

# Our Parish Liturgy . . . . .

## This Week (3 Lent A)

<b>DIVINE OFFICE</b>	<b>WEEK 3</b>
<b>ENTRANCE HYMN</b>	18.00 807 09.00 807 11.00 Musicians
<b>PENITENTIAL ACT</b>	Spoken
<b>FIRST READING</b>	Exodus 17:3-7 <i>'Give us water to drink.'</i>
<b>PSALM RESPONSE</b>	<i>O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.'</i>
<b>SECOND READING</b>	Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 <i>'Love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has been given to us.'</i>
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	<i>Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world; give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.</i>
<b>GOSPEL READING</b>	John 4:5-42 <i>'A spring of water welling up to eternal life.'</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS</b>	18.00 965 09.00 965 11.00 Musicians
<b>SANCTUS</b>	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
<b>MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION</b>	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
<b>GREAT AMEN</b>	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Spoken
<b>OUR FATHER</b>	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
<b>AGNUS DEI</b>	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
<b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON</b>	<i>For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.</i>
<b>THANKSGIVING</b>	18.00 408 09.00 408 11.00 Musicians
<b>RECESSION</b>	18.00 719 09.00 719 11.00 Musicians

## Next Week (4 Lent A)

<b>DIVINE OFFICE</b>	<b>WEEK 4</b>
<b>FIRST READING</b>	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a <i>'David is anointed king of Israel.'</i>
<b>PSALM RESPONSE</b>	<i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>
<b>SECOND READING</b>	Ephesians 5:8-14 <i>'Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'</i>
<b>GOSPEL READING</b>	John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 <i>'He went and washed and received his sight.'</i>
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### MARRIAGE MATTERS

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis offers a profound insight into the joy of Christian marriage and reminds us of its place at the very heart of the Church's life. Christian marriage, he observes, 'is a sign of how much Christ loved his Church in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses. By becoming one flesh, they embody the espousal of our human nature by the Son of God.'

As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each Sunday of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed in the great Sacrament of Marriage.

### FIND OUR 'LIVING WATER'



Jesus' message to the woman at the well reminds us of his first miracle at Cana where he changed water into wine. Today, he promises us "living water where we will never be thirsty again...a spring inside...welling up to eternal life". When his grace is poured into us, into our marriages, it can overflow, strengthening us, reaching out to others.

# Sacred Heart Parish Newsletter

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### THIS WEEK:

**BIBLE READING PLAN**  
Mo Numbers 31-33  
Tu Numbers 34 -36  
We Deuteronomy 1-2  
Th Deuteronomy 3 -5  
Fr Deuteronomy 6 -10

### Financial News . . .

**Weekend of 01/03/26**  
Plate £ 449:31  
Standing Orders £ 755:00  
Contactless £ 121:00  
1<sup>st</sup> Total £ 1,325:31  
Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.  
2<sup>nd</sup> £ 616:25  
**CAFOD Lenten Fast Day**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection . . .

**This Weekend 08/03/26**  
None  
**Next Weekend 15/03/26**  
**Parish Buildings Fund**

Gift Aid Members are able to make this collection tax efficient using our Parish Envelope.

### Bite Size . . .

I don't have time to hate people who hate me because I'm too busy loving people who love me.

Author Unknown

## A brave questioner . . . . .

So many biblical scenes take place in the desert and revolve around the question of where people will find the water and food they need to survive. It makes sense, given that our ancestors in faith lived in a region where finding their daily bread and water was literally a matter of life or death. The first reading to day tells the famous story of God making the impossible possible, providing Moses and the Israelites with water from a rock just when they thought they might die in the wilderness.



