



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS,
NORTH HILLINGDON UB10 9BT

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
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To-day's Gospel reading is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well. The theme is water, which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary. This reading forms part of the teaching given before baptism at Easter: the candidates, who would go into the water, are invited to reflect on what that means. But more necessary than the water, which gives life, is the water which gives eternal life, namely the water of baptism, the water flowing from Jesus' side on the cross. We shall all renew our baptismal promises at Easter and so we should take this opportunity to reflect to-day on what baptism has given to us and what God has done for us through this gift.

We warmly welcome members of the 5th Hillingdon Brownies at our 10 o'clock Parish Eucharist to-day.

At both 8 and 10 o'clock on Sundays there are always children's books and craft resources available next to the Children's Corner (by a warm radiator) and there is usually an adult on hand to help the children. Parents are, of course, very welcome to stay with their children during our worship.



HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK (NEH)

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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 response in the Psalm (94/95) is: O that to-day you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts."

A reading from the second letter of S 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 to 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. And 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.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory! Praise & honour to you, Lord Jesus! Lord, you are really the Saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. *Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory! Praise & honour to you, Lord Jesus!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (4:5-15, 19-26 & 39-42): *A spring welling up 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. 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 the 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.'

AT THE INTERCESSIONS

Intercessor: Lord, hear us:

All: Come, lighten our darkness.

We pray: for our parish & for its needs; for local GPs; for the staff of our local hospitals; for those whose work is hard or badly paid; for local engineers; for the Church in the NE; for the Church in Ireland.

We commend to God our Father:

the sick, the housebound & others in any kind of trouble or need: Peter Bennett, Marion Fogell, Brian Measures, Rita Morris, Phil Parris & Mary Ratchford.

the recently departed: June Violet Wilkerson

those whose anniversary falls at about this time: George Birch, Charles Brown, Gladys Dennis, Mavoureen Maria Deville, Albert Elins, Cecil Hearne, Betty Mason, Robert Pannifer, Mary Payne, Robert Stock & Eldred Tipper (*priest*). **May they rest in peace and rise in glory!**

We commend all that we have just prayed for, our families, our friends & those we love to the intercession of Mary (the mother of Jesus), S Joseph (her spouse) S Patrick, S Cuthbert & all the saints: **Hail Mary...**

Please come across to the Hall for coffee and a chat after to-day's 10 o'clock Parish Eucharist, even if you cannot stay for very long. We would very much welcome your company.

FOR YOUR DIARY

1. Sunday, 15/3: 1300-2200: *Sine Nomine Singers'* Rehearsal & Concert in church

2. The Eucharist this week @ASH

a. Tuesday, 17/3; 1915: S Patrick, *Apostle of Ireland*, +5thc, followed by a meeting of the PCC (in the Sacristy).

b. Wednesday, 18/3; 1000: *Feria* of Lent

c. Thursday, 19/3; 1830: S Joseph, *Spouse of the BVM*

d. Saturday, 21/3; 1800: Vigil Eucharist of Lent IV

3. Friday, 20/3; 1800: Stations of the Cross

4. Saturday, 21/3; 1400: Baptism of Ollie Laird

5. NEXT SUNDAY, 22/3: the Lent III, Laetare, Mothering & 'Third' Sunday

a. 0800: Said Eucharist

b. 1000: Sung Parish Eucharist

FATHER DESMOND'S NOTES THIS WEEK

a. **Coronavirus:** While the *Coronavirus* is around: (1) we suspend giving the *Sign of Peace* at the Eucharist and (2) we suspend receiving Holy Communion *from the chalice*. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible. Thank you.

b. Thank you to everyone who supported last evening's *Quiz Night* in the Hall. We hope to learn this morning how much money was raised for church funds.

c. There are still some copies of the March edition of *Saints Alive!* available to-day. The deadline for items for the April edition is Friday, 27 March.

d. The list of those we pray for by name on Sundays has now been revised. However, you can ask for names to be added/removed on any Sunday.

e. We now have a smart and labelled **Lost Property Box** at the back of the church. It will be cleared periodically from now on. Please have a look inside to make sure that nothing in there is yours.



f. On the large table are some leaflets from Harlington Hospice, which encourage us to sponsor a nurse. Please help yourself.

g. *Ruislip Lions* are seeking new members. There is a sheet with further information on the table at the back of the church.

h. Our Lenten offerings this year will go once again to the Salvation Army in Hayes Town, where need is great. The staff there have kindly provided us with a *Wish List*. This includes: *men's boxer-shorts (sizes M or L), men's socks, razors, shaving cream/soap, ladies'/men's deodorant, nail-clippers, small bottles of alcohol-based hand-sanitizer (for the homeless), hot pot-noodle soup-cups, face-washers, as well as the usual supplies of dry/tinned goods*. Many thanks for your support of this endeavour.

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To book **Banns of Marriage, Weddings, Baptisms** and so on, please come along to Vestry Hour, which normally takes place in church on Saturdays between 0930 & 1015. (No appointment is needed.)

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