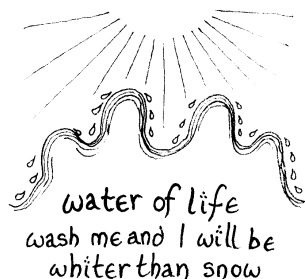


WHAT DO YOU GET?

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.

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Sunday 24th Febuary 2008

Third Sunday of Lent _ A



“Give me some of that water”

Divine Office Week 3 with season

This Week

Exodus 17: 3 - 7

Psalm 94

Romans 5: 1-2; 5-8

John 4: 5-15,19-26,39-42

Next Week

1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7,10-13

Psalm 22

Ephesians 5: 8 - 14

John 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Hymns

Entrance No 175

Offertory No 226

Communion No.400

Recessional No 579

Fests & Memorials

Principal Services

Masses: Sat Vigil 5:30 p.m.
 Sun 10:00 a.m. 12:00 and 6:00 p.m.
 Mon - Fri 8.25 am and 9.30am Sat 10.00am

Stations of the Cross Mon/Tues at 7:00 p.m. Fri at 1:00 p.m. with the School
 Rosary Mon – Fri at 9:10 a.m. and 12:00 noon
 Exposition Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Devotions on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 9:30 – 9: 55 a.m. and after both Masses
 Baptisms & Marriages by arrangement with Monsignor Conway

Other Services and Meetings

Every Sunday	1.Polish Mass in the Cathedral 5:00 p.m. 2.Syro-Malabar Rite Mass in St. Bride's, Cambuslang 3:30 p.m.
Every Monday	St. Francis Xavier's, Carfin. Prayer Meeting for those with an addiction. 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Thurs 28th	AGM of the Social Committee in the Loyola Centre at 7:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
Sun 24th	Associates of the Congregation of Our Lady meet at 7:30 p.m. In New Horizons 19 Stewarton Terrace
Mon 25th	Julian Prayer Meeting at 12 noon in New Horizons, 19 Stewarton Terrace
Thurs 13th Mar	150 th Anniversary meeting in conjunction with the Pastoral Committee at 7:30 p.m. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend

Of your charity please pray for the following

RECENT DEATHS: May Mc Goldrick; John Smith; Gabrielle Docherty;
MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES: Marjory Pickering; Mary, Cornelius & Alexander Sharp; William Duddy; Helen McLeod; Thomas Karran; John, Sarah & Francis Lynch; Mary Mc Cormick; John Mc Cafferty; Jim Widdicombe; Annie & Gerry Jackson; Gerry Jackson Jnr; Francis Tonner; Clare Tonner; Betty (Mc Cann) Golding; Elizabeth Mc Cann; Cathie Mc Cann; Desmond Casey;

SICK: Philip Bennett; Anne Marie Brown; George Balmer; Vera Benedette; John Bennett; Rosina (Queen) Boyle; Mary Bradley; Margaret Bragg; Roseanne Bulmer; John Campbell; Margaret Campbell; Clare Cordiner; Letitia Currie; Nancy Darroch; Hugh Devine; Thomas Early; Ann Finlayson; Pat Grimes; Bridget Frame; Hugh Gallagher; Helen Hunter; Angela Jones; George Kyle; David Lee; Julia Lynn; Celia Mc Auley; Elizann Mc Cann; Marie Mc Fadyen; Pauline Mc Laughlin; John Mc Nally; John Mooney; Margaret O' Kane; Hugh & Jean Preston; Helen Shearer; Margaret Thomas; James Thomson; Rita Vasey; Joseph Walsh; Fr. Paolo Zanon S.X.; Fr. Jim Brown C.S.Sp. Sister Agnes O'Shea; Sister Mary Benedicta; Patrick Canon Mc Govern;
Babies/Young Persons: Luke Devine, Aidan Dooley; Molly Mc Govern, James Flannery; Rebecca Hodge; Struan Jeffrey; James Laird; Luke John Ramsay; Rebecca Connolly; Zak Matthew Thomson; Rebecca Samuels; Christopher John Cahill; Michael

Mc Lean; Emma Steadman; Charlotte Jordan; Owen Mc Quillan; Lori Callaghan;

Parish News.

FINANCE: Last week's collection amounted to £ 1,262.85. Many thanks.
 Last weeks second collection amounted to £738.05

STALL On sale at the stall: Catholic Western Calendars £2.80 Easter, Confirmation Cards and various gifts also available.

LOYOLA CENTRE Tele: 375353: PLEASE SUPPORT ALL OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH CENTRE	
Bingo	Sundays at 7:15 p.m.
Sequence Dancing	Mondays at 8.00pm
Tea room	Mon – Fri after 9:30 Mass
Young ar Heart Celebrate for St. Patrick's Day	Wed 12 th March 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
St. Patrick's Night Dance	Fri 14 th March from 8.00 pm until late, with Arthur Moore. Tickets £ 4.00
Easter Monday Bus Run	On Mon 24 th March, to Mc Arthur Glen, Livingston. Names on list at Loyola Centre or the stall.

LUCKY NUMBERS:

The new prize fund is now £1,858.94 Last week we had one £10 winner and a 20% winner who received £449.74.

ST IGNATIUS PRIMARY: LENTEN ASSEMBLIES: During Lent, children from each stage of the Primary School will deliver an assembly based on a particular theme. Parents and Guardians are invited to attend these assemblies and there will be tea/coffee available. Money collected will be donated to "Let the Children Live;" H.C.P.T. and C.H.A.S.

WEEK 3 Wed 27th Feb Primary 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the school hall.

Fri 29th Feb Cake and Candy 9.30.am–10.30.am (Community Room. P 7)

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: A spiritually based weekend, in St. Mary's Kinnoul, Perth, for those who have experienced: loneliness; rejection; hurt and pain through the loss of a partner by bereavement, separation or divorce. As places are limited you are advised to apply soon. See poster for details.

YOUTH CLUB: Thursdays from 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

WELCOME to Jude Cummins, Evan Anderson Dalziel & Giuliana Gargaro Mc Caveny baptised into our Christian Community last week-end

FAIRTRADE STALL will be held in the Loyola Centre on Mon/Tues 25th/26th Feb after 9:30 a.m. Mass.

GIFTAID envelopes for the new tax year are available for collection at the back of the church beside the stall. Please uplift.

S.C.I.A.F boxes should be returned on Holy Thursday

CONGRATULATIONS to 9th Wishaw Cub Pack on their 50th Anniversary on Sunday 24 February 2008. (Celebrations will follow at a later date.) Best wishes to all past and present leaders and members of the Group....