

**CAFOD is looking for volunteers** who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. We need people who have a commitment to CAFOD's aims and values and an interest in sharing our work in secondary schools through delivering assemblies or workshops. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid. For further

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### **FAITH IN FOCUS: WHAT DO YOU GET?**

For most of us Lent is coming round again and we may think that we've heard it all before. But for a small group of people throughout the world it's something that they will never forget. They are catechumens and candidates. Catechumens are men and women who will be baptised at Easter and candidates are those who are already baptised but will be received into the Church at Easter.

For the next three weeks they are going through an intense period that concludes many months or even years of preparation. Each Sunday of Lent the Church tries to give them (and us) one principal image to latch on to in order to express something of the significance of becoming a fully fledged Christian. What do you get when you believe in Jesus?

Today we're told that we get **WATER**. But it's not just any old water. Jesus promises the Samaritan women water of life. In other words, if you drink this water it will satisfy all your longings and yearnings. Following Jesus is not like some hobby, something that you can do part-time, something that you can take or leave. It's all-consuming because it alters the whole meaning of your life. It quenches that thirst of emptiness which can easily take hold of us. What Christ offers is something that satisfies deep down.

Next week we'll see that we get **LIGHT**. Jesus will cure a man who was born blind. It will transform his whole being. Not only will he see things, but he'll see everything in a new light, in a completely different way, because he knows the source of this new-found sight. The gospel sheds light for us on the decisions and choices of our lives. Unlike those who have not received this light of faith we see things differently.

In two weeks time we'll discover that we get **LIFE**. When Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead his life takes on a new meaning. He will never wake up the same ever again. The life that Jesus offers us has an effect on how we enjoy God's creation here on earth but it carries with it an extra bonus: the knowledge that we are intended for a life of happiness that never ends.

So if you think you've heard it all before, listen with the ears of a catechumen and rediscover what's really on offer for those who are prepared to give their lives to God.

15<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A  
(Prayer of the Church Week 3)



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#### *Sunday Masses*

6:30pm(Vigil) 8:30am & 10:30am

#### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday 10:30-11:30am & on request

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#### *Parish Clergy - Salesians of Don Bosco*

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## Last Week

Sunday Collection: £571 +  
Standing Orders.

CAFOD Collection for Lent Fast  
Day: £583. Thank You.

## Sunday

Coffee and Tea available in the  
Savio Centre after the 10.30am  
Mass

3pm First Reconciliations for  
First Holy Communion children

## Monday

10.00am Funeral Mass for  
Patricia Highton RIP

## Tuesday

### St. Patrick

9.30am Mass followed by the  
Stations of the Cross

2.00pm Women's League in Savio  
Centre

## Wednesday

9.10am Sorrowful Mysteries of  
the Rosary

9.30am Mass

7.45pm Legion of Mary in Savio  
Centre

## Thursday

### St. Joseph

9.30am Mass

10am-4pm Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

10-11am Mothers' Prayers

6.00pm Confirmation Preparation  
in Savio Centre

7.30pm Journey in Faith in Savio  
Centre

## Friday

9.30am Mass

7.30pm SVP Meeting in Savio  
Centre

## Saturday

10.00am Mass followed by  
Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament and Sacrament of  
Reconciliation

## Next Sunday -

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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## E-mail address

The new e-mail address of the  
parish can now be used. It is  
chertsey@abdiocese.org.uk.

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## Coronavirus guidance

Those most vulnerable (elderly,  
people with weakened immune  
systems and long term conditions  
like cancer, diabetes and heart  
disease) should refrain from large  
parish gatherings and stay at home.  
Masses online can be found at  
churchservices.tv/surrey. Go to  
Schedule for Masses at different  
times.

Until further notice:- No sign of  
peace. Communion from the chalice  
to cease. Holy Communion to be  
received on the hand only.

The Church will be open during the  
day for people wanting to pray  
quietly.

## LENT PRAYER & PRAISE - Sunday 15th March

### 7pm - 8 pm

Come and join with others to lift  
up your heart to God with songs  
and prayer (vocal and silent) and  
intercessory prayer. Make this  
part of your Lenten time and  
prepare for the joy of Easter.

Prayers for Healing available for  
those requesting this.

### Refreshments available

afterwards in the Savio Centre.

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## Parish Film Night

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March we will be  
screening the final part of Jesus  
of Nazareth in which Robert  
Powell plays the title role. The  
venue is the Savio Centre and we  
start at 7:00 pm. Food, tea &  
coffee will be available but please  
bring your own drinks if you  
prefer something else. There is  
no charge.

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## (Non UK) EU passport holders

Are you settled in Britain, but  
with a EU passport? You must  
apply for Settled Status: see  
web-site GOV.UK and search for  
'settled status'. No fee is  
charged.

## Notice of Intention to Marry:

For those of you considering  
marriage please be aware that this  
Diocese requires that you contact  
the parish in which you wish to be  
married **12 months** beforehand, in  
order to begin the appropriate  
preparation and complete the  
required paperwork. Thank you.

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## Spiritual Meditations online

TakeTime is a method of spiritual  
meditation which can be done in  
groups but also online in your own  
homes. Download the app by  
entering "Take Time Spiritual  
Meditations" in the App Store  
search box or visit  
<https://taketime.org.uk/meditations/>  
Try it during Lent as part of  
your Lenten observance.

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## Beginning Experience:

A weekend away for those who find  
themselves single again following  
separation, divorce, or the death of  
a partner. The Beginning  
Experience is a weekend  
programme to help you to move  
from the darkness of your grief  
into the light of a new beginning  
and to face the future with  
renewed hope. Next weekend is 3-5  
April at the Domus Mariae Centre,  
Chigwell, Essex. More information  
from Freda 01322 838415 or  
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