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14 March 2021 4th Sunday of Lent "Laetare" Joyful Sunday

Primary School: St Mary & St Joseph, Maxwell Road, Pocklington, YO42 2JN tel: 01759 303287.

Secondary School: All Saints, Mill Mount, York. Tel: 01904 647877.

Hospitals: If you go into hospital and would like a priest to visit some useful numbers are: York Hospitals 07748108253 or 01904 725579, Hull Royal Infirmary 01482 329100 and Castle Hill 01482 847763.

Masses this week

Saturday 13th March 7.00pm

Sunday 14th March 9.30am

Tuesday 16th March 6.30pm of Lent

Thursday 18th March 6.30pm Eve of St Joseph

Sat 20th March 7pm 5th Sunday of Lent

Sun 21st March 9.30am 5th Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions received:

Don Hardisty RIP, Stephen Doherty RIP, Mary Leyden RIP, Marie Breadon RIP, In Thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Special Intention, Philippa Bennison RIP, Angela Ogden RIP Anniv., Welford Family RIP, Andrews Family RIP, Karina Allen, Karin Broeker Anniv.,

Confessions: Anytime by appointment – a good time would be before or after any Mass.

Mothers Sunday A happy Mothers Sunday to all Mothers.

Year of St Joseph Our Holy Father Pope Francis has dedicated this year to the care and intercession of St Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family and Patron of the Universal Church. Bishop Terence writes,

“ St Joseph looked after and guarded the Holy Family of Jesus and Mary, quietly looking over them and protecting them. I have absolutely no doubt that he will look after and protect each one of us and all our families throughout the world. All we have to do is ask his intercession. That is exactly what I am suggesting each one of us does in the run up to his feast (March 19th). Ask him to pray on our behalf so that we can face the future with greater confidence and trust”. See Diocese of Middlesbrough website.

New Parish Offertory Envelopes commencing on 10th April 2021 are now available in the Church Porch. Many thanks to Parishioners who have given so generously to the Parish during Covid, and especially to those who couldn't attend Church because of Covid fears but who have still managed to contribute regular Offerings and also to a Parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous who made a very generous “one off” offering that goes some way to offset the Offertory income shortfall during last year.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper 6.30pm

Good Friday Celebration of the Passion 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 6.00pm

Easter Vigil Mass and Liturgy 7.00pm

Easter Sunday Mass 9.30am

Because of social distancing, if you would like to attend any of the above Services please sign the Register at the back of the Church or contact Joanna Powaga on 01759 306725. Please indicate whether you are coming with others in your household or social bubble.

The Bishops of England and Wales stipulate the limits for Holy Week and it is clear that nothing will be back to “normal” for a while yet. All the Services will be curtailed somewhat, eg no procession on Palm Sunday, no Deposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Maundy Thursday, no Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday and no Easter Fire or candles and reduced readings at the Easter Vigil. Parishioners who cannot make Holy Week Services are encouraged to watch the Diocesan celebrations from Middlesbrough Cathedral on the Diocesan website thereby displaying unity with the local Diocesan Church.



With prayers and best wishes, Fr James