The Gospel reading tells a story of a woman who was thirsty, but in a different way. She has access to H<sub>2</sub>O at Jacob's well, but until she meets Jesus, she doesn't realise she is thirsting for more. She knows her religious and theological tradition well. She understands Jews and Samaritans don't share physical items in common. She knows the history of Jacob's well. She knows about the prophets in her religion. She knows her people's historical place of worship. She knows about the Messiah they are awaiting. She seems proud of her religious heritage and isn't easily pushed over. She values it and won't let it go without good reason. On the other hand, she is open to new understandings and isn't so prideful that she remains inflexible when presented with someone new. In that way, she was unlike some others Jesus met during his ministry who refused to consider new interpretations of their scripture or religious teachings. When Jesus answered her questions to her satisfaction and addressed her doubts about who he was, she was swift to accept him as her saviour. Notice Jesus' willingness to engage her hard questions. Notice his patience in letting

her gradually come to a new understanding. Notice the respect and freedom he gives her to have her own thoughts and opinions. Notice how he gets fed by his conversation with her. Notice his joy when she spreads the good news about him (just like he was asking his apostles to do!). Rather than focusing on the woman's marital history, what changes if we focus on how Jesus relates to her, and what happens as a result? "Many more began to believe in him." All because she bravely asked the questions she had and listened well to Jesus' answers.

### Questions of the week

- Who has challenged you on your religious beliefs and helped you come to a new understanding of them?
- What do you think of Jesus and how he relates to the woman in this passage? Is this a Jesus you would want to meet?



"If you knew who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

**Sheepish Question:**  
Realizing it is all about Jesus, what must I do differently with my life?

Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God After Mass - Talk to your friends

## Parish Office . . . . .

**Normal Office Hours :** Monday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.

**Parish Secretary :** Sarah Cox (01932) 860244  
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**Newsletter Editorial :** Items for possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter (if there is room) need to be received (in writing please) at the Parish Office by midday on Wednesday.

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## General Parish Information . . . . .

**Parishioner Registration :** Every household within the Parish is requested to complete a 'Parishioner Registration/Census' form so that our Parish records may be kept up to date. These forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and should be completed fully before being returned to the Parish Office.

Should you move address within the Parish at any time please complete a new form and write 'AMENDMENT' across the top of the form. Thank you.

**Hospital :** If you are going into hospital as a 'planned admission' you are strongly encouraged to make contact with Fr Daryl well beforehand so that, if appropriate, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated beforehand.

**Infant Baptism :** Infant Baptisms are intended for the children of practising parishioners only and are celebrated on five occasions during the year after parents and godparents have completed a course of preparation. There can be no celebration without this important course. The dates of the courses for the current year can be found in the application form available from the Parish Office. Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

**Sacramental Preparation :** Notice of the availability of Application Forms for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be made via the Parish Newsletter between the school Summer Half Term and 31<sup>st</sup> August each year. Possible candidates for Confirmation should respond to the announcements made via the Parish Newsletter at the beginning of the Autumn school term.

Parishioners are advised that it is very difficult to imagine that any family or individual who is not regularly practising the Faith as members of our community could possibly be ready to celebrate a Sacrament of the Church.

**Marriage Preparation :** Marriages are celebrated by appointment with the Parish Priest. It should be remembered that in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton twelve months minimum notice is required before a marriage may take place; this is a requirement of the Church for all marriages that involve a Roman Catholic (even if they are not taking place in the Catholic Church). It is also necessary that one of the parties must have a meaningful connection with the Parish. Marriages do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

**Parish Car Park :** All Parishioners attending Mass and using our Car Park need to make sure that they have fully completed our 'Parishioner Registration/Census Form' (available from the Parish Office) before using the Car Park; this ensures that your current vehicle registration is lodged in the system. Registering only needs to be done once (unless you change your car or if you use another car in the family that is not registered on the system).

**Important :** if you are not registered on the system and you use the car park you will receive a parking notice. Registered Parishioners and pre-registered visitors are able to park whilst they attend our Masses/liturgies without fear of a charge notice. (Car Park queries - parking@shpcobham.com)

**NOTE :** the Car Park **does not use QR codes** any found are **scams!**

## Church Mouse (cub reporter) . . .



The musings of one of God's smallest creatures on events in and around the Parish over the past seven days . . . .

Once again quite a busy week around The Presbytery this week . . . . .

