

First Sunday of Lent: Year: C – 10th March 2019
St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bilton, Harrogate

Sunday 10th March 2019

6:30pm	Saturday (Vigil) Intention: Ruth Trollope Reader: Imelda Morritt
8:00am	Sunday Mass Intention: People of the Parish Reader: Leonard Hulme
11:00am	Sunday Mass Intention: Hannah Maguire (A) Reader: Paul Fletcher & Linda Francis



Monday 11th March 2019

Feast:

Intention:

No Mass

Tuesday 12th March 2019

Feast:

Intention: Thanksgiving: Daly

9:30am **Mass** *with Year 6 and Reception attendance.*

Wednesday 13th March 2019

Feast:

Intention: Joe Joseph

12noon **Mass** *followed by Stations of the Cross*

13:40 **Funeral Service at Stonefall** for
Simon Adanuty

Thursday 14th March 2019

HMP Wetherby Young Offenders
Chaplaincy

No Mass

Friday 15th March 2019

Feast:

Intention: Sean O'Boyle

9:30am **Mass**

Readers at Mass – next week

Saturday (Vigil): Jade Cooper

Sunday 8.00am: Mark Gargan

Sunday 11:00am: Patsy Rochester & John Tweddle

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:

Simon Adanuty and Simon Doyle

LENT

The message of Lent is made clear in the liturgy for Ash Wednesday. As we were given ashes on our foreheads, we heard the priest say **“Repent, and believe in the Gospel or Remember thou art dust and unto dust thou shall return”**. These are powerful words. They are in direct opposition to most of what we will see and hear around us every day. We do not live in a society where many people are Catholics. It is not like living in Medieval England, when the Church was the focal point of every town and village and where the seasons of the Christian year were a part of life for everyone. In order to create a sense of the importance of Lent, we will have to develop it within our own hearts and in our homes and families.

In Lent, we should take extra time to pray. We should bring back into our lives things that we may have allowed to fade out: praying every morning when we rise, every night before going to bed, saying a Rosary during the day, saying Grace at meals. We could make this Lent a time when we really reflect on the importance of what we are doing when we receive Holy Communion. Do we make a proper thanksgiving afterwards? Or do we hurry away from Church, leaving before the Mass ends so as to be first in the exit from the car park? Do we start to chatter with friends while still in the Church as Mass ends and while others might still be praying? Our Lenten traditions help us to share with Jesus his experience of the desert.

During Lent, we could recall the Church’s instruction that we make every Friday a day of penance. We are meant to perform some penitential act – for example to refrain from meat. **Do we?** In Lent, we should be performing some serious and genuine act of penance – giving up sweets or coffee or alcohol or TV. If we find ourselves saying “Oh I don’t have any sins for which I need to do penance” are we sure we are telling the truth about ourselves?

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: 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.

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**. Envelopes are available. Please give generously.

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.”**

Your Offertory is worth more with Gift Aid. St Joseph’s can claim back the tax you have paid on your offertory and every year we receive around £13,000 back from the tax-man. *But it could be more.* Currently over £350 each week, around 1/3rd of the collection, isn’t Gift Aided but a lot of this could be. If you pay UK income tax, by completing a simple form and using offertory envelopes or by making a standing order the parish can claim the tax back. Everything is done confidentially, even Father Neil won’t know how much you give. Ask Father Neil or John Tweddle for a form, there are some at the back of church, fill it in and hand it back and your box of envelopes will be available a couple of weeks later.

Offertory Envelopes. Boxes of envelopes for the new financial year starting in April are available for collection downstairs in the church entrance. If you would like to join the scheme, Gift Aided or otherwise and would like a box of envelopes for your use please ask Fr Neil or John Tweddle, Tel: 523332.

Last Week’s Collection: Loose: £442.90 – Envelopes: £318.00 – Total: £760.90 - (Weekly S/O’s: £468.65)
200 Club Winners: 1st Prize: (61) D Findley – 2nd Prize: (9) P Tucker – 3rd Prize: (144) B O’Brien