

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

3rd Sunday of Lent

7 March 2021 (Year B)

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Mass Times this Week:

Saturday 6	Feria
5:45pm	Mass: <i>Jean de Groot Month's Mind</i>
Sunday 7	3rd Sunday of Lent
10:00am	Mass: <i>Intentions of the O'Donnell Family</i>
Monday 8	Feria
Tuesday 9	Feria
Wednesday 10	Feria
09:30am	Mass: <i>David Dabbs RIP</i>
Thursday 11	Feria
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Friday 12	Feria
09:30am	Mass: <i>Joe O'Donnell RIP</i>
Saturday 13	Feria
5:45pm	Mass: <i>Charles O'Donnell RIP</i>
Sunday 14	4th Sunday of Lent
10:00am	Mass: <i>Martin John Mulderrig RIP</i>

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH 10- 18 March 2021

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration made by Pope Pius IX of St Joseph as "Patron of the Universal Church". With the Covid pandemic in mind, but also for the strengthening of all of us who belong to the Church, Pope Francis has declared this to be the Year of St Joseph, and the whole Church is encouraged to make a novena to this great guardian of Our Blessed Lady and her Divine Son, leading up to his Feast on 19th March. I thought it would be good to commend certain prayers to you which you may like to use for the novena. Remember, it begins on Wednesday 10th March (so, this Wednesday!) and ends the day before the Feast itself.

To make the novena, you could say an Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Glory be, then the prayer "Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer," which you may find on both the little prayer-card and the Missio card, both available in the church porch and the hall.

Here, too, is a longer "official" prayer which you may like to say; you will find the language much more "old-fashioned" but please do not let that be an obstacle! Like so many prayers of this type, it is very deep and rich in content and if you say it slowly and thoughtfully you will find it a great help. (Note: for "charity" you could always read "love"; remember that we are the "chosen children of Jesus Christ", and lastly don't forget that St Joseph is also the patron saint of a happy and holy death!)

TO YOU, O BLESSED JOSEPH (AD TE, BEATE IOSEPH)

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the

inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ. O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in Heaven. Amen.

Let us say this prayer for each other in the Parish as well as for the whole Church – that Universal Church to which we belong and are so blessed to have St Joseph as our Patron! Fr James.

PS: As we pray to St Joseph and to Our Lady, we might also pray for dear John Simpson who restored so beautifully their statues which are now back on the sanctuary, despite being so ill. May God reward him plentifully for his hard work!

Mill Hill Missionaries

As St. Joseph is their patron, the Mill Hill Missionaries are having a special Novena of Masses and prayers. These can be followed on Zoom and YouTube via stjosephsparish.co.uk or www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet.

Thought for the Week

It is better to err by excess of mercy than by excess of severity. . . Wilt thou become a Saint? Be severe to thyself but kind to others.

St John Chrysostom

Bulletin availability: hard copy from box at kitchen door

If you cannot make it to Mass, and are not on email, there will be a handful of spare bulletins in the box for you to help yourself. Please let Kathryn have your email if you would like a soft copy.

Mass Intention Requests to Fr James

If you would like a Mass said please write the intention on an envelope with the offering inside. With enough advanced notice we can try for a specific date, otherwise we will use the next available slot.

Lent

- Note that whilst there can't be any Lent Reading Group this year, there are some of the Lenten daily reading books we have used in previous years. £1 each to go in the "Papers" slot.
- We have come across some old Stations of the Cross booklets, which you are welcome to help yourself to if you would like to follow this Lenten practice at home.
- There is an ecumenical zoom course every week on Tuesdays at 3pm. You can get the zoom codes from the Vicar direct, or let Kathryn know and she will email them to you.

Charities and Other Information

- Minsteracres Retreat Centre has a zoom event on Saturday 20th March 10:30am until 3:30pm: "From Praise to Lamentation, a Journey with the Psalms". It is An opportunity to step aside, listen to God in scripture as we journey towards Easter.
- Osiligi Charity Projects: Child Sponsors Required - the cost would be £20 a month or you can pay yearly. You can choose to nominate a boy or girl. You will receive up to date regular reports on your child, as well as drawings and letter and teachers class report throughout the school year. You can send letters to them when you want to. For more information, please contact Tracey Moore on tracey.osiligi@yahoo.com, or see www.osiligi.org.
- CAFOD Volunteer Team: contact Carol Cross for more details ccross@cafod.org.uk.

Parish Contacts

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Campaigns in support of Life

- Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool (www.righttolife.org.uk) to contact your MP, and ask them to sign the motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on foetal pain.
- Due to the extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions, Lord Alton is championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. You can email your MP using a tool at: <https://genocideresponse.org/>

Catholic Papers

- Catholic Universe and Catholic Times: can be delivered to you weekly: 3 months for £25.00 or 12 months for £99.00. 0161 820 5722 or www.thecatholicuniverse.com
- For editions of all the catholic papers you can also go on www.ChurchPaper.co.uk.

Streaming: Live Catholic Mass Online

- Please see our website for a list of on-line resources, including churches who are live-streaming Mass, and Magnificat's offer for free on-line access during this troubled time.
- At the time of the first lockdown in March 2020, the Diocese built a simple database to provide links to those churches broadcasting live Catholic Mass online. They added times for: 'Daily', 'Sunday Vigil' and 'Sunday' Mass live streams. Where possible they also included Mass in other languages. See <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk>

Eggs: Free until further notice

Please take what you need from the Porch, many thanks to Trish and Jane. You are still welcome to donate to the Poor Box.

Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings

- Thank you for last week's offertory collections: £171.00
- CAFOD family fast day: please feel free to donate using one of their envelopes, and add it to the collection plate at any time over the next couple of weeks.
- We have raised £93.51 through Easyfundraising over the last quarter: thank you to those who are using the scheme. Please see Kathryn if you would like more information.

Home Library and Information Service

This is a free service for people of all ages who live in North Yorkshire and are unable to get to the library or carry books themselves. It's a personalised service, which offers full access to books, large print, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, and information. Library staff and volunteers choose books to suit the clients' tastes, and our teams of friendly volunteers deliver the books to their home once a fortnight. Items can be kept for as long as they are needed, there are no fines or overdue charges, and requests are free. Please see Kathryn if you would like more information.

Attendance at Mass

- Please note that the seating plans for Mass are now fixed, and Sunday Mass is fully booked. We can accept new bookings for Saturday, but please let us know by Friday.
- Thank you to those who help out by stewarding at all Masses. Next weekend's stewards are Geoff Fulford and Hilary Dutton

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Sick, Infirm and Housebound: Sally Agar, Mattie Burke, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, Jenny Cook, David Craig, Col Crossland, Paul Gallagher, Murray Grant, Catherine Harmer, Mary-Rose Harrison, Pauline Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Derrick Johnson, Gerry Kelly, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, Vincent O'Donnell, Marie Podgorski, Teresa Catherine Powers, Stephen Sangster, Anne Waggott, Ron Waite and Sophie Williams;

those who have died recently: Teresa Beales, Jérôme Bérard, Frank Coogans (104 yrs), Tony Kelly (Gerry's brother); *and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* Elanor Mary Cole, Ernest Russell, Henry Cunningham, Rita Finch, Maria Wimmer