On Saturday morning Fr D was with this year's First Eucharist candidates as they discussed the Offertory/Presentation of the Gifts section of the Mass. The candidates looked at what it meant to be offering ourselves to God as well as the bread, wine, and collection!

After our Sunday morning Masses Fr D was taken out to lunch by a parishioner from one of his former parishes. In the afternoon he celebrated Lenten Evening Prayer and Benediction with several parishioners, part of our 'Lenten Devotions.'

On Monday morning Fr D was preparing for what he knew was likely to be a difficult interview at the Tribunal on Tuesday.

After Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition on Tuesday Fr D went off to the diocesan offices at Crawley where he was due to meet with someone to hear their side of a marriage that ended in divorce. Although they had confirmed with the Tribunal Secretary on Monday they didn't turn up (not that this was really surprising to Fr D). It did mean that he could work on one of his other cases that are coming up to the judgement phase.

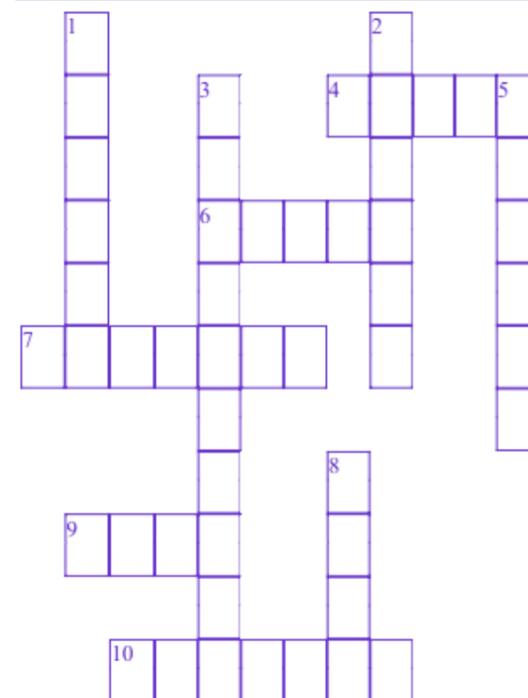
On Wednesday following Morning Prayer and Mass, Fr D started to make a list of jobs/projects that need to be thought about concerning our Parish buildings; afterwards he began working out the components of the works and trying to put them into a list of priorities. Top of the list was the lighting in the church which he is already getting professional lighting experts to look at and quote for. The list, however, is quite long!

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Thursday, Fr D started work on his parts of the newsletter, knowing that he would not have a lot of time at the end of the week. In the afternoon he was in Burgess Hill for a meeting of the Trustees of the BOSCO Catholic Education Trust. The government have brought out a 'White Paper' on education which is likely to have several effects on schools within the Trust (when he got back in the evening he was 'brain-dead' from all the discussions!).

On Friday, after Morning Prayer and Mass, Fr D quickly programmed the music into the system for the 18.00 and 09.00 Masses, and the Lenten Evening Prayer and Benediction service, before completing his work on the newsletter . . . . .



## CHILDREN'S CROSSWORD 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY LENT YEAR A



### ACROSS

- 4 What was the name of the well where Jesus stopped to rest?
- 6 The title the disciples give to Jesus.
- 7 The Samaritan said that Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 How many husbands did the woman have?
- 10 Jesus told the woman to call him.

### DOWN

- 1 What city is mentioned in this story?
- 2 The Samaritans knew that Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.
- 3 They worship.
- 5 Jesus could not get water from the well because he did not have this.
- 8 What time of day was it when Jesus stopped by the well.



The Water I Shall Give  
Will Become A Spring  
Of Living Water  
Welling Up To  
Eternal Life

**LIFE-GIVING WATER**

**John 4:5-15, 25-26, 39, 41-42\***

<sup>5</sup>In Samaria he came to a town named Sychar, which was not far from the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw some water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink of water." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup>The woman answered, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan - so how can you ask me for a drink?" (Jews will not use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use.)

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered, "If only you knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water."

