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Third Sunday of Lent, Year A –

11th-12th March 2023

Lord, you are really the saviour of the world:
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

Jn 4:42,15

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thank you to those who have offered to make soup. Please would you also plan to set up and organise for people to clear up afterwards. All the bowls and cutlery are available in the Cenacle kitchen.

RIP Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Sheila Smith – received into church 13th March @ 4.30pm; requiem Mass 14th March @ 10am.
Margaret Saucell – requiem Mass Wednesday 22nd March @ 1pm.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

EASTER FLOWER FUND

There is a basket out each weekend to donate towards the cost of Easter flowers. Thank you for what you give.

Reading Parishes Big Lent Walk for CAFOD

Date: 18th March, start time **10.15** a.m [note change of time] King's Meadow Car Park, RG1 8BN

Duration: 3 hours total, incl. refreshments & a picnic

Aim: Have fun, make new friends, and raise funds to help to the world's poorest and most marginalised people. Come & make a difference

Please sponsor us at:

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/damian-porter>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fridays during Lent – stations & soup
18th March Big CAFOD Walk
5th April Big Church clean for Easter
15th April Cotham Ensemble
23rd April St George's Day quiz

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

26/2/23

C'tless: £160

Loose plate£409.66

Candles cash £69.50

Weekly S Orders:£590

5/3/23

C'less: £95

Loose plate£415.70

Our Lady's Lamp 30.00

Cath. Maint£141.90

Weekly S Orders:£590

COTHAM ENSEMBLE FROM BRISTOL

Following their previous very successful visit to launch our fundraising for the restoration of the Shrine in 2016 we are delighted to welcome back to St Anne's the Cotham Ensemble on **Saturday 15th April @7pm** for an evening of String quintet music by Schubert and Holst. The evening will also include items by Quilter and Vaughan Williams from our own Cantor, David accompanied by Seth.

Tickets £10 [via Eventbrite] on sale from today. Access the Eventbrite page at:

<https://cothamatcaversham.eventbrite.co.uk>

the parish website or search with

Eventbrite Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Anne – select **Reading, United Kingdom Our Lady and St Anne** – scroll down to and click 'An evening with the Cotham Ensemble in Caversham'. If you're not sure how to use Eventbrite ask one of the stewards to help you or ring the parish office 0118 9478717. Please do all you can to share with friends and family. Everybody welcome.

LEPRA APPEAL 11th-12th MARCH

Please help us beat leprosy – even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped by this disease.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for the continued support for the Weller Centre. During Lent contributions of small Easter eggs would be appreciated.

READING SCHOOLS REUNION

A reunion is being planned for former pupils of the Catholic schools in Reading up to 1975, on Sat. 10th June, 6:30pm-midnight.

Venue: St Annes School Hall, RG4 5AA.

Contact info: Gabriele Scicluna - tel 07778 340 444 or

Email: gabrielescicluna@hotmail.co.uk



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

No dedication this week.

Please keep her in your prayers.

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Background on the Sunday Readings

‘The water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside you, welling up to eternal life’

The readings for this Sunday centre around the themes of water and life, helping us to reflect on our true desires.

As they thirst in the desert, the chosen people of Israel begin to lose their trust in God. God responds to Moses’s urgent cry for help by providing water from a rock, thus satisfying their thirst. (**First Reading**)

The **Psalmist** responds by imploring us to listen to and trust in the Lord. Whilst joyfully singing our thanks to God, the source of all life, we are called to soften our hearts for God’s love to flow through.

In the long **Gospel**, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well. He brings her to new life by showing her respect and compassion. Jesus invites her to trust in him and drink from the ‘living water’ that only he can give her, revealing himself as the Messiah. She responds by rushing back to her hometown: a new disciple excitedly sharing Jesus’s message.

The **Second Reading** reminds us how great is the depth of God’s unconditional love for us: though sinners, we are forgiven. The ‘living water’ promised in the Gospel is God’s love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us at our baptism. Our faith in Jesus quenches our thirst and brings us hope.

During Lent, let’s pray that in listening and responding with open hands and hearts to Jesus’s invitation to draw and drink deeply from his well of ‘living water’, we may see ourselves and each other through eyes of love.

We pray too that all those preparing to be baptised at Easter may find that life-enriching faith for their lives.

Taken from: <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

Mass Intentions

Third Week of Lent

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Year A

Saturday	11 th March	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	12 th March	10.00am	Mrs Anna O'Rourke RIP
Monday	13 th March	9.15am	Margaret Saucell RIP
	<i>Monday of the third week of Lent</i>	4.30pm	Reception of Sheila Smith
Tuesday	14 th March	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Sheila Smith
	<i>Tuesday of the third week of Lent</i>		
Wednesday	15 th March	7.30am	Private intention
	<i>Wednesday of the third week of Lent</i>		
Thursday	16 th March	No Mass	
	<i>Thursday of the third week of Lent</i>		
Friday	17 th March	No Mass	
	<i>Friday of the second week of Lent</i>		
		12.00noon	<i>Lenten Stations of the Cross followed by soup</i>

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year A

Saturday	18 th March	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	19 th March	10.00am	Tess Carter RIP

Rosary prayed before Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody welcome.