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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS

If you are new to the parish or have moved house within the parish please ask a collector for a Record Form, complete it and return it to the collector

THIS WEEKEND		3rd SUNDAY OF LENT		Year C
DATE		MASS INTENTIONS		MEETINGS / EVENTS
Saturday 23 rd March	6pm	(Vigil) EBC / Les Jolley recently died		<i>Short talk by an SVP member on a collection for Mozambique at each Sunday Mass.</i>
Sunday 24 th March	10am	The Parish / Joyce Simmonds recently died		Journey in Faith 4.30-5.30pm Youth group 7-9pm Priory House Family Rota of Prayer Trish Henshaw 16 Lowerhouse Road
Monday 25 th March (Annunciation of the Lord)	9am 12.15	No Mass Service of Word and Sacrament	<i>Please pray for our Chapter at Ampleforth on Monday and Tuesday.</i>	Church Cleaning 9am 'B' team Mindfulness 10-12 Priory House Widows Welcome 7.30pm
Tuesday 26 th March	7.50 12.15	(with schools) No Mass Service of Word and Sacrament		Easter Sunday family day planning 7pm Finance Committee 7.30pm
Wednesday 27 th March	9am 12.15	David Ormisher anniversary Requiem mass Dorothy Crosbie		
Thursday 28 th March	8am 12.15	(Alverna) Christine Hayes RIP Barbara Brown RIP		Volunteer Training 9.30 - 12 Holy Week preparation 19:00 - 20:30
Friday 29 th March	8am 11:30 12.15 7.30	(High school) Fr Thomas Cullinan RIP <i>Stations of the Cross in the Chapel</i> Stan Hulme RIP Ecumenical Brexit Prayer Service B S chapel		<i>Churches Together in Britain and Ireland asked us to pray about the Brexit issue Divisions run deep. God listens to prayer, and praying helps us to be peace-makers. Come and join with us at 7:30pm</i>
NEXT WEEKEND		4th SUNDAY OF LENT		Year C
Saturday 30 th March	9am 9.30 till ends 5-6:00pm 6pm	Rev Charles Jeffries RIP friend of Fr Theo Confessions (B) Confessions (J) (Vigil) The Parish / Bond family intentions / Dorothy Crosbie recently died		Parish Workshop on Liturgy 9.30 to 12.30 in the Narthex.
Sunday 31 st March	10am	Fr Abbot's intentions / Courtney family intentions		Journey in Faith 4.30-5.30pm Priory House Youth group 7-9pm Priory House Family Rota of Prayer Monica Knowles 29 Dalehead Road

Confessions are available at any time. Ring to arrange

Adoration in church, St Joseph's Chapel You are welcome to pop in any time

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £480.82**
For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

Gift Aid £392.71
Many thanks

Week 11 500 CLUB Congratulations to S Raven £100 Winner (No 3) Agent: L Raven

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK The Congregation says:

May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.



Rosary for the Unborn The Knights of St Columba and SPUC pray the rosary

Intention for March - For medical staff that they uphold the principles of care at every stage of life



CAR PARK ONE WAY SYSTEM - SAFETY NOTICE ALL using the church car park are asked to come in through the LEFT entrance and exit through the RIGHT opening. Please drive SLOWLY and be aware of pedestrians. If you have family or friends coming to mass or a celebration here please make them aware of the one way system. Many thanks for your help in keeping everyone safe.

Easter Candles and Flowers if you would like an Easter candle £5, for your family, or in memory of loved ones who have died or would like to donate towards the Easter Flowers. Please fill in your details on one of the parish multipurpose or your own envelopes and hand in to the Priory as soon as possible.

THE PARISH PLEASE PRAY FOR Paul Falcone, Carol Wright, Joe Mullin, Tony Kerrigan, Rosalia Lakot (Fr Leonsyo Akena's mother) Monica Maguire, Bernadette Clarke, Colin Bennett, Frank King, Vanda Brown, Pat McMahon, Bernadette Thompson, Matthew Cox, Tony Loftus, Eileen Standidge, Pat Clensey, Maurice Green, Sharon Seddon, Margaret Evans, Allen Withnell, Carol Parkinson, Marjorie Parr, Margaret Booth, Rebecca Coates, Vi Gardner, Joan Sullivan, Pauline Robinson, Philip Watson, Derek Taylor, Catherine Breen, Glenda Kelly, Eileen Hilliard, Peter Beatty, and connected with us, Elaine Brown, Malcolm Wright, Anthony McMahon, Chris Berry, Peter Keane, Alison Gardner, Kevin Barnes, and for all sick people known to parishioners.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED For Dorothy Crosbie and Hilda Waine and all who have died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Barbara Brown, Joan Evelyn Wilson, William Crichton, Cyril Schultz, Elizabeth Randall, Frank Harrison, Danny Bonner, Maureen Courtney, Caron Kennedy-Noblett, Mary Masheter, Henry Rooney, Herbert Taylor and Ruth Chatburn.

