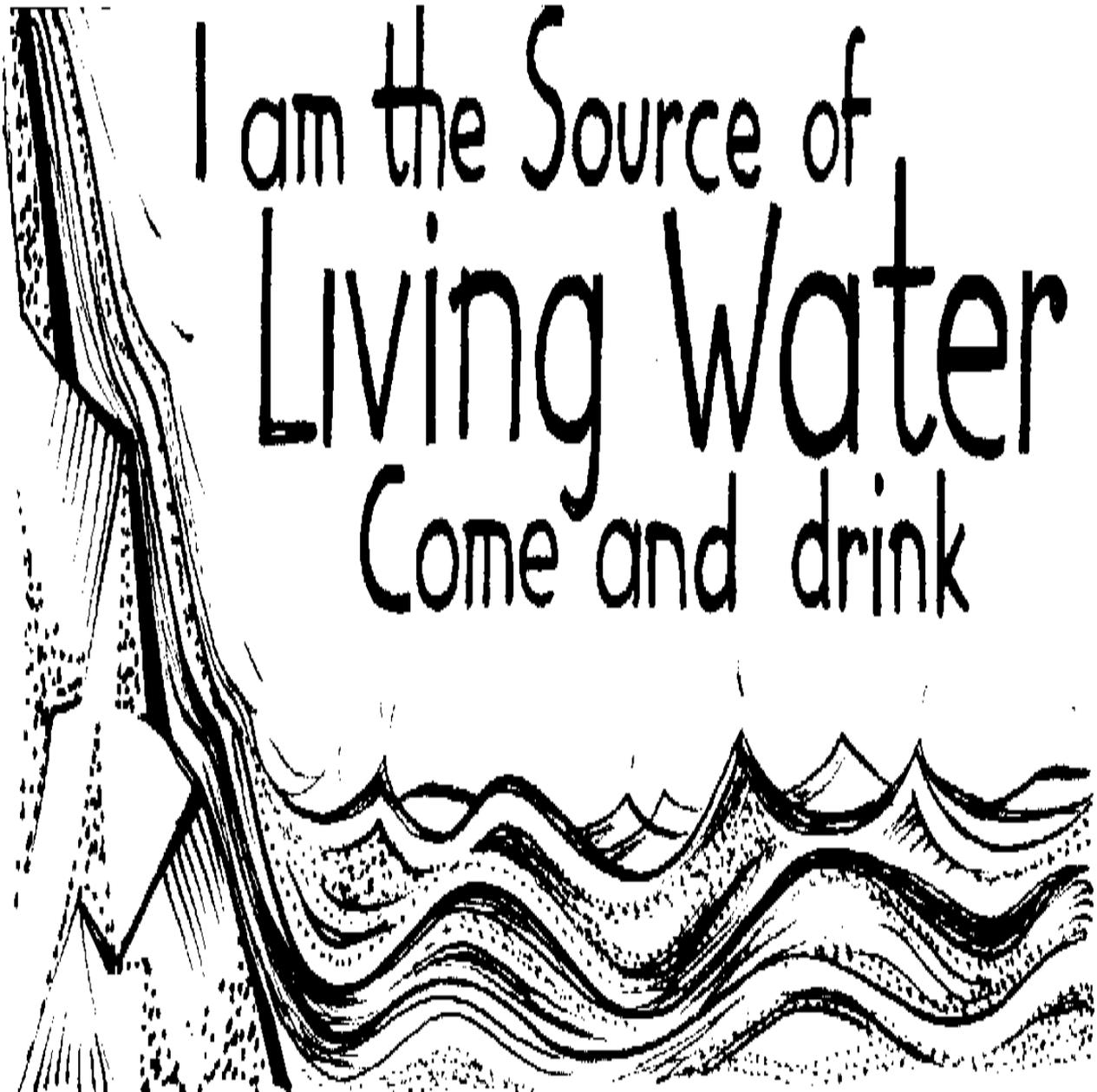

THE PARISHES OF
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3rd Sunday of Lent

8 March 2026



*Welcome to Mass either at Holy Rood or Our Lady and St James!
Welcome especially if you are a visitor or are worshipping with us for the first time.
Please introduce yourself to Fr Damian
and other members of our parish community.
Please take this newsletter away with you after Mass and accept our warm invitation
to join in a any of the activities listed on it.*

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Cycle of Prayer - Lent

During this time of year we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Women; Penitents and Wanderers.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, family and friends. Also pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace! Amen.

Mass Attendance last Sunday

**Holy Rood - 410
Our Lady's - 49**

Sunday Offering:

**Holy Rood - £1022.91
Our Lady's - £241.14**

Monthly Standing Orders (Jan)

**Holy Rood - £1878.00
Our Lady's - £760.00**

Your continued generosity to our parishes is greatly appreciated!

