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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, March 03, 2024

Dear Friends,

Today is the Third Sunday of Lent.

"You, Lord, have the message of eternal life"

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

<https://www.youtube.com/live/JH4wd1PYJmA?si=8ZF2e-wm5GlyFw2m>

From the Office of Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent:

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

(The Gospel John 4:5-42 that is referred to in this Homily is read on the Third Sunday of Lent in Year A) (We are currently Year C in the Lectionary)

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.

From the parish newsletter:

ANNUAL EXPOSITION

Each week a different parish in the diocese takes its turn to hold Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the needs of the diocese and especially for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Our parish's turn begins next Sunday (10th March) with a period of Exposition in the afternoon and on the following days. Please make an effort to spend some time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament as part of your Lenten devotions.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent at 11.30am (Prior to 12 Noon Mass) at Our Lady's Church there is the opportunity for you to attend Stations of the Cross.

The SVP will be having the Stations of the Cross after 9.30am Mass on Thursday 7th March.

Daily Mass

Daily Mass times this week are:

Monday 4th March

12 Noon at Our Lady's Church (Mass intention-Holy Souls)

Tuesday 5th March

4pm at the Sacred Space
at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital
(Mass intention - Holy Souls)

Wednesday 6th March

9am at Our Lady's Church
(Mass intention - Fr Neville McClement RIP)

Thursday 7th March

9.30am at Holy Family Church
(Mass intention - Mary Rooney RIP)

Friday 8th March

12 noon at Our Lady's Church
(Mass intention - Larry & Bridie Rooney & Family)

Saturday 9th March

10am at Holy Family Church
(Mass intention - Special Intention)

**Friday 8th March is the Feast of St. Felix, Bishop.
Secondary Patron of the Diocese.**

From the Newsletter:

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE Is dispensed this week for the Feast of St. Felix who began his mission of evangelising East Anglia when he landed at Babbingley in our parish in 630 AD.

From Universalis:

St Felix (7th century)

A native of Burgundy, Felix became a bishop in Gaul and offered himself to work for the conversion of the East Angles. In 630 Sigebert, their king, came back from exile and work began.

Felix undertook the mission with the approval of Honorius of Canterbury, and placed his episcopal see at Dunwich, now washed away by the sea. He preached with great success in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

(Source: <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20240308/today.htm>)

The link to our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlrwBAKg>

And the link to our Parish Website:

<http://www.catholicparish-kingslynn.org.uk/>

God bless

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