<sup>11</sup>"Sir," the woman said, "you haven't got a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water?" <sup>12</sup>It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his sons and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?"

<sup>13</sup>Jesus answered, "All those who drink this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring which will provide him with life giving water and give him eternal life."

<sup>15</sup>"Sir," the woman said, "give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water."

<sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah will come, and when he comes, he will tell us everything."

<sup>26</sup>Jesus answered, "I am he, I who am talking with you."

<sup>39</sup>Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said..., "He told me everything I have ever done."... <sup>41</sup>Many more believed because of his message, <sup>42</sup>and they said to the woman, "We believe now, not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him, and we know that he really is the Saviour of the world." \*The full reading is John 4:5-42, this is a shortened version.

*Other Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*



**LECTIO:**

Today we stand by the well as Jesus talks to a Samaritan woman. John is the only Gospel writer to tell us about this dramatic encounter.

The Jews took a very dim view of the Samaritans. At the time it wouldn't have been culturally acceptable for a man to be alone with a woman unless they were married or related. So it was doubly unusual for Jesus to speak to this Samaritan woman alone.

Life for this woman has been tough and she is living with a man who is not her husband. Her previous husbands may have divorced her; it was easy, they just had to write a letter of divorce and the marriage was history.

But Jesus' words touched her and his knowledge of her life struck home. She took up the offer of everlasting water instantly. And, unable to keep this amazing encounter to herself, she ran to tell others in the town to come and meet Jesus.

**MEDITATIO:**

- This woman had experienced a lot of rejection and judgement in her life. Jesus chooses to speak to her on her own. What does this reveal about his respect for her as an individual? What can we learn from this?
- This woman would have been looked down upon in her community. Why do you think Jesus chose to reveal himself as the Messiah to her?
- Make your own response to Jesus' offer of life-giving water.
- In what ways can you invite others to meet Jesus?

**ORATIO:**

Every time we pray we can have a personal conversation with Jesus just like this Samaritan woman. God loves you and cares for you, whatever your situation. Open your heart up to God in prayer now. The living water - the life that Jesus offers - is for you too.

**CONTEMPLATIO:**

Jesus met this woman at the well. Sit with a glass of water and as you sip it allow God to speak to you. Spend some time reflecting on the true worship that Jesus is looking for (verse 23).

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	7 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Weekday 17.00 - 17.30	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Stream / Recorded</b> 18.00	Diella Vuksani †	M.
Sun.	8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A</b>		
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Stream / Recorded</b> 09.00	Godfrey Ogwu †	M. Ogwu
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Stream / Recorded</b> 11.00	For the Parishioners	
		<b>15.30</b>	<b>Lenten Evening Prayer &amp; Benediction</b>	
Mon.	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Weekday	<b>No Service Today</b>	Mass 10.00 at Ashtead
Tue.	10 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Weekday 09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 191 - 493]
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Streamed</b> 09.30	Benedict Family	C.
		10.00 - 11.00	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
Wed.	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Weekday 09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 200 - 493]
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Streamed</b> 09.30	Ruth Yates †	J. & E. Yates
Thu.	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Weekday 09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 210 - 493]
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Streamed</b> 09.30	Eileen Yates †	J. & E. Yates
Fri.	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Weekday (Day of Abstinence) 09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 220 - 493]
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Streamed</b> 09.30	Deceased members of the Shullani Family	M.
		<b>12.30</b>	<b>Way of the Cross</b>	followed by CAFOD Fast Lunch
Sat.	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Weekday 17.00 - 17.30	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Stream / Recorded</b> 18.00	Canon Tony Clarke †	M. Drury
Sun.	15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> (LAETARE) SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A</b>		
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Stream / Recorded</b> 09.00	For the Parishioners	
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Stream / Recorded</b> 11.00	Fred & Betty Wilson †	D. & S. Wilson
		<b>15.30</b>	<b>Lenten Evening Prayer &amp; Benediction</b>	

