



23 March 2025

## Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

### Reflection on the Gospel

We have seen how St Luke, in his gospel, places great emphasis on Jesus' message of repentance and forgiveness. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry Peter must admit his sinfulness before he is called to be an apostle; at the end, the good thief acknowledges his guilt and is welcomed into Jesus' kingdom.

This gospel reading, with its historical examples and its parable, reinforces the Old Testament lesson of repentance. Notice also how, in Luke's account of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector, the latter wins through: his prayer is only 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'. Every proclamation of the gospel in Luke's Acts of the Apostles ends with an appeal for repentance.

Repentance means not simply bewailing our sins but doing something about it, changing our way of life, our scale of values. However, we are made in the image of God, and cannot expect God's forgiveness unless we too follow God's example and show the same forgiveness to others. The sinful woman who loved much was forgiven much (Luke 7:36-50). Nor is Luke the only evangelist to stress this point. Matthew adds at the end of the Lord's Prayer the saying of Jesus which underlines the importance of the single petition, 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive others'.

**If you think of yourself as the fig-tree, what do you consider to be the part of yourself that you really need to change? Would the sacrament of Reconciliation help?**

**What sort of injury do you find it hardest to forgive - an affront to your pride, your pocket or your person? Is there anyone you have not forgiven?**

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB, Ampleforth*

### Reflection on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading

In our Lenten readings we have progressed through the story of God's people and now we come to the crucial point when God reveals his name to Moses. This is a decisive moment, because to give your name is a sign of trust and friendship. Someone who has your name has power over you in all kinds of ways, so you give your name only to those you trust.

The Hebrew people, descendants of Abraham, are at a low point, a mere oppressed rabble of immigrants in Egypt, lacking land or security, marked out for extermination by a powerful bureaucratic state. It is as though God had waited for this moment to raise them up, to form them as a coherent group with a leader who could stand up for them in God's name.

God does not yet give the meaning of the name; perhaps 'I Am who I Am' even means 'You mind your own business!' God's name does have something to do with Being, and the Greek translation of the Hebrew text understands it as 'Pure Being', 'the One who Is'. In the Hebrew Bible the meaning of the name is given later on at Sinai, after Israel's worship of the Golden Bull, when God passes before Moses crying out the name, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God of mercy and forgiveness'. This is the true significance of God's name which will echo in passage after passage later on in the Bible.

### Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for the **intentions of the Turner family, RIP and in remembrance of Pat Riley.**

This week, at Our Lady & St Philomena, the votive lamp burning before the relic of St Philomena is for the **intentions of Vicky Barrett.**

Archdiocese of Liverpool  
Parishes of Holy Name and  
Our Lady & Saint Philomena

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**Holy Name**, Moss Pits Lane, L10 9LG

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Road, L9 6BU

**Parish office at Holy Name:** Open Monday,  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am  
to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

**Baptisms:** Our Lady & St Philomena each  
Sunday at 11 am, Holy Name each Sunday at  
12.15 pm. Not 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Confessions:** Holy Name on Saturday from  
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on  
Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

**Funerals and Marriages:** By arrangement.

**Rosary:** Before each weekday Mass.

**Novena:** After Wednesday evening Mass at  
Our Lady & St Philomena.

**Exposition:** Holy Name, Thursday at 9.15 am

**Visits to sick and housebound:** Please  
contact the parish office.

**Hospital visits:** If you wish to see a priest,  
please let the hospital staff know.

**Mass requests:** Complete a pre-printed  
envelope and place in the Mass intention box.  
Please specify the reason for the intention, i.e.  
lately dead, anniversary etc. For a particular  
day, please request early. The Mass may be  
shared unless you request otherwise.

**Newsletter notices:** Please e-mail to  
[holyname@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:holyname@rcaol.org.uk) or hand in to the  
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

**Repository:** Open before and after Mass.



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## Readings at Mass

Scan the QR code for the Mass readings.

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,  
10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



## Psalm response

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

## Thank you

Your offerings this week total £900.29 and  
for CAFOD Family Fast Day £280.53

## Baptism

Congratulations to Lemuel Panashe Junior  
Mutandwa, Amaris Anotidaishe Mutandwa  
and Aamiya Unaishe Mutandwa who  
receive the sacrament of baptism at Our  
Lady & St Philomena on Sunday 23 March.

## HCPT: Talk and collection

There is a talk and retiring collection to  
support the work of HCPT this weekend.