The Parish Reconciliation Service for Lent takes place on Tuesday 2 April at 7:30pm. The High School students will lead us and we will have some first confessions of adults and children. Extra priests will be present. It is an important moment to meet Jesus who heals and saves us in our souls and bodies today as in his time on earth.

Faith in Action Scheme The National Faith in Action scheme has grown in strength and numbers since it was launched two years ago. This year we have over 1100 young people taking part. To assist with the award we are looking for individuals who might have a few hours free in May/June to help moderate the work the young people have done. Moderators require no specific background in teaching, youth work, or religious studies: we are simply looking for people who can spend time looking at pieces of work and writing a short affirmation of the work the young person has done. Moderation can be done in your own home and in your own time. If you would like more information, please call Fr Simon Gore on 01744 740467/740460 or email s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk

Sister Veronica's Golden Jubilee: 10 February 2019 We have a beautiful slide show of Sister Veronica's Golden Jubilee produced by our parishioner Martin Cahill. <https://slideshows.cahill-photography.com/sister-veronica-golden-jubilee/> You will find it also on the website under the heading Called Beyond

Youth Group Lent Project Our Youth group will collect as many crisp packets and Bread wrappers as they can during Lent. These can be dropped off at specific locations and after recycling, the materials are re-designed. This prevents these plastic items from entering our seas and oceans, and damaging life in the planet. Parish support will help this to become a permanent feature. We will hear more about this as CAFOD is supporting urgently the movement to halt climate change, which is the major issue for humankind in our lifetime.

Easter Sunday Garden Party We are planning a Parish Easter Celebration. After the 10am mass we will meet in the garden, weather permitting, for a Jacob's join and various games: an Easter egg hunt, Easter bonnet parade, races and craft activities. A list will be available shortly to organise food for the Jacob's join and Easter bonnet parade; please start planning your bonnets. We would be grateful if parishioners could donate Easter eggs of various sizes. Anyone wishing to help at this celebration there will be a short meeting on Tuesday 26th April at 7 pm or speak to Cath & Tim Sullivan or ring 07800 771575.

Fundraising St. Mary's High School. St Mary's is one of ten schools selected to take part in the Rock FM Cash for Kids 'School Challenge'. We have 4 weeks in which to fundraise for the school. Our fundraising will be match funded up to £2000. The school who raises the most will receive a further £1000. A collecting bucket is in the Narthex.

What can you do to help? In your workplace you could organise a quiz, raffle, sponsored event or just make a simple donation to our personalised fundraising page. The latest date for donations is 12 noon on Thursday 4th April. This is the kick start to helping us resurface our aging astro-turf, a facility used not only by the school but local sports clubs. Many thanks in anticipation for your support. See poster in the narthex for more details.

Wonderful News There will be an ordination in our Parish at 12 noon on Sunday 28 April. A consecrated lay man who was in England for 30 years will be ordained here by Archbishop Malcolm to help the Church in a Mission Country. If you wish to come, sign the list as parishioners will be laying on food for all who come in the Parish Centre.

OUR WAY OF LIFE. God is not punishing us when man-made ventures or natural disasters lead to untimely deaths and suffering. It is just part of the life that is leading us to everlasting life.

A REFLECTION. A person who is never prepared to repent would be in a mess. Repenting means to turn towards God in heart and mind every day, and to embrace the presence of Christ in me and among us day by day. As many people seem not to know God, this could also be explained as turning to Love (who is God), and being a loving person in all circumstances, good or bad.

WORD OF LIFE **Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful** (Lk 6:36). If we have hurt someone, let's have the courage to ask for forgiveness and start again. It is an act of great dignity. If someone has truly offended us, let's try to forgive them and make room for that person once more in our heart, so that they too can heal the wound. But what is forgiveness? Chiara Lubich wrote: "Forgiveness is not forgetfulness...it is not weakness...it does not mean taking serious matters very lightly, or considering as good what is in fact bad...it is not indifference. Forgiveness is a clear-sighted act of will, and thus a free act that welcomes the other as they are, despite the wrong done to us, just as God welcomes us sinners, despite our faults. Forgiveness means not reacting to wrongs done with more wrongs, but doing what St Paul says, 'Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.'" Such openheartedness cannot be improvised. It is a daily conquest, a constant growing in our identity as children of God. Above all, it is a gift from the Father that we can and must ask from him.

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