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3rd Sunday of Lent
8th March 2026



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for March: For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Sun 8th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	R & P Donnella; J & T Kennedy R.I.P. People of the Parish T Sherlock R.I.P.; Fr Marcel, S & C D'Souza, Rodrigues Family	No Evening Mass
Mon 9th	Lent Feria	B McNicholas R.I.P.; E Creith Int; L Pereira, M Ankrah Int	
Tues 10th	Lent Feria	O McCarney R.I.P.; T Kilgannon R.I.P.	
Wed 11th	Lent Feria	B Howley R.I.P.	Confirmation Candidates 7 p.m.
Thurs 12th	Lent Feria	P Pinto R.I.P.	First Communion 6 p.m.
Fri 13th	Lent Feria	B McNicholas R.I.P.; J Friel Int	Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
Sat 14th	Lent Feria	F Pereira Int	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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The well is deep

A famous picture has the Samaritan woman looking into the well and seeing there her image - and the image of Jesus. In the depths of the well of her life is the presence of Jesus.

In the depths of the well, when we are in love, pain, death, decision, joy, we find God. God is near when we are near to ourselves, even in shame and sin. We thirst for meaning in life, for knowing we are totally loved, for community and companionship - and God offers all this.

This is the offering of God - the living water is the Holy Spirit. We thirst for inclusion - the disciples in this story did not want Jesus talking to a woman. So much of the religion of the time separated people. In the depths of the well we are all equal.

We find the mercy of God in the well. As we go into the depths of prayer and ourselves we are open to mercy. We may put conditions on God's mercy - naming our sins, or numbering them. At the bottom of the well is the water of mercy.

Of the mercy of God, Pope Francis says that '*there is no sin or crime of any kind that can erase from the mind or heart of God even one of the children he has created*' (November 2013).



- **Fr Albert** will be available on Monday 6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

- **New Planned Giving Envelopes:** For those who use the weekly envelope scheme to donate to the church - your new box will be available next weekend. Your box number remains the same. If you requested to join envelope scheme during the planned giving appeal your box will be ready. Standing Order forms are also available.
- **Gift Aid:** If you are a UK taxpayer, you can add an extra 25p to every £1 that you give – at no cost to yourself with Gift Aid. All you have to do is fill in a form (giving your name, address and the date) and sign a declaration saying you pay more tax than the amount that we will reclaim.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Retiring Collection this weekend

- This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

- **Our sympathy and prayers** to the family of Epifanio Novaes who died recently. Requiem Mass for Epifanio on Tuesday, 10th March at 12 noon.
- **Also to the family and friends** of Bridie Enright. Requiem Mass for Bridie will be on Tuesday, 17th March at 11.30 a.m. May they both rest in peace.

- **Date for your Diary:** Lenten Service of Reconciliation on Monday, 30th March at 7 p.m. Visiting priests available for confession.

- **Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. on Friday.**

- **Coffee Morning:** Tea and coffee in the hall after 11 a.m. Mass. Volunteers needed. List in hall for names.

Parish Finance: Last Week's Collection:
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- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email wembley2sg@safe-guardrcdow.org.uk

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.
Body of Christ, save us.
Blood of Christ, inebriate us.
Water from the side of Christ, wash us.
Passion of Christ, strengthen us.
O Good Jesus, hear us.
Within Thy wounds hide us.
Suffer us not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend us.
In the hour of our death call us.
And bid us come unto Thee,
That with all Thy saints,
we may praise thee
Forever and ever.

AMEN