**The Way of the Cross . . . . .**

Do you ever wonder what it was *really* like to be at the Passion of Jesus? Our tendency is to approach the Gospels as being history, far removed from who and where we are today to be to distance ourselves approaching them in an impersonal way. But the Gospels are a living, breathing, deeply personal experience. If we are to encounter the living Jesus as powerfully as possible, we need to learn to place ourselves there, in each scene, seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling, all that is happening,

contemplating what each person in the scene is thinking, feeling, hoping, fearing. The Way of the Cross is one of the most simple, yet powerful, ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus and encounter him like never before. There are fourteen Stations of the Cross. Each is an invitation to contemplate and experience a pivotal moment from Jesus' sentencing, to his death, to his burial. They are a powerful way to step into some of the most significant moments in human history and encounter Jesus like never before. One of the

most impactful times to pray the Way of the Cross is during the Lenten Season. For over 1000 years, Roman Catholics have been devoted to praying the Way of the Cross. And for over 1000 years, this spiritual exercise has been transforming lives. Dive into this ancient and powerful meditation on the sacrifice of Jesus and it could change your life too.



DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4 Lent A 14/03/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Di Gerardo	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
<b>SUNDAY</b> 4 Lent A 15/03/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	R. Lake	D. McEvoy L. Kolber	D. Westsmith M. Smyth
<b>SUNDAY</b> 4 Lent A 15/03/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	S. Williams	E. Twist J. Foster	M. Smith C. Kendall

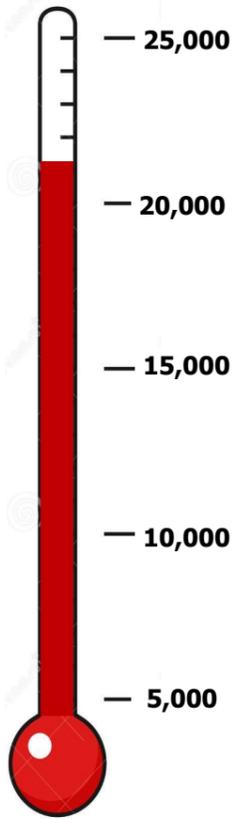
**PLEASE REMEMBER :** If you are unable to complete your particular ministry then it is your responsibility to arrange cover with another minister. In this way our Sunday Liturgies will run in a smooth and prayerful way.



**Remember Easter Duties** - ALL Catholics are expected to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> May).

<p><b>FRIDAY'S OF LENT</b> 13, 20, &amp; 27 March</p>  <p><b>Way of the Cross 12.30</b> Why not commit to joining in this traditional Catholic Lenten Devotion. We are looking for volunteer parishioners willing to lead on one Friday.</p>  <p><b>CAFOD Fast Lunch</b> After the Way of the Cross why not attend a Fast Lunch of bread and soup in aid of CAFOD. We need volunteers (teams of two) to make, serve, and clear up each Friday.</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY'S OF LENT</b> 8, 15, 22, &amp; 29 March</p>  <p><b>Evening Prayer &amp; Benediction 15.30</b> Take the chance to step aside from the 'hustle and bustle' of modern life to spend some time with the Lord in quiet prayer.</p> <p><b>RECONCILIATION SERVICES</b></p>  <p><b>ADULT'S SERVICE</b> Friday 27 March 19.30, O. L. Sorrows, Effingham</p> <p><b>CHILDREN'S SERVICE</b> Saturday 21 March 11.00, Sacred Heart, Cobham.</p>
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**BUILDINGS FUND LATEST . . . . .**



## Prayers Please . . . . .

**FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:**

Sr Anne Bayley, Norma Begley, Fr Tony Bridson, Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, baby Naomi Hunt, Michael Nutcher, Fr Sebastian Paul, Pascal Smyth, Anne Sproul and John Wilkey.

**THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Jay Adams †

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:**

Nelleke Hurley †  
Johanna Moore †  
Katherine Cook †  
Mandy Murphy †  
Raymond Hughes †  
Ketty Hadjioannou †  
John Redmond †  
Fr Denis Tuohy †  
Canon Richard Incledon †  
Fr Albert Hadshar †  
Canon Daniel Moriarty †  
Bishop David Cashman †  
Fr Denis Cronin †

**HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:**

" . . . . . that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence . . ."

