

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Year: C – 31st March 2019
St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bilton, Harrogate

Sunday 31st March 2019

6:30pm **Saturday (Vigil)**
Intention: Eily Donavan
Reader: Warren Considine

8:00am **Sunday Mass**
Intention: Parish Dead List
Reader: Suzanne Ulyett

11:00am **Sunday Mass**
Intention: People of the Parish
Reader: Helen Fletcher & Frank Naughton



Monday 1st April 2019

Feast:
Intention:

 No Mass

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Feast:
Intention: Special Intention Daly
9:30am **Mass with Year 2 in attendance**

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Feast:
Intention: Vincent & Eileen Bradley
12noon **Mass followed by Stations of the Cross**

Thursday 4th April 2019

**HMP Wetherby Young Offenders
Chaplaincy**

No Mass

Friday 5th April 2019

Feast:
Intention: Shelagh O'Boyle
9:30am **Mass**

Readers at Mass – next week

Saturday (Vigil): Elizabeth Tyszka
Sunday 8.00am: Teresa Carmody
Sunday 11:00am: Mark Smith & Anne Roberts

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, Mary Hammond, Emma Tolan, Jenny Brentnall, Terry Mawn, Christine Fletcher.

Those who have died:

For those who missed the announcement last weekend, which was very difficult to make. Bishop Marcus has asked me to move from this parish at the end of August and take up a new appointment as Parish Priest in Christ the King, Bramley and Holy Family, Wortley, each with its own primary school. The two Leeds parishes are to be amalgamated after Easter. I am also to continue in my role as Chaplain at Wetherby Young Offenders. Your new Parish Priest will be Father Stephen Webb who is currently the Parish Priest of St Clare's in Bradford. Father Webb is a kind man with a lot of pastoral experience. He is also working at the army college in our town. You are lucky to be getting him as your Parish Priest.

Although I have been expecting a move for a while, it still came as a shock. I will have been ordained a priest twenty one years in July; fourteen of them have been spent with you. There have been some wonderful times and some sad times for all of us and naturally, I will be sad to leave you and this place, which I have come to regard as my home. This new appointment will certainly be a challenge and one which I am both daunted by and looking forward to. That said, as always I am relying on your prayers as I prepare for this move and I ask you to pray for Father Webb who is also having to say goodbye. Be assured of my prayers.

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. 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.

Fisher Singers are performing at St Peters Church on Saturday 6 April at 7.30pm. Items include Rossini's Stabat Mater and Faure's Requiem. Ticket price is £10 and £5 for under 18's available from P&C Music Devonshire Place, 01423 504035 or 01765 608057 or 01423 874320.

Forthcoming Second/Retiring Collections:
Catholic Care collection due to take place this weekend will be deferred to a later date.
14th April Easter Flowers (Palm Sunday)
19th April Holy Places (Good Friday)

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

THIS WEEKEND: Lenten Alms Project & CAFOD's Cyclone Idai Appeal - 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. Part of this collection will go towards CAFOD's Cyclone Idai appeal and asks for our understanding of the necessity of making this appeal, due to the urgency and scale of the disaster -an estimated 2.6 million people are in need of vital humanitarian aid to survive in the days and weeks ahead. As part of our Lenten almsgiving and CAFOD's appeal, there will be retiring collection after all Masses this weekend. Envelopes are available. Please give generously.

Swieconka: Once again this year we will mark Swieconka 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 (20th April) 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 (20 Kwietnia) o godzinie 1pm w kościele Sw. Jozefa. Powiadomcie znajomych i przyjaciol. Poswiecenie pokarmow potrwa ok. 15 minut.**

Preparation for Sacraments

First Reconciliation:

Preparation Day: Saturday 6th April 10-3pm in the parish hall. Celebration of Reconciliation: Tuesday 9th April from 6pm in church.

First Holy Communion: Parents meeting on Tuesday 2nd April at 6:30pm in church

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

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 next weekend.

**Last Week's Collection: Loose: £463.45 – Envelopes: £361.50 – Total: £824.95 - (Weekly S/O's: £468.65)
200 Club Winners: 1st Prize: (155) M Cominsky – 2nd Prize: (88) Ward – 3rd Prize: (26) E Waind**