HCPT is a registered charity offering  
pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes for disabled  
and disadvantaged people.

Every Easter around 1,000 disabled and  
disadvantaged children enjoy a fun and safe  
week in Lourdes, staying in hotels with their  
volunteer helpers.

Your donations will help local disabled  
and disadvantaged people go to Lourdes  
with HCPT. For more information on HCPT  
go to <https://hcpt.org.uk>

## CAFOD Family Fast Day

The Family Fast Day collection for  
CAFOD will be left open throughout Lent  
to allow parishioners more time to return  
any CAFOD envelopes.

### Mass times in our family of parishes

#### Holy Name

**Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 11 am**

#### Our Lady & St Philomena

**Sunday 9.30 am**

#### Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday 4.30 pm and Sunday 10 am**

## Pope's intention - March

### For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## Lenten vocation

Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope need priests on the journey! If you feel God might be calling you to serve His people and the Church as a priest, contact the Archdiocesan vocation Director to start a conversation. Email [vocations@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:vocations@rcaol.co.uk) or call 0151 727 2493

## Way of the Cross procession

The Jesus Youth 'Way of the Cross' procession through Liverpool City Centre is on Saturday 12 April at 1 pm. The journey begins at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine and finishes at the Metropolitan Cathedral, concluding with a blessing from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. All welcome.

## Recruitment

The archdiocese is recruiting a Catholic social action coordinator, two assistant accountants, office manager (finance), safeguarding administrator and youth ministry coordinator. To apply <https://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

## Easter retreat

During the Triduum, from April 17 to 20 April, Castlerigg Manor, Keswick run their Easter Retreat for teens and young adults. A chance to journey together through the Triduum and make some friends along the way. The programme offers a combination of fun, relaxation, prayer, talks and the beautiful liturgies. The cost is £85, but anyone who can't afford this is invited to get in touch to see what help is available, contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk).

For more information tel. 01768 772711 or go to <https://castleriggmanor.com>

## Archdiocesan pilgrimage walk

The first of our three Jubilee pilgrimage walks takes place on Saturday 17 May. This will be a circular walk of 5 miles based around the Jubilee Church of St Anne and Blessed Dominic in St Helens. The walk will begin at 10 am from the church car park (WA9 3ZD) and will end with a short procession through the grounds at 11.50 am. Those who do not feel able to complete the 5-mile walk may join us for the procession.

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and visit to the Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the Parish Centre. To allow us to plan accordingly please sign up for the walk using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/11DnmnWWC5>

For more information contact Chris: [c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk)

## Youth ministry internship

Castlerigg Manor, the retreat centre of the diocese of Lancaster, based in Keswick, offer a Catholic youth ministry internship programme. The programme offers solid experience and training, formal qualifications and gives participants the chance to live in the Lake District, be part of a dynamic team, make friends for life and really impact the lives of young people.

For more information contact [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk), tel. 01768 772711 or go to <https://castleriggmanor.com>

## Numbers galore

Numbers are 9 and 37. Triple rollover.

## We remember in our prayers those who have died recently

Martin John Burke, Mary Fleming,  
Patricia Ann Denson, Eileen Cody  
Anthony Brough  
May they rest in peace

Day	Time	Church	Intention
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>			
Saturday 22nd	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Harry Williams, lately dead David Anthony Byrne, lately dead
Sunday 23rd	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes Mary and Billy H, 75 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
	9.30 am	Hospital	Special intention
	11.00 am	Holy Name	John Brennen, lately dead Jacqueline Hughes, RIP
Monday 24th			No service
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	10.00 am	Holy Name	T. M. Sebastian Canon Mount Jean's intentions and parishioners
	<b>11.45 am</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Mary Fleming, RIP</b>
Wednesday 26th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Cleaning ladies, thanksgiving Mary Garry, lately dead
	<b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Funeral: Martin John Burke, RIP</b>
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Stations of the cross</b>
	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Billy, RIP Margaret and John Hughes, anniversary <i>Novena after Mass</i>
Thursday 27th	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	10.00 am	Holy Name	John Butterworth, lately dead Paul Gavin, RIP
Friday 28th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Joe Clearly, get well Maureen Deering, get well
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Stations of the cross</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>			
Saturday 29th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Patrick King, RIP Diane Gadsby, RIP
Sunday 30th	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes Tommy Kennedy, RIP
	9.30 am	Hospital	Special intention
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Nikki Jenkins, 4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary, RIP Patrick Joseph Long, anniversary

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