

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

2nd Sunday of Lent

8 March 2020 (Year A)

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Mass Times this Week

Saturday 7	Ss Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs, Mem
11:45am	Rosary in Church
12 Noon	Reconciliation (Confession)
5:45pm	Vigil Mass: <i>Parish: ACN Appeal</i>
Sunday 8	2nd Sunday of Lent
10:00am	Mass: <i>Annette Maria Tyrrell RIP</i> <i>ACN Appeal</i>
10:50am	Coffee after Mass – all welcome
5:30pm	Exposition, Evening Prayer & Benediction
Monday 9	Feria
Tuesday 10	Feria
2:00pm	Lent Reading Group, 7 Gill Croft
7:30pm	York City Church: “Left to their own devices?”
Wednesday 11	Feria
9:30am	Mass: <i>John Smith RIP</i>
Thursday 12	Feria
6:30pm	Mass: <i>EBC</i>
‘Come and See’ - Anglican Bishops’ team will be in Easingwold	
Friday 13	Feria
9:30am	Mass: <i>Katherine Straughan</i>
10:15	SVP Meeting in the Priory
12 Noon:	Stations of the Cross
	Lent lunch in Methodist Hall
Saturday 14	Feria
9am	Prayer Breakfast, Morning Coffee
11:45am	Rosary in Church
12 Noon	Reconciliation (Confession)
5:45pm	Vigil Mass: <i>Parish</i>
Sunday 15	3rd Sunday of Lent
10:00am	Mass: <i>Hugh Watson RIP</i>
10:50am	Coffee after Mass – all welcome
5:30pm	Exposition, Evening Prayer & Benediction

Thought for the Week

O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen.

Henri Nouwen - 1932 – 1996
Dutch Catholic priest and writer

Prayer to St Michael

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Coronavirus

I am aware of considerable anxiety in certain parts of the parish regarding the heavily-reported spread of the Coronavirus. In order to lessen people's distress and possibly to reduce the risk of transmission I have decided the following:

- 1) From now on the chalice will not be available at Mass; Holy Communion will be under one kind only.
- 2) The Offertory Procession will not take place.
- 3) The sign of peace is henceforth to be omitted.
- 4) Holy water will no longer be available at the Church entrance.
- 5) The use of hand-gel from the dispenser at the back of Church is strongly recommended.

These measures are to take immediate effect and will last until the risk of infection is no longer present.

Thank you

Fr James.

Lent Reading Group: Tuesdays at 2pm

You can still join the Lent Reading group if you contact Jenny and Tony on 01347 822813. Booklets available at £1 each (to go in the papers' slot in the Porch).

Evening Prayer

The first celebration of Evening Prayer, Exposition and Benediction last Sunday was very well attended, with 20+ people present! It was a very devotional and grace-filled moment, and I have already been able to "fine-tune" the liturgy for this Sunday, so please do come along and pray along with the whole Catholic Church.

I rather feel there is a great deal to pray about at this moment in our history, so especially in this holy season of Lent let us make the most of our baptism and pray hard!

God bless you all,

Fr James.

A message from Lizzie Stewart

Hello friends! I am asking for your support... In May this year I am going to be jumping out of a plane from a great height! Let me explain... Late in 2016, Charlie and I were preparing to walk 500 miles over Northern Spain, known as the 'Camino Way', to raise money for 'Mary's Meals'. As you may know, Charlie was suddenly and unexpectedly taken from us in early 2017, we never got to start the walk.

I am now preparing to raise money for a charity called Face-Faw, which is an Ampleforth charity supporting a range of causes, 'Mary's Meals' included, that seek to FEED the hungry, SHELTER the homeless, CLOTHE the naked and GIVE WATER to the thirsty. The basic essentials that we all often take for granted.

I am doing the jump to raise the money Charlie and I were looking to have raised back in 2017 and on a personal note, I am doing it in his memory.

Please help me by giving whatever you feel you can. You can go on my fundraising page via the this link...

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LizzieStewart>

Alternatively, if you don't have access to the internet, good old fashioned cash in hand will do! You can give it to Kathryn or myself. May I take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your support.

