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Third Sunday in Lent

8 March 2026



Dr Scott Hahn reflects on God's longing to satisfy our longing for Him.

The Israelites' hearts were hardened by their hardships in the desert.

Though they saw His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumble and put God to the test in today's First Reading—a crisis point the Psalmist recalled in Psalm 95(94), which is sung every morning.

Jesus is thirsty too in today's Gospel. He thirsts for souls (see John 19:28). He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life.

These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans. But Jesus was something greater than Jacob (see Luke 11:31–32).

The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ (see 2 Kings 17:6, 24–41). They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerazim, not Jerusalem.

But Jesus tells the woman that the “hour” of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth.

Jesus' “hour” is the “appointed time” that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock (see John 19:34–37).

These waters are the Holy Spirit (see John 7:38–39), the gift of God (see Hebrews 6:4).

By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down (see Ephesians 2:12–14, 18). Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism (see 1 Corinthians 12:13).

In this Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst—as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob.

In the “today” of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: “I am He,” come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

Our two Lent courses continue this week: *The Source of the Sacraments in Scripture* on Tuesdays at 10:30am at CTK, before Mass; and *We Dare to Believe* on Wednesdays after the liturgy at St Jo's and again at 7:30pm at CTK.

Walk the Stations of the Cross at CTK on Fridays at 5pm and on Sunday mornings at 10:30am.

CTK Seniors meet on Wednesday 11 March 11:30am–1:30 in the parish room. Come along and spend time with old friends and make new ones. A light lunch will be provided.

Men's Way of the Cross: Friday 20 March. Beginning at Our Lady of Ransom, pilgrims will walk the Way of the Cross through parts of the South Downs and along sections of the Weald Way to the west of Eastbourne, finishing with a hearty, well-earned breakfast.

The timetable for the night is expected to be

9:00–10:00pm Registration, Adoration and Confessions

10:00pm Holy Mass

11:00pm Way of the Cross begins

All men are warmly invited to take part in this prayerful overnight pilgrimage, a truly special night of walking, praying, and building real brotherhood. Find out more at www.MensWayOfTheCross.co.uk.

Easter Crafting: Decoupage Cross Making:

Join us for a creative afternoon as we craft a beautiful decoupage cross, a meaningful reminder of Christ's love to display in your home throughout the Easter season. The workshop will take place on Sunday 29 March at 2pm in the parish room at CTK. The cost is £10 per person, which includes all materials, as well as tea, coffee and hot cross buns. Places are limited to twenty participants, so early booking is advised. To reserve your place, please email gracemour@yahoo.com by 27 March. We look forward to sharing this enjoyable time of creativity and fellowship.

The Catholic Women's League are holding an Open Meeting with cheese and wine at CTK on Wednesday 8 April at 7pm. All ladies interested in the movement are welcome. If you can help the catering team, please sign the list at the back of the church.

Pilgrimage to Poland May 2026: the parish is organising a seven-day pilgrimage to Poland from 26 May to 1 June 2026, including the shrine in Częstochowa and the Divine Mercy Basilica in Krakow as well as visits to Auschwitz, Wadowice and the Wieliczka Salt Mine. Masses will be celebrated by Fr Neil in different churches each day. More information from Ilona on 07904 680885.

Notices for this leaflet or other churches' leaflets should be sent to Dominic via the parish's current email address of priest.ctk@icloud.com. Please allow a couple of weeks. The monthly Deanery newsletter has been discontinued, but a quarterly magazine is in production.

A new Honesty Table at CTK is a fundraising venture with the Catholic Women's League to support various charities and our own Priest's Discretionary Fund. Do you have small items at home that you would like to donate to this cause? Bring new or nearly-new jigsaw puzzles, books, cards, new tea towels, mugs, wool, costume jewellery, small toys, boxed games, books, CDs, DVDs, gloves, scarves, vases, glassware, crockery and new cosmetics in to be re-sold from our Honesty Table. The Table will be in the church hall where these items will be displayed and sold for a voluntary donation. The charity for the months of March–April is Langney Community Centre/food bank.

Keeping in touch: within the next few weeks we will be distributing forms which will allow the clergy to maintain pastoral records of everyone in the communities at Christ the King and St Joachim's. Do look out for them.

200 Club: Fr Neil drew the numbers for this month's 200 Club, and the winners are: 1st prize (no 123) £100 Michael Dowd; 2nd prize (no 140) parish number; 3rd prize: (no 3) £50 Michael Dowd.