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Confessions

Fr Damian will be available to anyone wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday mornings, 11-11.30am at Holy Rood and 5.15-5.45pm on Saturday evenings at Our Lady's. During these times the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. Please use this opportunity to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese.

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Sunday Reflection

What was the Samaritan woman looking for in those six men? Pope Benedict XVI wrote that "she thirsts for life itself and that all the assuaging that she seeks and finds cannot slake this living, elemental thirst... There comes to light the real dilemma, the deep-seated waywardness, of her existence: she is brought face to face with herself." What brings this about is an encounter with Jesus. From our own deep thirst for love, for salvation, for meaning, we give ourselves to the One who in his thirst asks us for a drink, just as he will thirst - thirst for our souls - from the cross. We firmly hope that at last we will "have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ". Our "hope does not put us to

shame". The Lord is in our midst. Finally satisfaction can happen; this is the Love we have been waiting for.

Mass Time Changes

On Wednesday, 11th March, Mass will be at 9.30am as Fr Damian will be attending the Diocesan Trustees' meeting.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

The Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place in Holy Rood on 25th March at 7pm. For the first time there will be various priests hearing confessions in both English and Polish. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during Confessions. If you haven't celebrated the Sacrament for a while this is a good opportunity to come back to the Lord, to enter His peace and prepare our hearts for the "joys of Holy Easter"!

Holy Rood U.C.M.

There will be a U.C.M. Meeting on Wednesday, 11th March, after Mass and Stations of the Cross. All old and new members welcome!

Journey in Faith

The Journey in Faith course continues on Wednesday this week at 6.30pm in Holy Rood Presbytery.

Second Collection

There will be a Second collection at all Masses next weekend to support Life. Life has been offering practical help and support for well over half a century. And for many of those years we, the people of our Diocese, have given generously to support the work of Life and we are asked to do so again this year. The need has not diminished. If anything, it has increased. In the context of the more liberal availability of abortion, Life continues to focus on

practical support for women - ranging from counselling, to housing, and life-skills training. Life helps to offer positive alternatives to abortion; solutions to difficult problems when so many people do not seem to know that they are possible and available. Life also helps those who have experienced the loss of a baby in any circumstances to cope with their loss. The Life way is always a compassionate way, grounded on the value of the unborn child and in solidarity with the pregnant woman. For more information visit: www.lifecharity.org.uk or 0808 8025433.

2026 Gift Aid Envelopes

The new envelopes for those parishioners who 'Gift Aid' their weekly offering will be available from the back of church from Saturday 14th March at Our Lady's and Sunday 15th at Holy Rood. Please see Sue Kerr-Delworth to collect your envelopes. Thank you!

Magnificat

Fr Damian is currently reviewing the order for this excellent monthly magazine. If you are not already a subscriber and would like to receive a copy, please pass on your details to Sue Kerr-Delworth. The cost is £6.75 per month. If you would like to view a sample copy before committing yourself please speak to Sue.

Alms

If you have any spare change and would like to help support those in need please consider popping it into the collecting box marked 'St Anthony's Bread' next to shrine of St Anthony and the baptistry in Holy Rood. All donations given via this method will go towards feeding those, either coming into church or to the presbytery door, looking for food.



MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Sat	Lenten Weekday	7 March
10.30am	Holy Rood (Jose & Gloria Lungay)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, Vigil of Lent 3 (The Parish)	
Sun	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	8 March
9.30am	Holy Rood (Fr James Shryane)	
11am	Holy Rood (John Finn)	
4pm	Holy Rood - Syro Malabar Mass	
Mon	Lenten Weekday	9 March
10am	OL & SJ (John Durkin)	
10.30am	OL & SJ - Stations of the Cross	
Tues	Lenten Weekday	10 March
Wed	Lenten Weekday	11 March
9.30am	Holy Rood (Elizabeth & John Barraclough)	
10am	Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	
Thur	Lenten Weekday	12 March
10am	OL & SJ (Nicholas Sovis)	
1.30pm	Barnsley Hopsital Chapel	
Fri	Lenten Weekday	13 March
10am	Holy Rood (Mgr Willie Kilgannon Int)	
10.30am	Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	
7pm	Holy Rood - Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Lenten Weekday	14 March
10.30am	Holy Rood (Derryl Dsa)	
11-11.30am	Holy Rood - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5.15-5.45pm	OL & SJ - Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
6pm	OL & SJ, Vigil of Lent 4 (Kunal Banerjee)	
Sun	4th SUNDAY OF LENT	15 March
9.30am	Holy Rood (The Parish)	
11am	Holy Rood (John & John Ashton)	
3pm	Holy Rood - Polish Mass	