

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

3rd Sunday of Lent

15 March 2020 (Year A)

Parish Administrator: Kathryn Lynam; **Assistants:** Emma Harrison and William Scrope
Office Hours: Tuesday (busy), Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm; Friday 9:30-3:30pm.

Under normal circumstances the Church itself should be open 9:00am -5:00pm on a weekday.
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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.

Next Choir Rehearsal

This will be on Sunday 22 March after the 10:00am Mass. We hope to sing the Mass of St John on Easter Sunday.

Coronavirus: Important advice

The bishops of England and Wales have asked priests to "advise those most vulnerable (the elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long-term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) to refrain from large parish gatherings and stay at home."

This is, of course, ambiguous: they do not clarify what constitutes a "large parish gathering", and so I am suggesting that those who fit into these categories remain welcome to attend Holy Mass, but that the Sunday obligation to do so **does not apply** until the danger is passed. In other words, staying at home in order to protect oneself from the virus is positively advised, and by no means a sin.

Fr James.

- 1) 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) There will be no Holy water in the Porch.
- 5) Please use the hand-gel at the back of Church.

Thought for the Week

*Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. **Serve the Lord with laughter.** St Padre Pio, emphasis added!*

Lost Property

A necklace was found after coffee last week. Please see Kathryn if you think it may be yours.

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).

Easter Cards

A new supply of cards, including Easter cards, are available at the Piety shop.

Meeting of the Cleveland Newman Circle: Wednesday 18 March

Fr Pat Kilgariff (National Chaplain to the Newman Association) will reflect upon the divine inspiration found within Holy Scripture and consider how each of us may turn our own ear to hear the sound of his voice. Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall, 7:30pm – all welcome

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.

No organist this Week

Acclamation:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord until you come again

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.

Upcoming Events – See Posters

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

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!

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

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.

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: very rewarding for both host and guest. Please consider becoming one of our volunteer hosts. See Kathryn for more information.

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 – it 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 ££423.22. We also get an average of £60 per week from standing orders. Please see Kathryn for more information.
- The Aid to the Church in Need Appeal last week raised a total of £388. 71, including sales and donations.
- APF red boxes: the Red Box holders raised an amazing £968.67 last year. Thank you for your continued support. If anyone would like a red box in their home, please contact Anne on 01347 823015
- CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Envelopes 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
- Easyfundraising this quarter has raised £42.44 for the Parish – thank you very much to those who have signed up. Please see Kathryn if you would like to donate as you shop, at no cost to yourself.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Sick, Infirm and Housebound: Sally Agar, Mattie Burke, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, Jenny Cook, Paul Gallagher, Pat Grotrian, Graham Harrand, Mary-Rose Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Commander Matthew Kiernan, Kay Moss, Marie Podgorski, Harrison Torr and Sophie Williams; *those who have Died recently:* Eunice Huby, Eddie Coogans, and Hugh Watson *and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* John Brett, Cyril Flood Craven, Dorothy Ann Cundall, Peter Meadowcroft, Martin John Mulderrig, Sheldon James Pottage, Beth Slocombe and Mary Ann Wootten