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PARISH PRIEST: FR JO MICHAEL

SUNDAY MASS 10.30am and 6.30pm
Confessions *in the Sacristy* after all Masses
Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10.30am Mass
Adoration 9.00am Tuesday to Saturday
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Sunday 22 February – YEAR A - YEAR OF ST MATTHEW – Divine Office Week 1
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – On all Sundays in Lent please pray for all the candidates for the Sacraments
10.30am Mass – *Therese O'Brien* <> <> <> <> <> 6.30pm Mass – *People of the Parish*
RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CAFOD NEXT SUNDAY

Mon	St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	NO MASS		
Tue		9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am Mass	<i>Prayers Answered, St Jude</i>
Wed		9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am Mass	<i>Peter Wright</i>
Thu		9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am Mass	<i>Francis Kerwin, 60th Anniversary, RIP</i>
Fri	St Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church LENT FAST DAY	9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am Mass	<i>For successful knee operation</i>
Sat		9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am Mass	<i>Health and Wellbeing</i>

THOUGHT FROM THICKET – 22 February 2026 First Sunday of Lent - "I have set off into the soul of my Christ and there I am going to spend my Lent. Ask Him that I might live no longer but that He might live in me . . . It seems to me that this is the secret of sanctity and it is so simple!" (St Elizabeth of the Trinity)
<http://www.thicketpriorycarmel.org> @thicketpriorycarmel

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – ENROLMENT FOR 2026 is now open for any young people (usually Y8 and above) in the parish who want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **First session for candidates: Thursday 26 February, 6.30pm-7.30pm in St George's Sacristy.** Please complete the Google docs form on the parish Facebook page or, alternatively, a paper copy, which is available at church. Please speak to Katy Iggulden or Fr Jo Michael.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: The fast day is **this week Friday 27 February.** Your support for this fast day will help our brothers and sisters in Africa, Bangladesh and around the world. You can also take part in the **Big Lent Walk**, organised by the Laudato Si' group, on your own or with friends or as a parish and walk 200km in 40 days, to help fight global poverty with your donation. Contact Katy Iggulden for more information.

CATECHIST FORMATION - two new Catechist Formation

Pathways: **Pathway 1** the essentials of catechesis, fortnightly 7 April-20 June and **Pathway 2** later in the year is a follow-on and for experienced catechists. Speak to Fr Jo Michael if interested.

COMING SOON - LENT SCRIPTURE GROUPS: Would you like to join others in the parish to pray and reflect with the Sunday Gospels this Lent? There will be a group on Tuesday evenings starting **this week 24 February** and another after morning Mass - day and start date to be announced with details.

LENTEN READING INVITATION: This Lent, why not take a book from the **Laudato Si' bookshelf** at church? Choose one that catches your eye, read it during the season, and let it inspire your journey to Easter. When you've finished, we'd love you to share a short review or reflection - message it to us on Facebook or email it to kato.maria@gmail.com for publishing. Free to take. Free to read. Free to share. Let's grow together this Lent.

GIFT AID: For tax payers £1 donated through Gift Aid becomes £1.25. For more information please speak to **Seamus O'Neil**. Many thanks to all who already donate in this way.

ST BEDE'S PASTORAL CENTRE: 21 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ – a place of warm welcome, spiritual renewal and refreshment, a wide variety of day, weekly and monthly courses, some at the centre and some online. Full details of courses from the website: www.stbedes.org.uk or ring **01904 464900**. **Among the events coming up is . . .**

- **ONLINE LENT TALKS Tuesday evenings 7.00pm-8.00pm, 24 Feb and 10, 17, 23 March, £5 each talk.** Held on Zoom with time for reflection and conversation. Contact St Bede's for more information and to register.
- **STAFF VACANCIES AT ST BEDE'S:** We are looking for two people to help support the smooth running of our Ecumenical Centre and contribute to its warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere. One for two days a week and the other for three days. Closing date for applications 9 March. Details from Fiona Hill, contact details above.

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTIONS AT MASS: Thank you for your donations for Carecent and of breakfast items for our Primary School and thank you to those who deliver the Carecent items. If you have larger items to donate Carecent is open Mon to Sat, 8.30am-10.45am: 01904624244.

RECYCLING: Unwanted furniture for those in need can be collected by York Community Furniture Store: 01904 426444

RECYCLING AT ST GEORGE'S FOR CHARITY: There are boxes at the back of church to recycle the following items -

- Clean and scrunched aluminium foil – for Snappy
- Cables with plugs, etc removed – for Snappy
- Used inkjet (only) cartridges – for SVP
- Candle wax – for the Carmelites at Thicket Priory

Very many thanks to our regular recyclers

WELCOME TO ALL: *If you are visiting York, we hope you enjoy your time here. If you are new to the parish or would like to be involved in parish activities please make yourself known to Fr Jo Michael or to our Welcomers on the door.*