

Saint Charles Swinton

Parish Newsletter

21 February 2016

Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

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Cafod's Clean Water Project

Proscovia looks down at the blue rosary beads she thumbs nervously. "I found it very difficult to put on a uniform after walking so long for water." It is hard to hear the 14-year-old's quiet voice over the noise of her friends. "I didn't want to go to school dirty or late."

Her mother, Teko Anna, had taken three jobs to support the family and so the essential task of collecting water fell to the eldest girl in the home - Proscovia. "Proscovia would come back late and see her younger sisters, brothers and neighbours go to school," says her mother. "It was heartbreaking."

This northern region of Uganda is one of the driest in the country - making sure you have clean, safe water is a daily challenge. During the 1980s, a severe famine devastated the region - one in five people starved to death. The famine was due, amongst other causes, to increasing droughts.

Father Paul Ngole from our church partner in the area said, "We face drought here every two years. It is very difficult. Crops die. Animals die. People die. Those who survive have to deal with it any way they can. I come from this region and I have faced these problems in the past. I will have to face these problems in the future."

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The Coming Week.....

Sunday

21 February

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
8.45am. 11.00am

6.30pm Monthly Ecumenical Worship - in United Reform church, Worsley Road.

Monday

22 February

The Chair of St Peter,

Apostle. Celebrating the authority given by Jesus to Peter and passed on through the ages in the teaching authority of the Popes.



8.30am Mass.

Tuesday

23 February

Lent Weekday

11.30am Funeral Mass for Bridie Burke RIP. 84 years old of Blandford Ave., Roe Green

No 8.30am Mass this morning.

7.00pm Sacramental

Programme Parents' meeting. Unit 5 "We are People who Follow Jesus"

Wednesday

24 February

Lent Weekday

8.30am Mass

7.30pm. Wednesday evening "Formation in Faith" programme. Exploring the Sacraments. This week - Marriage.

Thursday

25 February

Lent Weekday

8.30am Mass.

Friday

26 February

Lent Weekday

7.30am Mass

7.30pm Emma Rushmore and Friends - a concert in aid of HCPT to enable their work of taking children with needs to Lourdes. Those of you who were at last year's know what an incredible talent we witnessed from the musicians of the Royal Northern College of Music

Saturday

27 February

Lent Weekday

9.00am Mass in Cemetery.

10.00am Sacramental

Programme children's session for Unit 5.

11.30am -12noon Sacrament of Reconciliation.

12.00noon-2.30pm Lenten School of Prayer. Week 3

Exploring the rich world of icon paintings including the official logo of the Year of Mercy.

See details overleaf and on flyers available at back of church.

Day for readers, musicians, singers, focusing on Holy Week with reflections and prayers (inc. Stations of Cross and workshop led by CAFOD. Organised by the Society of Saint Gregory.

10.00am-4.00pm in Cathedral Centre. Keynote talk by Bishop John. £10.00 inc.lunch.

Bible Reading Marathon.

Our friends at Moorside Independent Methodist church invite you to join them in the latest instalment of their read through the entire Bible.

10.00am - 3.00pm - come and go as you wish. More details on notice.

Sunday

28 February

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
8.45am. 11.00am

Girls under the age of 15 in the world's poorest countries are twice as likely to be the ones to collect water. It is a terrible reality that if a family is to survive, the oldest girl often has to give up her education. But it isn't a choice, it is a necessity: without it their families would die of thirst.

A study of neighbouring Tanzania showed that if a water source is placed near a family's home, there is a 12 per cent increase in school attendance nearby.

The water pump outside Proscovia's home splutters to life. It was installed just when Teko Anna thought she would have to take her daughter from school. Proscovia's face changes as she pumps the water - a stunning, a broad smile. She was free to get water when the family needed it. She was free to drink, wash and clean herself. She was free to study, to get an education, to have a future. She was free to be a girl again.

The pump was installed in her village thanks to the kindness of CAFOD supporters like you. And because water flowed into her life, her dream of getting an education lived on. "When I am older," she says, the smile lighting up her face again, "I want to be an engineer." With water so close, Proscovia knows anything is possible.

Will you turn on the taps for girls this Lent?

This Lent, we are asking you to turn on the taps for more girls around the world like Proscovia. You can double the impact of your giving this Lent because the UK government has agreed to match each £1 you give at no extra cost to you.

Lenten School of Prayer

"The  Eyes

Have It"

PRAYING WITH IMAGES IN THE YEAR OF MERCY

Week Three

Saturday 27 February

"Icons of Mercy"

Exploring the rich world of icon paintings including the official logo of the Year of Mercy.

Week Four

Saturday 5 March

"Mercy in a Box"

"Visio Divina" - Using photography as a meditative practice.

Week Five

Saturday 12 March.

"The Shape of Mercy"

Exploring three-dimensional expressions of mercy.

Week Six

Saturday 19 March

"Stations of Mercy"

Exploring our traditional Stations of the Cross and the fourteen "Stations of Mercy" formed by the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

More Mercy Things

Luke - A Companion in the Year of Mercy.

A series of talks organised by the diocesan Department of Formation.

Thursday evenings, beginning 25 February

at Saint Michaels, Whitefield.

See notice on board for more details.

Newsletter on-line.

We are now on the diocesan server - email address:-

paul.smith@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Please use this new one from now on.

If you want an emailed copy of the Newsletter please resend your email address to the new email box; subject heading "NEWSLETTER".

Further Farther Ahead....

Friday 4/Saturday 5 March.

"24 Hours for the Lord"

A deanery event to contribute to the "Jubilee Year of Mercy". There will be Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral 9.00am-9.00pm each of the two days and priests from the deanery available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during those hours. See poster on notice board for more details.

Rainbows and Brownies

are holding a sale in church weekend of 26/27 February.

Flowers for Easter...

If you would like to be part of the flower team and learn something about flower arranging at the same time, Rita is once again holding classes each Saturday during Lent at 1.00pm All welcome.

Lost and Found...

Wallwork Opticians of Worsley Road have found a rosary in a pink and red purse and have asked if it belongs to a parishioner. It was found on their car par last week and as the rosary is old they wonder if it is of sentimental value to the owner. If this is you, ring 794 2454.

Congratulations to Lyn Hackett and daughter Francesca who attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral last Sunday as part of their final preparation for Reception into full Communion with the Church at Easter.

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