

St. Anthony's Little Church

Pray these words taken from today's psalm.

**Today is
the 3rd SUNDAY
of LENT**



Jesus meets the WOMAN from SAMARIA

Fill in the missing letters and colour in the picture.

GIVE ME
A D _ I _ K

YOU WANT ME
TO GIVE YOU
W _ T _ R ?!

ANYONE WHO
DRINKS THE WATER
I GIVE WILL
N _ V _ R BE
TH _ R _ T _ AGAIN

SIR,
GIVE ME
S _ M _
OF THAT
WATER.

St Anthony of Padua

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Confessions: Saturday: 5.30 - 5.50pm
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If we knew the gift of God

It's been said that the joy of buying something new lasts until we take it home and open the box! All the fun is in the buying of it but we then ask ourselves, "Am I any happier, am I any more now that I have this new thing?" The work of mature religion is to lead us beyond what we think we want to what we really need. The woman in today's gospel has come to the well because she needs water. Jesus tries to lead her, step by step, beyond what she thinks she wants and to help her see that water is just the symbol of what she really needs. He's not talking about water. He's talking about Spirit. He starts by making her aware of her own thirst, hunger and need. Then he leads to a rather profound theological reflection on the universality and availability of God.

CAFOD in Zimbabwe



According to a 2017 study by the Centre for Population Studies in Zimbabwe, Maternal mortality rates have risen sharply over the past 25 years. This tragic increase has also been affected by recent extreme food shortages caused by a drought in Zimbabwe. "Sister Consilia a pharmacist at the Mission Hospital and her colleagues are so impressive," says CAFOD's Zimbabwe program officer Livison Chipatiso. "Despite all of the challenges the people face here including health challenges with diseases like malaria, cholera and typhoid, not one mother or baby was lost at the clinic." This Lent you can help CAFOD support more experts, like Sister Consilia, keep people healthy.

Third Sunday in Lent Year A

15th March 2020

Missal: p163

Eucharistic Prayer: 3

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 14th March 2020

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Patrick O'Donnell	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Mary Russell Andrew King	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	For our parish	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Fr. Fred Hamer	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Joanne Bond	
Thur 9.15m	<i>Holy Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am 6.00pm 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Lucia LaValle	Stations of the Cross (Padua) Exposition & Holy Communion
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Damien McNamara	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Patrick Fortune For our parish	<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Laetare Sunday</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory £670.94; Attendance 213 (6pm: 114; 9.30am 99).
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Masses received this week:

Patrick Fortune,

'Lost & Found' Choir present ...

- a charity Concert in Aid of Autistic Children's Society on Friday 20th March at 7pm. With quiz, bingo, raffle, snacks. In the Parish Centre, and tickets are only £2.

Please pray for: Joan Anderton, Bill Embery, Lawrence Dunnagan, John Myerscough and Alice Myerscough, Mary Kathleen Kellett, Chris Goldsmith, Frank & Norah Stanton, Teresa Clarkson, Theresa Crook, Betty Murphy, Marie Gardner, Karen Hardman, Carole Adnitt, Frances & Les Farrer;

... for those who have died recently: Mary Theresa Wilson;

... and for those whose anniversaries are around now: Charlotte Snalam, John Cooke, Dorothy Pickles, Bert Smith, John & Lucy Swarbrick, George Keane, Luke Kehoe, Maureen Berry, Imelda Salisbury, Joan Taylor, Alan Kenny, Lucia LaValle, Mary Berry, Bernard Simpson, Percy Howarth, Alice O'Reilly, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey, John Togher, John Swarbrick, Jean Rogerson, Joan Howarth, Marie Hooper.

COVID-19 Corona Virus

- those most vulnerable (elderly, people with weakened immune systems or long term conditions) should refrain from large parish gatherings and to stay at home.

Some extra restrictions:

- collection plate to be left at the back and not passed around
- refreshments after Services suspended
- Children's Liturgy to continue as long as school is in (parents can decide for themselves if their children will attend).

Earlier restrictions

1. to suspend the Sign of Peace
 2. to suspend Holy Communion from the chalice
 3. to suspend reception of Communion in the mouth
 4. to suspend the use of the Holy Water stoup
 5. to use single-use Mass sheets rather than hymn books
 6. Ministers to wash & sanitise hands before & after distributing Holy Communion.
- NOTE:** alcohol- based hand sanitizers are highly flammable - no one should light candles while hands are still wet.

LENT

Stations of the Cross. Every Friday in St. Anthony's at 6pm. This year the Stations will be reflections with sound and pictures led by different groups. To facilitate this they will be in the Padua Room rather than in church.

Family Fast Day—thank you for the envelopes returned. Total next week.

"The God who Speaks!" Metanoia's 'The God who Speaks' series is on Thursdays, 7:30-9.30pm at St Wilfrid's. This series will focus on the Gospel readings we hear at Sunday Mass, Details from Joe/Ruth on 07957 566741 or www.metanoiaiprject.co.uk

Safeguarding Training For All Parish Volunteers

There is a Safeguarding awareness day for all parish volunteers on Saturday 21st March, 10.30am to 3.30pm at Our Lady & St. Edward's Parish Centre, Fulwood. This is an important day for all who volunteer in the parish in any capacity. The cost is £20 but the parish will be able to provide some funding. See Fr. Peter

Poland Pilgrimage

With St Maria Goretti's parish, 13th-19th September 2020. £550 excluding flights. Contact Fr Pawel Szatlewski on 07970754208. for information and booking.

Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary

On March 29th a service will be held in Westminster Cathedral, Walsingham and all participating cathedrals around the UK, including our own Lancaster Cathedral. In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was 'set apart for her among the nations'. This year, Christians of England are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple. To take part visit <https://www.behold2020.com>

Messy Church at St. Clare's Church Hall

On 28th March 1.30-3.00pm. All are welcome.