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The Second Sunday in Lent

25th of February 2024

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Bishop Thornton

Fr Chris will be saying this Mass

Sunday 25th February 09.30am

Thursday 29th February No Mass Today

Pateley Bridge

Fr Chris will be saying these Masses

Sunday 25th February 11.15am

Wednesday 28th February 9.30 am

Saturday 2nd March 10.00 am

Vigil 06.30 pm

Mass at St Anne's Cathedral – Chapter of Canons

Tuesday 27th February: 12.30pm

For details See Over

Carmel Masses

Monday 26th February 8.15am

Tuesday 27th February 10.30 am

(St Gregory of Narek)

Friday 1st March 8.15 am

Markenfield Hall

No public services until further notice.

If any parishioner is ill and would appreciate the sacraments and a visit from a priest, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cycle of Prayer Intentions

Candidates for the Sacraments

especially on the Sundays of Lent

Prayer of the Faithful

One of the following may be used or adapted according to local needs

Let us pray for those called to the Easter sacraments, that they may find joy in the love of the Lord. For all who walk alongside the Elect and candidates, for catechists, sponsors and Godparents may they be generous in faith and caring in support.

Father of love and power, it is your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into his all-embracing love. Guide the elect of your Church: strengthen them in their vocation, build them into the kingdom of your Son, and seal them with the Spirit of your promise.

Liturgical Texts

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** contains the texts for the celebrations proper to the period of Purification and Enlightenment.

Opportunities and Challenges

Where there are members of the Elect - for the Scrutinies to well celebrated with them within the Sunday assembly.

When the Scrutinies are celebrated the scripture readings for year A are always used. Will this use affect other parish Masses as well to assist a common reflection on Baptism?

To make the whole parish aware of those preparing for the celebration of the Easter Sacraments and to invite their prayers.

To encourage people to participate in the Easter Triduum and in particular the Easter Vigil.

What opportunities are there to make connections between the preparation of different Sacraments? Enable a time for reflection between priest(s) and catechists.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL

To participate online, please access the following YouTube channel which, will be live each Sunday until further notice

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-xVdN6rMCG0sGxk8Rulow>

Youtube Service from St Anne's

<https://universalis.com/20240225/mass.htm>

The Readings and Gospel for today

Gospel Mark 9:2 -10*

This is my Son, the Beloved'

A message from Fr Christopher.

A Spiritual thought for this week.

It was not enough for the Lord to pray for those who crucified him: he also wanted to make excuses for them. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." They are great sinners, yes, but they have little judgment; therefore, "Father, forgive them." They are nailing me to the cross: "if they had known, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory; therefore, Father, forgive them. They think it is a lawbreaker, an imposter claiming to be God, a seducer of the people. I have hidden my face from them, and they do not recognise my glory; therefore, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

If one wishes to prevent this fire of divine love from growing cold because of injuries received, let him keep the eyes of his soul always fixed on the serene patience of his beloved Lord and Saviour.

Extract from 'The Mirror of Love' by St Aelred, abbot.

My Forthcoming Retreat

This year I am hoping to make my retreat with the Cistercian brothers on Caldey Island South Wales.. I try to live their monastic life, praying and eating with them for about ten days. Access to the island is by an open boat that can only sail in calm seas. The island is three miles out to sea. It is a wonderful experience. I hope to journey down to Tenby on Monday 4th March (via National Express coach) and cross to the island, weather permitting, the following day. Please join me in prayer during these days.

Canon Christopher

Women's World Day of Prayer

To be held this Friday 1st March at 7.00pm

At Our Lady Immaculate Church, Pateley Bridge.

This year the Day of Prayer has been organised by the Women of Palestine.

Everyone is warmly welcome.

Urgent Appeal – Little Sisters of the Poor

See Over for News Items

Anniversaries

Fr James Walsh, John Joseph Simpson,

Mary Mc Neela, Norman Hesp, Stephen Webster,

Arthur Richardson, Hubert Poutney,

Eileen Frank, Mary Waterhouse, Jerome Mass.

Recently Deceased

Phil Baines 19/01/24 Alexei Navalny 16/02/24

Canon Joseph Smith 25/01/24

Doreen Crack 30/12/23 Jack Willis 18/12/23

Tony Flanagan 29/11/2023 George Anderson Oct 2023

Sick

John Crowther, Pat & Michael Hobbs,

Christopher Browne, Marjorie Hassett,

Fr Jim Leavy, Teresa Smith, Pat Jackson,

Fr Eugene Mc Gillycuddy, Terry Gilbin,

Catherine Gilroy. Julian Brockway,

Isobel Dallas,

Please Say Special Prayers for Bridget's

Father, Pat Jackson who is Very

Seriously Ill, with family at his bedside

100 Club Draw

The 9th Draw will take place after Sunday's Mass on the 3rd of March and the winner will be noted in next week's bulletin.

Offertory Funding

We are grateful and encourage those who continue to donate by standing order with the parish and where possible Gift Aid it so that we might recover the income tax on that money donated.

Monthly Standing Orders £625.00

£ 4th Feb £27.70 Feb 11th £72.00 18th £35.00

website-<http://www.stjosephsbishopthornton.co.uk>

Financial Update:

Regarding St Joseph Bishop Thornton the account is in a healthy situation helped by a recent generous legacy. The Financial sub-Committee will update us with an annual account sometime in April. Please note that significant expenditure is expected on maintenance in future months/years.

Thank you, as always for your generous support.

Lent Fast Day Envelopes.

Please if you have not already done so please leave your Envelopes from Cafod for our contributions for this Fast Day on the table in the porch

Request from 'Right to Life' to write to our Member of Parliament

To support an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill that will reduce the abortion time from 24 to 22 weeks in England and Wales.

Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks gestation can now survive outside the womb.

A leaflet is available from the back of Church.

Any news & information for the next bulletin, email: michaelhcoghlan@googlemail.com

Chapter of Canons

Our quarterly meeting takes place this Tuesday 27 February followed by Mass for the Deceased Priests and Deacons of the Diocese at the Cathedral. It so happens that I have been invited to be the main celebrant on this occasion. It would have been my mother's birthday on this day. I propose to offer Mass for her the following day (Wednesday).

Urgent Appeal – Little Sisters of the Poor cont'd

Just before Christmas 2023 the Little Sisters, staff and 62 residents of Mount St Joseph's Care Home in Leeds, learned that their Home was unsafe due to the presence of reinforced Aerated Autoclaved Concrete (RAAC) in 95% of the roof.

The decision to close the Home was made.

Bishop Marcus' earnest desire is that the Little Sisters will be able to rebuild the Leeds Home with its unique Catholic ethos. Key to that is the financial support £500,000 is needed now to off-set the costs incurred at this time to keep the residents safe.

A leaflet explaining more and how to donate is available at the back of Church.

Female rowing trio raises more than £86,000 in record-breaking Atlantic race

Hatty Carder, Bobbie Mellor and Katherine Antrobus, better known as the WaveBreakers, rowed for 40 days across the Atlantic ocean.



Bobbie Mellor, Hatty Carder and Katherine Antrobus completed a 3,000-mile rowing race across the Atlantic ocean in 40 days, 10 hours and

Vodafone the main sponsors have promised to double whatever the team raise.

A prayer for Ukraine Two Years On

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen

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Since our email last week re the new print edition of the paper, which was quickly followed by the Cardinal's generous public support for it, we have been delighted at the amount of enquiries we have had from the parishes regarding supplies of the paper.

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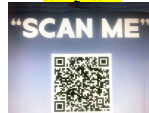
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