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12 March 2023; Third Sunday of Lent



Saturday	11th	5.00pm	Jimmy Connelly	
Sunday	12th	9.00am 11.00am	Martin Walls Paddy Taylor	Third Sunday of Lent
Monday	13th	9.15 am	Delicia Rose	Weekday in Lent
Tuesday	14th	9.15 am	Blanche Watson (St Patrick's School)	Weekday in Lent
Wednesday	15th	9.15am	Kevin Murphy	Weekday in Lent
Thursday	16th	10.30am	Stations of the Cross (St Catherine's) Kathleen Gay-Jessie Rothwell	Weekday in Lent
Friday	17th	9.15am	Joseph-Brendan Lynch	St Patrick's Feast
Saturday	18th	9.45am 5.00pm	Craig Murphy Tess & Reg Bishop	
Sunday	19th	9.00am 11.00am	Kathleen Carroll Bogusza Bieniewicz	Third Sunday of Lent

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP: Myrtle Middleton (St Catherine's) Terri Bell & Family (St Patrick's)

SACRED HEART LAMP: Pavan Athi (St Catherine's) Bell Family (St Patrick's)

SICK: Mary Sutherland; Marshall Silveira; Nichola Butler; Terry Maloney; Eileen McKermitt;
 Kathleen McDermott; Craig Murphy; Susan Thomas;

LATELY DEAD: Patrick McNally; David Hinchcliffe; Jessie Rothwell; Bogusza Bieniewicz; Kathleen Carroll;
 Vin Machin (Scouts); Sue Smith (nee Gay); Ben Curtis.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ida Roland; Winifred Burke; Brian Gay; Hannah Logue; Herbert Vaughan; Sheila Monthero
 James McGlone; Arleen Shipston; Joseph Brown; Dorothea Hawke; James Nolan
 James Garretty John Whitehead; Daisy Kho.

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Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
 Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Collect: O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness that we, who are bowed down by conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. One God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: **A reading from the book of Exodus: 17; 3-7.**
Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord 'How am I to deal with this people? he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: **Ps. 94: 1-2, 6-9. R/ v. 8**

O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thank, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R/**

Come in; let s bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we
 The people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is lead by his hand. **R/**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah as on that day at
 Massah in the desert when your fathers out me to the test when they tried me, though they saw my work **R/**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5: 1-2. 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

Acclamation. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL: John 4: 5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water'.

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water?'

Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life'.

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything'. 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ACCLAMATION: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. . Through Christ our Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: St Catherine's £ 579.67 Second Collection £69.88
St Patrick's ££384.31 Thank you very much.

BLESSED SACRAMENT AND SACRED HEART LAMPS: January to December 2023.

Please write the name/s of your loved ones. £5.00 per slot. St Patrick's have a few slots left.

CCTV Cameras: The Finance Committee have decided that a second Collection be taken at St Catherine's at weekends to help procure equipment for CCTV.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Daily at St Catherine's; (St Patrick's) on Tuesday, and Friday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This week on THURSDAY at 10.30am at St Catherine's Church.

40TH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Under the Leadership of **Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR.**
From 30 June – 6 July 2023. By Air from Leeds Bradford Airport. Cost £840.00

Those interested, please take a form from Fr. Albert

CAFOD's Family Fast Day was on **Friday 3 March**, Please **return** the Family Fast day envelopes. Thank you.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

GEORGE BENEN CURTIS: 28th March 4.30pm. Reception into Church.

29th March 12.30 noon Requiem Mass. 29th March 2.30pm Burial Shiregreen Cemetery

SUE SMITH (nee Gay) 30th March 12 noon Funeral Service. 1pm Grenoside Crematorium