

Third Sunday of Lent Year A, 7/ 8 March 2026.

PRESIDER

Dear Sisters and brothers, our Gospel of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well is a model for us to reach out to those on the edge of the Church and society with the Good News.

READER

We pray for Pope Leo and all preachers, teachers and catechists. Like Jesus with the Samaritan woman, may they lead many people to the gift of faith. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for a new generation of world leaders. May the Spirit of God raise up men and women who have the power to bring wars to an end and keep the planet safe and healthy. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all people still trapped in war and its after-effects, especially in Gaza and the Occupied West Bank, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan and South Sudan, Pakistan and Afghanistan, that diplomacy will overcome violence. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the women of every land, especially those cruelly deprived of their voice and rights. May today's International Women's Day help sustain their hope for justice. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for Caritas Bangladesh. May its work of strengthening climate resilience among vulnerable farmers be sustained by our generous support for Project Compassion. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for our parish community. May we encourage one another to fast from all thoughts, desires and actions that are harmful to our health and wellbeing. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Kathleen Armstrong, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, including Richard Pugh. May they worship God for ever in spirit and in truth. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

PRESIDER

Ever-patient God, as you gave water to your people in the desert in ancient times and gave us your Son Jesus as the source of Living Water, quench our thirst, physical and spiritual, and help us grow in thanksgiving and praise. Through Christ our Lord.