

Eucharistic Ministers there will be a short but very important meeting for all Ministers of the Eucharist after the evening mass on **Tuesday 26th February**. I apologise for the short notice but please make every effort to attend.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers please make a note in your diaries for **Saturday 17th May**. There is to be a Day of Recollection at Ellesmere led by Fr. Chris Walsh. It is for all ministers of Word and Sacrament for the churches in our Local Pastoral Area. Fr. Chris is one of the priests of the diocese and is an excellent speaker. More details to follow. Please make every effort to be there.

Women's World Day of Prayer On **Friday 7th March at 2pm** we will be the hosts for this annual prayer meeting. In order that it goes well (and that Pat is not left doing all the work) we need volunteers for the following jobs. 2 Stewards. 2 Readers and refreshments (tea and biscuits) for about 50 guests. There will be a rehearsal for the service on Friday 29th at 2pm. For any more details please contact Pat

CAFOD Each season of Lent we are invited to forego a meal and donate the money to help the work of CAFOD. Many of you are able to come to the bread and soup lunch after the mid-day mass on Fridays. For those not able to attend I attach an envelope for you to make a contribution. Please put them on the collection plate next week (and sign the Gift Aid section if you are a tax payer.)

Arthog Week We have a great school and I was proud to be with them for most of last week. They had a splendid time; accepted every challenge, enjoyed every new experience and learned much about themselves and each other. The staff at the centre said that they were the best group they had ever had there. Thanks to all the hard work on part of parents, families, school and of course, the children!

Please pray for George Lee who died last week. His funeral service will be here on Thursday at 1.45pm. It would be a great sign to George's family as to how much we held him in high esteem if as many parishioners could come along to the service. May he rest in peace.

Piety Stall There are a number of diaries and calendars available at the piety stall after the morning masses. They are reduced to half price so come along and find a bargain.

Fairtrade There will be another chance to stock up with fairly traded goods next week after the morning masses. If you haven't been over to school to see what is available then please call and enjoy a cuppa and chat.

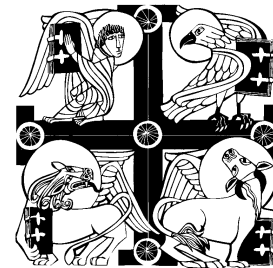
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Glory to you, O Christ, You are the Word of God! Lord, you really are the Saviour of the world; give me living water so that I many never get thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, You are the Word of God!

The Samaritan woman simply didn't fit into any of their social standards. Mary of Bethany simply didn't accept any of their role definitions. Mary Magdalen was indeed a bold and brazen woman. And they made no bones, any of them, about their commitments to Jesus. No bones at all about either his call or their intention, in fact, their compulsion to carry on his will and his wonderful presence in their lives.

The Samaritan woman faced them head on. Mary of Bethany persisted in her vocation The women of Jerusalem went on ministering to him while all the others hid. Mary of Magdalen went right into their midst to minister to him and to proclaim his resurrection.

"What is that woman doing here?" the men said, "Send her away!" And they went into the tomb to see for themselves because the others did not believe. "We have no more need of you" said the men of Samaria. "Our place is in the kitchen" said Martha.

But Jesus said to all of them. "She is doing what you are not doing, she is preparing for my burial". And Jesus said, "But she has chosen the better part and it shall not be denied her" And Jesus said to the woman at the well "I am the Messiah" And Jesus said "Mary, don't stay here. You go and tell Peter and the others...."

Joan Chittister



**Newsletter for Sunday 24th February 2008
Third Sunday of Lent**

Mass Times and Intentions of Holy Mass

Sundays Year A: Psalter Week Three

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| Sat | 24th | 6.30pm | Kathleen Jones | |
| Sun | 25th | 9am | Olga & Rhoda Ingrams | 3rd Sunday of Lent |
| | | 11am | Parishioners | |
| | | 3pm | Holy Hour | |
| Mon | 26th | 9.30am | Victor, Frances, Derek Walker | |
| Tue | 27th | 7pm | Patrick Stanton | 6.15pm Stations of the Cross |
| Wed | 28th | 9.30am | Iheoma Ann Nwala | (Scripture reflection in presbytery) |
| Thu | 29th | 9.30am | Molly & Tommy Lappin | |
| | | 1.45pm | Funeral Service. George Lee | |
| Fri | 1st | 12noon | Bernard Sweeney | (Followed by soup in the house) |
| Sat | 2nd | 6.30m | Parishioners | |
| Sun | 3rd | 9am | Mothers of the Parish | 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare) |
| | | 11am | Nathan Clarke | |



Lent 2008.

