbartonmusic.com](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/earlsbartonmusic/mozart-requiem/e-xamxxy%2C%20from%20earlsbartonmusic.com%20).

**LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS:** For April - June are now available: £1 each.

**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel**

1. Jesus leads the woman along a wonderful journey towards a deeper, fuller human life. You can enter the story from the perspective of the woman. Recognise her resistance to growth, her complacency, her evasions and her eventual acceptance, partial though it was, of Jesus. *When have you, or others made a similar journey in your relationship with God? With others? With your own self?*

2. The woman is attracted by what Jesus is saying, but from very human motives: the thought of having water in such a way that she did not have to come and draw it from the well. We can be attracted to Jesus by very mixed motives, some of them matters of personal interest - belonging, community, security… *What have been the human motives that have attracted you to faith, prayer, religion, church and that have been steppingstones to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus?* Perhaps we can also see the same movement in the growth of some of our human relationships.

**ADORATION:** Tuesday: 10:15am to 6pm.

Adoration on Tuesday March 21st will include readings of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. Please join us.