

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year: C – 2nd March 2019

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bilton, Harrogate

Sunday 3rd March 2019

6:30pm	Saturday (Vigil) Intention: Nellie Byrne (A) Reader: Alicia Player
8:00am	Sunday Mass Intention: People of the Parish Reader: Teresa Carmody
11:00am	Sunday Mass Intention: Czeslaw Karbowniczek Reader: Greg Warren & Gosia Smith



Monday 4th March 2019

Feast:

Intention:

No Mass

Tuesday 5th March 2019

Feast:

Intention: Parish Dead List

9:30am **Mass** *with Year 4 in attendance.*

Ash Wednesday 6th March 2019

Feast:

Intention: Parish Dead List

12noon **Mass** *with the distribution of Ashes, followed by Stations of the Cross*

1:30pm **Ash Wednesday Liturgy in School**

Thursday 7th February 2019

HMP Wetherby Young Offenders

Chaplaincy

No Mass

Friday 8th March 2019

Feast:

Intention: Foundation Mass

9:30am **Mass**

Readers at Mass – next week

Saturday (Vigil): Imelda Morritt

Sunday 8.00am: Lenard Hulme

Sunday 11:00am: Paul Fletcher & Linda Francis

Devotion

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

Confessions

5.30pm – 6.00pm

Saturday evening or by appointment.

Marriage and Baptism Please remember in your prayers:

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

Those who are sick: Jean Harston, Alex Hobson, Father Angelo, Mary Hammond, Emma Tolan, Jenny Brentnall, Terry Mawn, Christine Fletcher

Those who have died:

Lent: Ash Wednesday: (6th March): Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, and the day we come to church to be reminded of our need to repent. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. We are reminded that fasting means cutting down on the amount of food we eat, abstinence means abstaining from something altogether. Lent gives us all the opportunity to reflect and assess our spiritual health. Whilst it isn't a holyday, it is a good way to begin the holy season in which we prepare to renew our baptismal promises. Lent is the time to be honest about our real relationship with God and with each other. Good Friday focuses our hearts and minds on the horrendous suffering and death of Jesus which he freely accepted to demonstrate his immense love for us. During these precious weeks of Lent let each of us make a commitment to do something extra in gratitude to God for our eternal redemption or in the words of Pope Benedict just a few years ago "May Lent be for every Christian a renewed experience of God's Love given to us in Christ, a love that each day we, in turn, re-give to our neighbour, especially to the one who suffers most and is in need. Only in this way will we be able to participate fully in the joy of Easter." With so many people in need all around us, it shouldn't be too hard, finding someone to reach out to.

Lenten Alms Project CAFOD- Every year in the tradition of Lenten Almsgiving Parishes collect for Catholic good causes, usually for a specific project that otherwise would not be achieved. This year in conjunction with our school we will support CAFOD who are working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, so they can put food on the table. **CAFOD Family Fast Day** is on Friday March 15th. Fast Days are an opportunity to support their vital work. Please give what you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life. You can eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help. As part of our Lenten almsgiving, there will be retiring collections held on: 16th/17th and 30th/31st March Please give generously.

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

Time to update your Standing Order Over the past few years there has been a big increase in the numbers of people who make their offertory donations through standing orders. I am very grateful for these regular donations which are a great help to our Parish finances, but many have not been changed since they were first set up. Parish costs continue to increase year on year so if you give by standing order please would you look to see if you can manage to give a bit more.

Preparing Children for the Sacraments: We are in need of new Catechists to help with sacramental preparation this coming year. The current team have done this for over 20 years and intend to retire in 2019. It is now time for new helpers to come forward and help. Please think about this very valuable and important role in our parish. Training will be provided. Please contact one of the current team or Father Neil.

Mass Requests - Please contact Father Neil if you would like to request a Mass to honour someone special to you, for example: anniversary of death, birthday or a sickness.

Dementia Friends Information Session

Would you like to learn a bit more about dementia, how it affects a person and what you can do to make a difference? Why not come and join us for a Dementia Friends Information Session led by Rachel Beedle (Catholic Care) a Dementia Friends Champion for the Alzheimers Society. The session lasts about an hour and is an informal way to learn more and to begin to work together to create dementia friendly communities. The session will take place on **Tuesday 19th March at 7pm in the Church Hall**. For more information please contact Rachel on 07739 975021 or speak to Father Neil or Teresa Carmody to book your place. Thank you.

Safeguarding: After last week's Clergy Conference which I attended. May I remind all those who attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word that **ALL adults** should sign-in. No child should be alone with an adult other than their parent or the leaders who have a certificate. Children who have already received their First Holy Communion or above that age should, under normal circumstances, remain in Church for the whole of the Mass.

Parish Safeguarding: Our parish safeguarding representative is Jane O'Beney who is doing an excellent job ensuring that our safeguarding procedures are all in place. Currently all renewal forms are being updated and Jane will be in touch with those who need their DBS's renewed. Due to the heavy workload of this role we are now seeking additional help. If you are interested and are willing to assist Jane and the parish, please see Father Neil

Diocesan Refugee Appeal – Collection taken last weekend raised: £474.66. Thank you.