

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Year B – 11th March 2018
St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bilton, Harrogate

Sunday 11th March 2018

6:30pm **Saturday (Vigil)**
Intention: Hannah Maguire
Reader: Warren Considine

8:00am **Sunday Mass**
Intention: People of the Parish
Reader: Teresa Carmody

11:00am **Sunday Mass**
Intention: Father's Intention(NB)
Readers: Grace Foster & John Tweddle



Monday 12th March 2018

Feast:
Intention:
No Mass

Readers at Mass - next week

Saturday (Vigil): Elizabeth Tyszka
Sunday 8.00am: Leonard Hulme
Sunday 11:00am: Helen Fletcher & Pam Evans

Tuesday 13th March 2018

Feast:
Intention: Arthur Thompson
9:30am **Mass with Year 2 in attendance**

Devotion

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before each Mass.
Rosary recited after each Mass.

Wednesday 14th March 2018

Feast:
Intention: Doreen Dawson
12noon **Mass followed by Stations of the Cross**

Confessions

5.30pm – 6.00pm
Saturday evening or by appointment.

Thursday 15th March 2018

(HMP Wetherby Young Offenders)
Chaplaincy
No Mass

Marriage and Baptism

By appointment and after preparation. Marriages require a minimum of 6 month notice.

Friday 16th March 2018

Feast:
Intention: Parish Dead List
9:30am **Mass**

Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are sick: Jean Harston, James Mularkey, Georgina McCaul, Baby Elspeth Morris, Gemma Smith, Alex & Mary Hobson, Father Angelo, Monsignor Philip Holyroyd, Jacqueline Scruton, Carol Wood, Mary Hammond.

Those who have died:

Parish Priest: Rev. Father Neil Byrne

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Lenten Project 2018. For this year's Lenten Project we will join with our parish school to support the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Sisters care for the elderly and also care for the sick priests of our diocese. *Special collections will be taken after all Masses this weekend & 17th/18th March.* Please give generously as able.

Stations of the Cross will follow the 12noon Mass during Lent on Wednesday's. Please come along to this important Lenten Devotion. *"We adore you O Christ and we praise you because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."*

Offertory Envelopes. Boxes of Offertory envelopes for the new financial year starting in April are available now in the church entrance. Please collect yours as soon as possible to ensure continuity of tax reclaims on your collection. While the envelopes are primarily for Gift Aid if you would like to have one even though you don't pay tax this can be arranged. Just let Father Neil or John Tweddle know.

Benefits of Gift Aiding your donations. I am sure you all know by now that through the Diocese the Parish can reclaim tax on your donations if you are a tax payer. The rate is at 25%, so every £4 you give can be worth £5 if it is Gift Aided. But I wonder how many of you realise that this year from claims already submitted we will receive **over £14,000.**

Hospital Chaplaincy: When a Catholic is admitted to hospital they (or their family) must inform the ward staff that they are a Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. If you know that you are going into hospital either inform me or phone the Chaplain: Father Jim Leavy on (01423) 889442.

Swięconka: Once again this year we will mark Swięconka which is the traditional Polish blessing of Easter food. Traditionally, the baskets include an egg to symbolise new life, bread to symbolise the Eucharist, lamb to symbolise the paschal Victim, salt for purification, horseradish to symbolise bitterness and ham to symbolise abundance. These are brought to church in decorated baskets and blessed by the priest in anticipation of the Easter feast. If you haven't seen this before do come along to St Joseph's on Holy Saturday (31st March) at 1pm and join in. The service lasts about 15 minutes. There's plenty of information on the internet if you're wanting to bring a basket along. **Zgodnie z polska tradycja poswiecenie pokarmow odbędzie się Wielka Sobota (31 Marca) o godzinie 1pm wkościele Sw.Jozefa. Powiadomcie znajomych i przyjaciol. Poswiecenie pokarmow potrwa ok. 15 minut.**

Date for your Diary:

Polish Cake Stall: Sunday 25th March.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH will be celebrated on Monday 19th March and will be marked with Holy Mass with the school children at 9:30am in church. All welcome! It's a solemn feast for our parish, therefore **NO FASTING!**

Parish 200 Club: Can members please ensure that their subscriptions are up to date. New members welcome Please give some thought in joining. We need to fill up our empty spaces for the weekly draw. If you are interested in joining, please see one of the collectors at Mass or Father Neil.

Preparation for Sacraments

First Reconciliation 2018 & First Holy Communion 2019 Next weekend is the session which the children need to attend: **Saturday 17th March 2018 – 10am – 3pm.** The service will be on **Thurs. 22nd March 2018 from 6.30pm.**

Confirmation

This year the Confirmation course is held on **Saturday 21st April 2018.** Confirmation at St Joseph's will be on **Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 7pm.**

Marriage Preparation

The Parish's Marriage Preparation course has now been completed. This year we have 4 couples who are preparing for Marriage in the Parish and two outside the Parish. I am grateful to our Marriage Presenter's, Martin & Elaine Flanagan & Pam & Paul Evans who run the course for their time in preparing these couples.

Please keep in your prayers: our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation & Confirmation, along with their families and our Catechists. And those who are preparing for Marriage. May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for them.

Harrogate Deanery Day of Reconciliation –

Confession will be held at St Robert's on Saturday 24th March from 10am-6pm. Priests will be available throughout the day. Please try and avail the Sacrament before Easter as part of your Easter duties.

Easter Egg Bonanza. This has been a great bit of fun for many years for children of all ages. The Children's Liturgy Group have agreed to organise it and are looking for donations of Easter Eggs; these may be left in the Church entrance ready for Easter Day. Tickets will be on sale at all Masses from this weekend.

Harrogate District Hospital Chaplaincy Ward

Visitors: The Chaplaincy Department at the hospital are seeking more volunteers to be trained as visitors on the wards. Training will be provided for those who are interested. If you would like to register your interest for the training days (12th April, 13th, April & 18th April), please phone the Chaplaincy Office: (01423)553045 and speak with David Payne or Adam Clayton.