

### From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus came to a town called Sychar and, tired by the journey, sat down besides Jacob's well. A Samaritan woman came to fill her jug with water from the well. Jesus asked her for a drink and said: "Whoever drinks the water from this well will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the living water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will be like a spring of flowing water inside them that gives everlasting life. "Sir", said the woman, "please give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty again never have to come here again to draw water ."



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, God's love is free. All God wants is for us to accept his love." Today's words are **God's love**. The living water

that Jesus talks about in the Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the powerful way that God's love flows into people when they are baptised. As we hear of Jesus' love for people throughout the Gospel stories, we can be certain of God's love for each one of us today. The more we experience and share God's love the happier we become. How will we share God's love this week?

#### Ministers

#### March 15th

##### Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm P.Redshaw  
8.30am M.Crewdson  
10.00am M.Howell

##### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Suspended until further notice

#### March 22nd

6.00pm M.Jefferis  
8.30am M.Howell  
10.00am A.Kirkman

Suspended until further notice

***New Rotas at the back of the church. New Readers and changes to Ministers.***

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**First: £499.60 Second: £152.67 Shop £144.54 Thank You**

**Donation marking the baptism of Emily Simpson: £100.00 Thank You**

**World Day of Prayer Donation: £25.00 Thank You**



## **Sacred Heart & St William**

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## ***Third Sunday of Lent March 15th 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)***

### **Times of Masses & Intentions**

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Leslie Osbaldeston
	8.30am	Sr Isidore
Sunday	10.00am	People of the Parish
		<b>Refreshments after Mass</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Monday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.30am	Alice & Frank Ardern (Snr)
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Special Intention (EH)
Thursday	9.30am	Those suffering from Dementia
Friday	9.30am	November Dead List
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday	10.00am	Frank Holmes
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Joan Yardsley
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Terence McMahon

**Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request**

**Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday**

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Dear Parish of the Sacred Heart & St William,  
Thank you so much for your donation of £217.99. Your continued support of our work gives us great encouragement. Our

website [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk) offers a whole range of news, seasonal prayer resources and activities for peace and nonviolence. We are in a process of transition and greatly appreciate your support. Pax Christi.

If anyone would be willing to be the parish contact person with Pax Christi please let Fr Bernard know.

### Lent Family Fast



Please continue to return the Lent Family Fast Envelopes with your donation enclosed. This year we are reminded by people like Sr Consilia working in a remote area of Zimbabwe, that **no-one is beyond**

### CTIS LENT COURSE—Build on the Rock Five weeks from Monday March 2nd.



The next meeting will be next Thursday March 19th.

Booklets are available at the cost of £3.00 for use during the course. Please see Notice Board at the back of the church for other venues and times.

### Easter Eggs



As in previous years we are hoping to provide Easter Eggs for the children of Asylum Seekers. If you would like to make a donation towards the Eggs please put it into the basket at the back of the church. Thank You

### Plants for Africa.



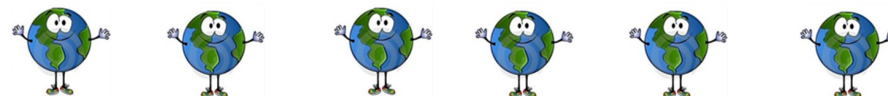
Order forms for the annual PLANT SALE in aid of the Oshandi AIDS Trust in Namibia are now available at the back of church. Please support this fund raising run by St. Chad's church and CTIS. Completed order forms to be returned to the back of church by **Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Plants to be collected on Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SADDLEWORTH**

TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2020 7.30PM

ST MARY'S CHURCH, GREENFIELD

We are holding an open meeting to discuss how the church should react to the **Climate Emergency**. Speakers include representatives from Oldham Council, Saddleworth Hydro and Extinction Rebellion. There will be an opportunity to share the ideas and good practice of our churches which will help us to co-ordinate our response to the challenges our planet faces.



### The Real Easter Egg



If you would like to place an order for fairly traded chocolate Easter Eggs, please fill in your details on the form at the back of the church. Each egg costs £4.50 and comes with an activity booklet about the real Christian meaning of Easter. Please note that this is your **ONLY CHANCE** because the order will be sent off this Monday, March 16th.



This year **Catholic Care's Annual Appeal** in parishes across the diocese will take place **next weekend 21/22nd March**. Bishop Marcus will issue a Pastoral Letter to be read out in parishes over the appeal weekend.

### Lenten Reflection/Thought for the Week

The Seven Deadly Structural Sins as suggested by the Indian leader Ghandi:

Politics without principles:

Wealth without work:

Pleasure without conscience:

Knowledge without character:

Commerce without morality:

Worship without sacrifice:

Science and technology without humanity.

