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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Dear Friends,

Today is the Third Sunday of Lent.

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

The link for the live stream of the **11.30am Mass from Our Lady's** is:

https://youtube.com/live/pZ4C_r05l50?feature=share

Apologies that the livestream experienced technical difficulties last Sunday.

From the Office of Readings for Lent Week 3 Sunday:

A reading from the homilies of St. Augustine on St. John's Gospel

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water

A woman came. She is a symbol of the Church not yet made righteous. Righteousness follows from the conversation. She came in ignorance, she found Christ, and he enters into conversation with her. Let us see what it is about, let us see why a Samaritan woman came to draw water. The Samaritans did not form part of the Jewish people: they were foreigners. The fact that she came from a foreign people is part of the symbolic meaning, for she is a symbol of the Church. The Church was to come from the Gentiles,

of a different race from the Jews.

We must then recognise ourselves in her words and in her person, and with her give our own thanks to God. She was a symbol, not the reality; she foreshadowed the reality, and the reality came to be. She found faith in Christ, who was using her as a symbol to teach us what was to come. *She came then to draw water. She had simply come to draw water; in the normal way of man or woman.*

Jesus says to her: Give me water to drink. For his disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore says to him: How is it that you, though a Jew, ask me for water to drink, though I am a Samaritan woman? For Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.

The Samaritans were foreigners; Jews never used their utensils. The woman was carrying a pail for drawing water. She was astonished that a Jew should ask her for a drink of water, a thing that Jews would not do. But the one who was asking for a drink of water was thirsting for her faith.

Listen now and learn who it is that asks for a drink. *Jesus answered her and said: If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," perhaps you might have asked him and he would have given you living water.*

He asks for a drink, and he promises a drink. He is in need, as one hoping to receive, yet he is rich, as one about to satisfy the thirst of

others. He says: *If you knew the gift of God. The gift of God is the Holy Spirit. But he is still using veiled language as he speaks to the woman and gradually enters into her heart. Or is he already teaching her? What could be more gentle and kind than the encouragement he gives? If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," perhaps you might ask and he would give you living water.*

What is this water that he will give if not the water spoken of in Scripture: *With you is the fountain of life?* How can those feel thirst who *will drink deeply from the abundance in your house?*

He was promising the Holy Spirit in satisfying abundance. She did not yet understand. In her failure to grasp his meaning, what was her reply? *The woman says to him: Master, give me this drink, so that I may feel no thirst or come here to draw water.* Her need forced her to this labour, her weakness shrank from it. If only she could hear those words: *Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you.* Jesus was saying this to her, so that her labours might be at an end; but she was not yet able to understand.

Responsory

℟. Jesus cried out, If any man is thirsty, let him come to me! Let the man come and drink who believes in me! From his breast shall flow fountains of living water.* He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive.

℣. Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again.* He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive.

St. Martha's newsletter is attached for you.

The link to our YouTube channel is:
[Our Lady's King's Lynn TV - YouTube](#)

And the link to our Parish Website:
[The Catholic Parish of King's Lynn](#)

God bless,

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