If you are a 200 Club Member who pays annually (£52 per number), payment is due by the end of March. Please put a cheque or cash IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT, marked for the attention of Mike Woods. New members are very welcome and there are forms at the back of CTK Church.

En Masse! is a concert by the Esterházy Chamber Choir this coming Saturday in Lewes, featuring settings of the Mass by Palestrina, Rheinberger and Frank Martin. Full details and tickets (£18, free for under-16s) are available online at esterhazychoir.org.

Dream of Gerontius, a choral work by Edward Elgar based on a poem by St John Henry Newman about the soul's journey after death: Sunday 26 April at 7:30pm in St Saviour's Church, Eastbourne, with Eastbourne Symphony Orchestra and Hailsham Choral Society. See the notice at the back of the church.

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Brighton. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/ABnewslist> or point your smartphone at the QR code at the bottom of the opposite page. The email usually arrives on Thursdays.

You can sign up to receive news from the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham by visiting their website at ordinariate.org.uk: enter your email address about halfway down the page. The March email wasn't available at the time this leaflet went to press.



Votive Candles: Would you like to sponsor a candle for a personal intention or a special need at CTK? Request forms for candles or Masses are available, which each include a card to give to those being prayed for. Candles this week burn for Amaka Tina Obikwelu, Alphonsus, Edith, Anene, Obinna Obikwelu.

We pray for all the sick of the parish, and especially: Eithne Lloyd, Stuart McCarthy, Marie Williams, Maria P Veras, Sylvia Brady, Alexandra Waters, Neidilane Emerch, Rose Hellyer, Graham Pegley, Serena May, Enogue G Peixoto, Freda Swales, Vicky Ferrera, Sheila Hichisson, Sharon McKechnie and baby Autumn.

And we pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful recently departed, especially Margaret Chadderton RIP, and all who have no-one to pray for them.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for March is that that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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Third Week of Lent

(Year A) (Year II)

Day			Location*	Intention
	Vigil Mass of Sunday	NO 5:00 pm	CTK	Amaka Tina Obikwelu
Sunday 8 March THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	Mass	NO 9:30 am	St Jo	John & Kathrine Gerhartly RIP
	Stations of the Cross	10:30 am	CTK	
	Sung Mass	DW 11:30 am	CTK	Bridget Brady RIP
Monday 9 March <i>S Frances of Rome Rel</i>	Private Mass			David Rhys RIP
Tuesday 10 March <i>Feria</i>	Lent course A	10:30 am	CTK †	
	Mass	NO 12:00 noon	CTK	Amaka Tina Obikwelu
Wednesday 11 March <i>Feria</i>	Mass	NO 10:00 am	St Jo	Sylvia Seelagama RIP
	Lent course B after Mass		St Jo	
	Lent course B	7:30 pm	CTK †	
Thursday 12 March <i>Feria</i>	Exposition; confession; Holy Hour	5:30 pm	CTK	For priests
	Mass	DW 7:00 pm	CTK	Terezia Janka RIP
Friday 13 March <i>Feria</i>	Mass	NO 10:00 am	CTK	Amaka Tina Obikwelu
	Exposition; Holy Hour after Mass		CTK	
	Stations of the Cross	5:00 pm	CTK	
Saturday 14 March <i>Feria</i>	Exposition; confession	4:00 pm	CTK	
	Vigil Mass of Sunday	NO 5:00 pm	CTK	For our Community
Sunday 15 March FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY	Mass	NO 9:30 am	St Jo	Holy Souls
	Stations of the Cross	10:30 am	CTK	
	Sung Mass	DW 11:30 am	CTK	Members of the Eastbourne Section of CWL

Lent Course A, *The Source of the Sacraments in Scripture*, is held on Tuesday at 10:30am at CTK; course B, based on diocesan materials *We Dare to Believe*, takes place at St Joachim's after the Wednesday Mass, repeated in the evening at CTK.

DW Divine Worship (2014)
NO Novus Ordo (2010)
SM Syro-Malabar Rite (2021)
TLM Traditional Latin Mass (1962), when available

* CTK Christ the King Church, 3 Princes Rd BN23 6HT
Stjo St Joachim's Church, 106 Brodrick Rd BN22 9NY
OLR Our Lady of Ransom Church, 2 Grange Rd BN21 4EU
DGH Chapel, District General Hospital, Kings Dr BN21 2UD
† In the Parish room: enter by the side door