



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A, 12 MARCH 2023

### MASS SCHEDULES

#### Monday - Thursday

No public Mass

#### Friday – Saturday

9am (Adoration)

9.30am

#### Sunday

6pm (Saturday Vigil)

10.30am (English)

12noon (Polish)

#### Confessions

Saturday

10.00am (After Mass)

or call to make an appointment.

Lent is leading to the Easter Vigil at which new Christians will be initiated into the family of God, and the first step in this is baptism. This is a Sunday about water. We have other Old Testament figures today, Moses again, and (in the Gospel) Jacob, perhaps not a household name for us but the grandson of Abraham and father of twelve sons who became the heads of the twelve tribes of Israel, so another crucial link in the ancestry of Jesus. Jacob's well, near Nablus, is still a place of pilgrimage. Massah and Meribah are not easily identified. The 2R, like last week's psalm, is another affirmation of God's love and our hope, and a foretelling of Christ's death for us. The Gospel is so full of ideas and quotations that it defies analysis in a short space. The theme of water is only one of several. It is water to drink rather than water to bathe in which is in question here but like the living bread that Jesus will talk about later, it is living water which will quench the thirst entirely. The Samaritan woman is surprised that Jesus talks to her, but he takes the opportunity to give her Good News, and she in her turn goes and tells her townspeople of him, like an evangelist, and they come and believe in their turn. Worship 'in spirit and truth' is another highlight of this passage, as is the final confession 'he really is the saviour of the world.'

#### Liturgy Planner

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### For Today Mass

#### Responsorial psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

#### Gospel acclamation

Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

"Nim porozmawiasz z kimś o Bogu, porozmawiaj z Bogiem o tym człowieku" – mawiał sługa boży abp Fulton Sheen. Trzeba by dodać (czemu zresztą ów biskup był wierny każdego dnia) – najpierw sam pobądź z Bogiem. Spotkaj się z Jezusem sam na sam, otwórz z wiarą Pismo Święte, zachwyć się tym, czego doświadczyła Samarytanka, że to On sam mówi do Ciebie, że Jego słowo jest żyjące, choć dotąd widziałeś tylko litery i kartki papieru. Ta Ewangelia pokazuje nam wielką troskliwość i delikatność Boga, który rozmawia ze swoim ludem, z każdym z nas. W głębi naszego serca jest ukryte pragnienie Boga, które – jeśli nie jest nasycone tym, co święte, będziemy próbować karmić innymi bożkami, innymi ludźmi, tym, co zmysłowe, jak było w życiu Samarytanki. Ale spotkanie z miłością Zbawiciela – dotykające prawdy o jej historii życia – uzdrowiło ją, dodało skrzydeł, nadało nowy smak. Dotąd unikała ludzi, nie chcąc spotkać innych mieszkańców – dlatego przychodziła czerpać wodę w najgorętszej porze dnia. Od spotkania z Jezusem stała się świadkiem Mesjasza. [Mateusz.pl](http://Mateusz.pl)

**SAINTS DAYS  
and SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES THIS  
WEEK**

Monday 13th March  
**3rd Week of Lent**

Tuesday 14th March  
**3rd Week of Lent**

Wednesday 15th March  
**3rd Week of Lent**

Thursday 16th March  
**3rd Week of Lent**

Friday 17th March  
**St Patrick**

Saturday 18th March  
**3rd Week of Lent**

**PRAYERS**

Please pray for the  
repose of the soul of  
those whose  
anniversaries occur  
about this time

**Eternal rest grant  
unto their souls,  
O Lord. May they  
rest in peace. Amen.**

**STATION MASS  
BANFF**

**THU 16 MARCH 2023  
11.00 a.m.**

***LENT***

**WAY OF THE CROSS**  
Wednesday 7.00 pm (eng.)

**DROGA KRZYŻOWA**  
Piątek g. 19.00

**CONFESSION**  
Tuesday 4 April  
6.00 pm – 8.00pm

**SCIAF**  
Wee box can be collected  
from the back of the  
church

**LENTEN RETREATS**

Fr Krzysztof Tomczak MS

**17 March – Friday:**

9.30 – Mass in English

19.00 – Droga krzyżowa i msza

**18 March – Saturday:**

9.30 – Mass in English

12.00 – Msza dla dzieci

18.00 – Vigil Mass in English

**19 March – Sunday**

10.30 – Mass in English

12.00 – Msza I Gorzkie Żale

**CHRZEST**

Zamiar ochrzczenia  
dziecka zgłaszamy do  
biura parafialnego na  
**miesiąc przed datą  
chrztu**

**MAŁŻEŃSTWO**

Zamiar zawarcia  
sakramentu  
małżeństwa zgłaszamy  
do biura parafialnego  
na **6 m-cy przed  
datą ślubu**

**GIFT AID**

If you are a UK taxpayer,  
ensure all your contributions  
to the OLMC Banff are Gift-  
Aided by registering for the  
OLMC Banff Gift Aid  
scheme. This means we can  
claim an additional 25% on  
top of all contributions you  
make in whatever form,  
without it costing you a  
penny more!!

To complete GIFT AID  
DECLARATION FORM  
please contact Parish Office

**COLLECTIONS**

Sunday's Collection

5 March 2023

Cash – £272.50

Gift Aid – £50.00

*Thank you for your donations*

**FEBRUARY FINANCES**

Income: £1828.00

Expenses: £1854.05

**Balance: - £26.05**

Bank account: £7365.10

**SCHOOL OF FAITH**

Sunday Teaching form  
Catechism of the Catholic  
Church will be given  
before announcements.