I heard the voice of Jesus say "Come unto me and rest
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary and sad
I found him in a resting place and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give
The living Water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say "I am this dark world's light
Look unto me, your morn shall rise and all your days be bright"
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Horatius Bonar

Each **Friday**, after the mid-day mass, there will be **soup and bread** in the house. Many thanks to Rita & Thea for a warming dish. This week (1st March) we will be having a soup from the kitchen of Christie & Ursula. All the Friday's are now covered so thanks again to those who will be feeding us. Proceeds will be going to CAFOD.

Deacon Stephen will be leading Benediction and Holy Hour on Sunday afternoon from 3pm. A time for quiet reflection and preparation for the week ahead.

Deacon Joe is offering to arrange a **Silent Exposition & Benediction** offered for the needs of the parish community and the people of Oswestry. The next one will be on Thursday 6th of March from 7.30pm. This is a time of offering for ourselves and all those whom we carry in our hearts. Everybody is welcome; we all live busy lives so feel free to come along for as long or short a time that suits your needs.

There will be **Stations of the Cross**, lead by various members of the parish. This week it will be on **Tuesday 26th February** at 6.15pm, before the evening mass.

Most of the copies of **My Day by Day** have been bought and I trust they are being brought out in those spare moments that the day provides for us.

Sr. Jo will be continuing with an hour of prayer and reflection **At Your Word Lord** in the convent each Friday evening. The theme this Lent is to **Touch!** If you have not been able to get there then it might be an excellent season to start.

Each week there will be an **informal gathering** in the presbytery to look at some of the scriptures that we hear during the Sunday's of Lent. This week it will be on **Wednesday (28th)** after the morning mass and will be in the house. All welcome.

There will be a **Reconciliation Service** on Tuesday **18th March** at 7pm. If anybody would prefer to celebrate the sacrament of forgiveness "face to face" then please contact me and make an appointment.

Lent is the traditional time when we "give something up". This is always a good thing to do. But please read the list above and see if there is something extra you could do to help prepare to celebrate the Risen Lord at Easter



Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm Psalm 94
2nd Reading Romans 5:1-2,5-8
Gospel John 4:5-42

Next Week

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7
Psalm 22
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment. Please contact Fr. Philip.

Those who are sick: Neeta Burman, Brian Mongan, Jack Owen, Ann Lovell, Sheila Barker, Alan Tucker, George Lee, Evelyn Lloyd-Williams, Barbara McDougal, Irene Cranage, Fr. Frank McManus, Sr. Patricia, Joyce Williams, Liam Lynch, Annie Bough, Bob Davies, James Tomley, James McDougall, , Gerald Jones, Joanna Gidge, Kathleen Bebb, Rev John Warnock,

Recently died Richard Burman, George Lee.

Anniversaries in February Bernard Leonard, Francis Duffy, Martin Burke, Evelyn Kelly, Martha Matthews, Muriel Howard, Mary Jones, Robert Williams, Florence Mullins, Victor Ellis, Louisa Fahey, Fredrick Adams, Helen Ruane, Eric Edgar, Angela Breen, William Berryman, Cornelius Walker, Marjorie Freeman Arthur Kilner, John Feeley, Miriam Holder, Michael Rowell, Daisy Hodges, Mary Parson, Martha Lloyd, Catherine Mahoney, Thomas Casey, Thomas Jones, David Charles, Elizabeth Jones, Mary Noonan, Mary Coadey, Mary Johnson, Lily Mills, Kathleen Hartnell, Margaret Hughes, Edith Warnick Vincent O'Neil, Sarah Smith, Esther Edwards, Catherine Wilson, Elizabeth Tearle, John Mullins, Samuel Dilley, Jessie Hawkins, Andrew Brooke, Reginald Smith, Kathleen Osborne, Ellen Pike

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