

MARCH 2020

READERS

1 March

10.30

6.30

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Paws for Thought!

“Signing the cross on our foreheads, using ash from last year’s burnt palms is a reminder of where we have come from and where we are headed and the ever-present need to take stock.

Lent is a time of return, when that which was lost is found again and a new beginning sought. The ‘lost sheep’ is a recurring symbol of our experience.

The mark of our baptism identifies us with our flock. With Ash Wednesday and the start of the Season we call Lent, there is a call to spiritual awareness, an opportunity to strip lives down to the bare essentials and see what really matters.

We easily forget that black and white are separated by many uneven shades of grey.

Maybe that is what Lent gives us, a pause time to ask the difficult questions, not of others but of ourselves. And if the answers are not immediate, then we should not worry. Not all questions have answers that are clear cut and obvious, but the asking of the question at least means that we have considered an issue important enough to question. Waiting patiently is the story of our search for faith. A question posed doesn’t always have a gift-wrapped answer waiting to be opened.

We should encourage each other to face reality and trust that we might follow God’s Spirit as it moves in our hearts.” (from Chris McDonnell: A Time to Pause)

God bless, Anam  and Jerry

VISITORS TO ST GEORGE’S CHURCH: Welcome to you all and thank you for joining us for Mass. We hope you enjoy your stay in York and your visit to our parish! Please join us for coffee in the Sacristy after 10.30 Mass on Sunday. We’d love to see you! Also, if you are making a donation, we’d be really grateful if you would use a Gift Aid envelope from the table at the back of the church. For every £1 you donate we can then claim back 25p from the Inland Revenue. Many thanks for your support—we hope to see you again!

If any parishioner would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme please speak to Seamus O’Neill.



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Sunday 1 March 2020

First Sunday of Lent: Year A Office Week 1

Sunday 10.30 am: Joe Burton RIP

6.30 pm: Parish Community

Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 10.30 Mass

Next Sunday’s Readings — Second Sunday in Lent:
Genesis 12: 1-4; 2 Timothy 1: 8-10; Matthew 17: 1-9

Unless announced otherwise service times are:

Tuesday-Saturday: Morning Prayer 9.15am, Mass 9.30am
Exposition and Confessions: Saturday morning after Mass until 10.30am

Feast	Intention
Mon No Mass in the Parish	
Tue	Peter Wright & McQuade Family
Wed	Anna Marie Culkin
Thu	Peter O’Neill
Fri	
Sat	



The Stations of the Cross will be on Friday mornings after Mass

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for March: This month we are asked to pray for Catholics in China. This month we are asked to pray “.....that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.”

Masses received for: Peter O’Neill

PARISH NEWS AND INFORMATION

Mobile Phones: please switch off during Mass

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR CANON JERRY stgeorges@redmidd.org.uk

Please use this email address from now on

EXCEPT FOR BULLETIN ITEMS - see below

BULLETIN: Please send any bulletin items, names of Lately Dead and Anniversaries to bulletin@stgeorgeschurch-york.uk

(This new address is only for bulletin items)

Please send the emails by end of Wednesday.

Alternatively, post your items through the Rectory door clearly marked **BULLETIN** by very early Wednesday morning.

The Bulletineers work from home and need the items in good time.

Mass Intentions should be sent to Canon Jerry as usual

The retiring collection last week raised £256.50. Thank you.

Third World Cake Stall: On Sunday after both Masses

Fairtrade Sale: Many thanks for your support of last Sunday's Fairtrade Stall. £125 worth of goods was sold and £5 given in donations to the Palestine Tree Planting Fund. The next stall will be on 22nd March when Easter eggs will be available.
Frances and Dennis

Aid to the Church in Need: thanks us for our donation of £900 towards helping refugees

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fridays 10.15am-6.00pm in the Corpus Christi Carmelites' chapel for peace and reconciliation

St George's and St Aelred's Youth Group: There is a group for younger (7-11 years) and older (11-16 years) children. We meet once a month at St Aelred's Community Centre (next to the church off Melrosegate) on **Sundays 4.30pm - 6.00pm.**

The dates until summer are:

7-11 years— 8th March, 5th April, 10th May, 7th June, 12th July

11-16 years—15th March, 26th April, 17th May, 28th June, 12th July

For more info or if you can help volunteer at either group, speak to Katy Iggulden or email kathleeniggulden@gmail.com



YEAR OF THE WORD - The God who Speaks

Praying with the Sunday Readings in Lent

10.30am - 11.30am Saturdays in the sacristy

(7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March)

An informal group for reflecting on and praying with the Sunday Mass readings, followed by refreshments. We will use materials produced by the Jesuits in Diocese of Wrexham. Everyone Welcome!

There are posters about most of these events on the notice board at the back of church

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Middlesbrough Diocese LGBT: On the second Sunday of each month, at 3.00pm in the Bar Convent chapel: Masses giving explicit welcome to LGBT people, their families and friends. [https:// www.lgbtmiddlesbroughcatholic.org.uk/](https://www.lgbtmiddlesbroughcatholic.org.uk/)

Journey into Freedom' - Retreat in Daily Life – Lent 2020 – offered at St Bede's

Pastoral Centre Group and individual sessions during Lent. Costs from £30—£50 depending on choices made. More information available from St. Bede's Pastoral Office on 01904 464900 or email admin@stbedes.org.uk

Come and make an Icon: The Yorkshire Icon School is holding a workshop on 5 Saturdays, 9.30am-5pm, beginning 7 March at Holy Trinity Church, Micklegate. Prayer, meditation and work to create your own icon of either Christ Pantocrator or St Benedict. Cost £185. Leaflets at back of church or email canonianh@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer 2020: will be celebrated throughout the world on Friday 6 March.

There will be several services in York but as there is no longer a city centre service the organisers for the South West York area invite you and your members to join us at English Martyrs, Dalton Terrace (not far from the city Centre) that day. All are welcome and more information is available from me, email and phone number below. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer, in native languages, travels throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas – before finishing in American Samoa more than 36 hours later. In York, parishioners from English Martyrs' Church will be joining with friends from neighbouring St. Chad's and St. Clement's Church of England parishes and Southlands Methodist Church, as well as some students from All Saints School, to celebrate World Day of Prayer in English Martyrs' hall, Dalton Terrace, at 2 pm on Friday 6th March. Other services will be taking place elsewhere in York. Details of services can be found on the World Day of Prayer website <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/services/> All are welcome. Do find a service near you and join us in prayer with and for the people of Zimbabwe.

Judith Smeaton, English Martyrs' Parish, York
judith.smeaton@btinternet.com tel. 01904 704525

Chrism Mass 7 April 2020 in the Cathedral —A coach leaves St. Aelred's Church 10am returning approx 5pm. Cost £13 including buffet lunch.
To book, please ring Catherine 07950 488685

St Patrick's Day - Tuesday 17 March: Mass will be celebrated by Canon Jerry Twomey and local priests at 12noon at St George's Church. All very welcome.
Light refreshments will be available in the Sacristy after Mass.

Calling All First-Aiders: Are you a qualified First-Aider, or a Doctor, Nurse or Medical Professional that regularly attends morning or evening Mass at St Georges? Would you be prepared to make yourself known to one of the door keepers so we can add you to the list of people we can call upon should anyone need attention during Mass?

Fortunately, this is a very rare occurrence, but we are required to hold a list of First-Aiders as part of implementing the findings from our recent Health & Safety Audit. Please contact one of the door keepers at morning or evening Mass if you feel you can help.