Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

The woman is attracted by what Jesus is saying, but for a very human motive; the thought of having water in such a way that she did not have to come and draw if from the well. We too can be attracted to Jesus by very mixed motives, some of them matters of personal interest: belonging, community, security. What have been the motives attracting you to faith, prayer, religion, church?

A Thought

In today's Gospel, we hear the wonderful account of the woman at the well. We hear of physical thirst but also of a much deeper thirst, for connection and conversion.

During Lent, we are invited into the lives of Trocaire's partners in the global south. We meet Madris in Kenya, who walks around the dusty brown patch of land beside her small home, where she lives with her six children. There are no crops visible, just a few scraggy bushes. Madris tells us, 'I feel very bad when the rains don't come because all my plants depend on rainfall.' Water scarcity worldwide is being accelerated by the climate crisis. Scientists tell us that rain-fed agriculture will drop by 50% worldwide by 2030, due to global warming.

When we think of how we might help, we give, and that is good. But we must also be aware of a deeper conversion that is needed. Change is possible, solutions are there, and as faith communities we are invited into this journey of change. The woman in the Gospel today is so deeply affected by her encounter with Christ that she runs to tell the others. May we also be enthused and open to a real thirst for climate justice, aware that we are called to 'an ecological conversion whereby the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is an essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.' *(Laudato Si, 217)*

Funerals this week

There will be a Requiem Mass for **Robert Cunningham RIP** on Tuesday 17th March at 10.00am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

There will be a Requiem Mass for **Tommy Watson RIP** on Wednesday 18th March at 11.00am at St Elizabeth's Church.

May They Rest in Peace

Offertory Collection

£462.68

CAFOD

£475.18

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity

Exposition and Holy Hour takes place at St Elizabeth's Church on Friday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.
All are welcome.

Synod 2020

The fourth and final theme is
'**Building Community, nurturing, belonging.**'

In this theme we reflect on what it means to be a Church of welcome and discipleship.

You can submit Proposals on this fourth Theme by handing them to our Synod members at Church, placing them in the Synod box at the display table up to 20th March.

For details of our Parish proposals, please visit the Synod display in the George Inch Hall
Thank you for the proposals we have received so far. We hope to introduce some of the Parish related proposals shortly.

Easter Raffle

Donations of unwanted/extra gifts would be most welcome for prizes for our Easter Raffle.

Tickets now on sale for the draw on 29th March

Reflections for Palm Sunday

A selection of readings and songs for Lent and Passiontide with a recital from Hannah Wainwright.

St Edmund of Canterbury Church L22 8QF
Sunday 5th April 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Tickets from Eventbrite.co.uk

Parish Grounds

Volunteers are needed to help Tom keep our Parish grounds looking beautiful.

Long hours and no pay, BUT, as much tea as you can drink.

For more details please speak to Delia.

The Lord your God is in your midst

Discovering the prophet Zephaniah
Scripture mornings at Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road on Thursday 19th and 26th March 10.30am to 12 noon.

In Another Place presents Liverpool Passion

A live performance of Jesus' last days on Friday 10th April on William Brown Street Liverpool at 12.15pm and 3.00pm.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

THE FIRST MASS OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY	**6.30 pm**	**Parishioners Intentions**	
SUNDAY	**11.00 am**	**Moira Hanton (Anniversary Remembrance)**	
Monday	9.00 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Tuesday	**9.00 am**	**Pam McHugh (5th Anniversary Remembrance)**	**St Patrick**
Wednesday	9.00 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	St Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday	9.00 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	St Joseph
Friday	**9.00 am**	**Elizabeth Ashcroft (Remembrance)**	

THE FIRST MASS OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY	**6.30 pm**	**Stewart Rushton (50th birthday)**
SUNDAY	**11.00 am**	**Mike Keelan (50th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)**

Confessions – St Elizabeth's – Saturdays -11.30 – 12 noon and on request

Please pray for the following who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.
Please remember the sick and those who care for them.

Lately Dead: Robert Cunningham, Raymond Tollerton, Tommy Watson

Anniversaries: Moira Hanton, Pam McHugh

Sick; James Roche, Daniel Harden, Robbie Pennington, Bill Sainsbury, Amanda Fessey, Christopher Brown, Joyce Sainsbury, Jonathan Noble, James Johnson, Philip Shepherd Eleanor McCaffrey, Sheila Thompson, Jacqueline Johnstone, Peter West, Julie Machell, Katie Rushton, Sandra Dryhurst, Thomas Smith, Dorothy Corris, Eddie Swarbrick, Ann Mardell, Colin Faulke, Richard Potts, Poppy Jessop, Mary (Traynor) Hemmings, Ann & Joe Johnson, Chris Parkes, Gerard Burke, Cayle Royce, David Morgan, Tom Niblock, Jose Howard, Michael Hanton, Hilda Prince, Roisin Dooley, Baby Lucy Hand, Ethan Hand, Ann Bretherton, Thomas Bainbridge, Mary Wild, Karl McGee, Arthur Snellgrove, Seanie Jones, Ann Bailey, Susan Neary, Jimmy Doyle, Mary Simpson, Doug Faulke, John Rimmer, Phil Jones, Mykee Roche, Joseph Roberts

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

6.30pm – J Rehm, S Jolley, M Murphy
Reader – J Jones

11am – D Faulke, P Faulke, M Wildman
Reader – T Wainwright