



Time & Intentions for Sundays And Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun 8 th March	9 am	<u>3rd Sun. of Lent</u>	Graham Swift (A)	Holy Family
Sun 8 th March	11.15 am	<u>3rd Sun. of Lent</u>	The Kelly Family	Our Lady V
Sun 8 th March	3 pm	<u>3er Domingo Cuaresma</u>	<u>MISA EN ESPANOL</u> Parishioners	Our Lady V
Mon 9 th March		St Frances of Rome		The church is closed
Tue 10 th March	2 pm	<u>REQUIEM MASS</u>	Stuart Munro RIP	Holy Family
Wed 11 th March	9 am	Weekday of Lent		Our Lady V
Thu 12 th March	9 am	Weekday of Lent		Our Lady V
Fri 13 th March	7 pm	<u>Via Crucis & Mass</u>		Our Lady V
Sat 14 th March	12 noon	Our Lady on Sat		Our Lady V
Sun 15 th March	9 am	<u>4th Sun. of Lent</u>	Stuart Munro (LD)	Holy Family
Sun 15 th March	11.15 am	<u>4th Sun. of Lent</u>	Dee Kelly (B.R.)	Our Lady V

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions:

Tue 9.30am to 10am; Sat 11am to 12

Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotion:

Tuesdays 9.30 am OLOV.

Baptisms, Weddings: by appointments.

Wednesday Club: / Tuesday Nursery:

You are welcome!

We pray for all who are sick and elderly:

Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, Henry Henderson, Anne and Mike Quinn, Ronnie Baybut, Geoff Morrissey, Michael Hyland, Paul Blackford, Harry Caine, Sophie Caine, Christine Watts, Deacon John and Ann Crooks, Joan Callaghan, Natalie Kavanagh, Hannalor Mainey, Betty Costello, Pauline Hayes, Irene Halsall.

We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time:

Margaret Hurley, Hilary Ashton.

We pray for those who have died: Stuart Munro R.I.P.



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Third Sunday of Lent (A): 8th March 2026



Thirst No More... He gives Me LIVING WATER

Lent is a wonderful time for gospel stories and today is no exception. The scene is set with the arrival of Jesus at Jacob's well, a familiar stopping place used by travellers passing through Samaria. This was a stretch of land in the middle of Palestine where Jews did not feel at all comfortable. Weary after trudging along for hours on dusty roads in the midday heat, he sat down for a rest. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water Jesus broke every rule of social convention by striking up a conversation with her and asking for a drink to quench his thirst. At first the woman appeared to have no time for him and his simple request for water was met with a curt reply. 'Why are you, a Jew asking me, a Samaritan for a drink?' Without losing his composure Jesus continued the conversation, absorbed the woman's anger and made the startling statement that he could provide her with living water, which would quench her thirst for all time. The very thought of never having to go back to the well ever again was so amazing that it appealed to her immediately and she was instantly interested in his offer. There was clearly a misunderstanding here because the woman did not fully comprehend his meaning. She was thinking in terms of quenching human thirst with fresh spring water from the bottom of the well while Jesus was referring to the deep spiritual thirst within the human heart, craving for fulfilment which could only be quenched and satisfied by the living waters of grace. With the breakup of five marriages behind her and happiness as elusive as ever, she clearly realised that her life was in a mess and that she was severely hurt inside. Aware of her sinfulness, she came to a clearer understanding of what she was thirsting for and was anxious to break the cycle of sin, shame and separation. Hers was the deepest thirst of the human heart. She was thirsting for God, seeking his forgiveness and longing for his presence.



To this woman, desperately searching for happiness, Christ restored a sense of dignity and worth y releasing her from her guilt and offering her nothing less than a share in the spirit of God leading to eternal life. Once confirmed in faith, the woman's conversion was so amazing that she set off for the town, unstoppable with excitement, to spread the good news among her friends and bring others to Christ.

We can all learn from the Samaritan woman, who was no saint by any earthly standards, but was sincere and honest of heart in telling her story. As we journey through life in our search for complete happiness and for total love, we can drink at the wells of power, pleasure and prestige. When we enter into the depths of our heart, we find that there is a tremendous desire, an inner ache within us that only the love of God can satisfy. It is part of our make-up to crave for the unending, the unchanging and the eternal. If we remain true to our baptismal calling, Christ will quench our spiritual thirst with the living water of grace, which will lead us to eternal life.

The Samaritan woman gives us great hope and encouragement in the way she opened her life to the saving power of Christ. Her past does not prevent her from being a messenger of the gospel.

Fr Sergio, Parish Priest

STATIONS of the CROSS

Friday evenings at 7 pm at OLOV Church, Hightown. **Please come and join us.**

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FOODBANK:

Please help local people in crisis by donating non-perishable items to the Local Foodbank. The Foodbank is designed to help individuals and families in crisis, through the provision of emergency food supplies, it also supports existing agencies working with the distressed and destitute by donating food in bulk.

Donated items (non-perishable) can be put in the basket provided at the entrance of the church.



The Archdiocese of Liverpool is inviting you to collect items through Lent by following this calendar. The items you collect will then be ready for you to donate to your local food bank ready for Holy Week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16 February	17 Shrove Tuesday	18 Ash Wednesday	19 Pasta	20 Cereal	21 Tea bags	22 Shampoo
23 Soup	24 Rice	25 Baby wipes	26 Body wash	27 Pasta sauce	28 Sanitary products	1 March Beans & pulses
2 Tinned tomatoes	3 Instant noodles	4 Biscuits	5 Toilet paper	6 Fruit juice	7 Toothbrush/toothpaste	8 Washing up liquid
9 UHT Milk	10 Soap	11 Tinned fruit	12 Hand sanitiser	13 Coffee	14 Laundry powder	15 Squash
16 Deodorant	17 Instant mash	18 Crackers	19 Cereal bars	20 Sleeping bag or roll mat	21 Bag for life	22 Easter Egg
23 Time to donate	24 Time to donate	25 Time to donate	26 Time to donate	27 Time to donate	28 Time to donate	29 Palm Sunday
30 Pray for those receiving your donation	31	1 April	2 Maundy Thursday	3 Good Friday	4 Holy Saturday	5 Easter Sunday



GIVE
PRAY
FAST

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT + CYCLE A

First reading: Exodus 17:3-7

In those days: The people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' And the LORD said to Moses, 'Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.' And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

The word of the Lord

Second reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: 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.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of 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 of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come here.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming — he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.'

Just then his disciples came back. They marvelled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you seek?' or, 'Why are you talking with her?' So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?' They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, 'Rabbi, eat.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Has anyone brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest"? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me all that I ever did.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95(94)

**R:/ O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'**

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **R:/**

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R:/**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R:/**

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