EU settlement Scheme: message from the Catholic Bishops

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus

Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

“Come and See” 12-15 March – All welcome

Come and See is an event by the Anglican York Diocese, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who come to worship services and events. In the Easingwold Deanery, Bishop Jill Duff and a team from Lancashire will visit. They hope to be at the Lent Lunch at the Methodist Church, and visit the Secondary school and the Ignite afterschool Club. On Saturday they may be at the Park Run and at the Business forum at the George. On Sunday one of the team will preach at all three of the Easingwold and Raskelf Sunday services.

Upcoming Events – See Posters

March

- Fri 20 12 Noon – CWL Lent lunch in the Hall

April

- Sun 5 Palm Sunday
- Thur 9 Maundy Thursday
- Fri 10 Good Friday
- Sat 11 Holy Saturday
- Sun 12 Easter Sunday
- Thur 30 Parish Forum at 7:15pm: Details of the Summer Fayre will be on the agenda.

July

- Sat 4 Summer Fayre in the Priory Garden

Middlesbrough Food Bank: 6 April

A big 'Thank You' to everyone for making the last delivery so worthwhile. Now let's do what we can to keep the Food Bank well-supplied in these uncertain times! Please put at the top of your list: Easter eggs and treats, tinned tomatoes, coffee, tinned rice pudding and custard.

MFB now publish a monthly list on their website: middlesbrough.foodbank.org.uk

Health and Safety Notice

Please note there is no emergency lighting in the church. In the event of a night-time emergency, please use the torch on the counter in the sacristy.

Message for Coin Collectors

Kathryn and William have a large number of special coins, mainly £2s and 50ps that we have been holding with the intention to sell. As we have never really got round to setting this up, we wondered if there were any coin collectors who would like to have a look through what we have, and take any they need for a straight swap – although a small donation to church funds would be welcome!

Appeal from HOST UK

Will you consider inviting an international student to your home, for one day (daytime only) or for a weekend? Share a meal, conversation and exchange cultural traditions and views of the world. It is so very rewarding for both host and student guest.

Please consider becoming one of our volunteer hosts. We would very much welcome you to join us. Information can be found on our website: www.hostuk.org; email: info@hostuk.org; phone: 020 7739 6292.

If you are unable to host but would like to support this cause please see Kathryn for more information.

Aid to the Church in Need Appeal

This week, Angela Deevy from ACN will speak on their behalf after both Masses. She will be happy to answer any questions.

Ampleforth Schola 50th Anniversary Concert

On Saturday 21 March, we will be celebrating 50 years since the founding of the Ampleforth Schola. We are looking forward to welcoming around 50 past Schola members back to the valley to sing with our current 75 strong Scholæ members – is should be quite an event!

Tickets, priced £10 per person, are now on sale and include Choral Vespers, drinks and canapés and the concert in the Abbey Church. The concert will also include the first ever performance of a specially commissioned piece written by English composer, Philip Moore, to mark the anniversary. If you are free and would like to join us, please email Claire.Evans@ampleforth.org.uk or telephone 01439 766777 for more details.

Offertory Collections and Charities:

- Thank you for your generous offertory collections last week of £457.85. We also get an average of £60 per week from standing orders. Please see Kathryn for more information.
- CAFOD Lent Fast Day: this is not one of our Diocesan collections, but there are envelopes on the ushers' table if you would like to donate. They can be dropped into any of the offertory collections over the next few weeks. If you would like to volunteer to be part of a CAFOD parish Team, please contact Carol Cross, Community Participation Coordinator on 01642 822301/ 07779804253 or email ccross@cafod.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Sick, Infirm and Housebound: Sally Agar, Mattie Burke, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, Jenny Cook, Paul Gallagher, Pat Grotian, Graham Harrand, Mary-Rose Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Commander Matthew Kiernan, Kay Moss, Marie Podgorski and Sophie Williams; *those who have Died recently:* Eunice Huby, Eddie Coogans, Hugh Watson and Stella Bullen *and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* Elanor Mary Cole, Ernest Russell, Henry Cunningham, Maria Wimmer