*For those who are unwell.....*

*those who have died recently....*

*those whose anniversaries occur.....*

*the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....*

**GIFT AID SCHEME ENVELOPE DONORS** - Your envelopes for 2026/27 are available for collection after each Mass this weekend. If you were not present for Mass to collect your set of envelopes please contact Dan Meehan:

(☎ 01372 456416 or ✉ ga.cobham@abdiocese.org.uk).

**CHOIR PRACTICES FOR EASTER 2026** - Our singers and musicians are starting their rehearsals for leading our liturgies during Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, & Good Friday). Any and all parishioners are more than welcome to come along and join in, no previous experience necessary.

If you enjoy singing as part of a group this could be for you!

Dates of the remaining rehearsals:

Sat. 14 Mar. (10.30); Wed. 18 Mar. (19.30); Sat. 28 Mar. (10.30); and Wed. 1 Apr. (19.30).

**LECTURE - MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY IN HISTORY & ART** - Join St Erconwald's, Walton-on-Thames for this informative and interesting lecture on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 19.00 given by Dr Adam Sammut, University of York. The rosary is one of the most popular devotions in Catholicism. A product of late medieval piety, it has inspired the Marian cult and the foundation of brotherhoods around the world, with Pope John Paul II adding the Luminous Mysteries to the tradition in 2002. The lecture examines the remaking of the rosary during the Counter-Reformation, and the role of brotherhoods and visual art in defining it from the grass-roots.



Tickets are £5pp, and you can pay on the door or by following this link:

"The Mysteries of the Rosary in History & in Art" by Dr Adam Sammut (18-Mar-2026) ? ChurchSuite Events  
**REPOSITORY** - St Patrick's Day cards, Mother's Day cards, and Easter cards are now all available from our Repository after our weekend Masses. New Translation Sunday Missals are also available.



**OUR PARISH SUPPORTS THE COBHAM AREA FOODBANK**

**UPDATED LIST OF WANTED ITEMS**



Are you able to help local people in crisis by purchasing items on the list below and placing them in the Foodbank's collection point in the narthex when you come to Mass at the weekend? Thank You!

◆ UHT Semi Skimmed Milk	◆ Sanitary Pads
◆ UHT 1l Fruit Juice	◆ Sugar (500g pack)
◆ Pasta Sauce	◆ Savoury Snacks
◆ Fruit Squash	◆ Laundry Powder
◆ Hot Chocolate	◆ Male Deodorant
◆ Sponge Puddings	◆ Laundry Capsules
◆ Tinned Spaghetti Hoops	◆ Shaving Foam + Razors
◆ Tinned Meat	◆ Shampoo

**FORGIVENESS IS A RECURRING THEME IN THE BIBLE, WHICH DEVELOPS FROM BEING AN ACT OF DUTY TO AN ACT OF GENEROSITY** - This reaches its climax in the New Testament when Jesus commands his followers to forgive each other countless times and embeds this in the prayer that will identify his disciples - the Lord's Prayer.

Nevertheless, forgiveness can be one of the hardest things to give and to receive.

Do we truly believe that God has forgiven us? How often do we fail to forgive ourselves? The Greek word 'metanoia' means: repentance, a fundamental change in character and way of life or spiritual conversion. This compound word combines two ideas - time and change - which may be described as 'after' and 'different' so that the whole meaning is "to think differently after." A change of mindset accompanied by regret can enable a change of behaviour.

In Hebrew the idea of repentance has a different nuance. It is represented by two verbs meaning 'to return' and 'to feel sorrow'. This combination of proactive turning back to God and the emotional catalyst of pain over sin together facilitate the change that can emerge. We are not asked to pretend that our wounds never existed but to acknowledge that they do not need to wound us forever. Similarly, we are called to reflect on the wounds we have inflicted on others and to consider any actions we may need to take towards reconciliation.

