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21 March 2021 5th Sunday of Lent

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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 20th March 7.00pm

Sunday 21st March 9.30am

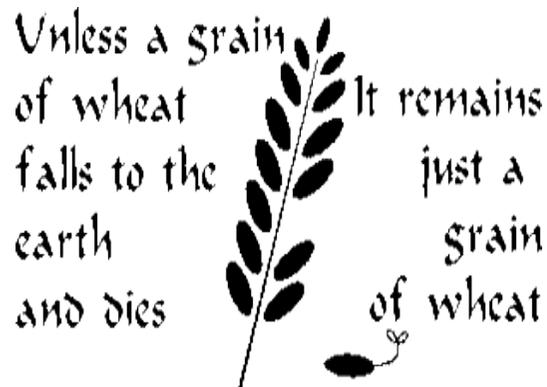
Tuesday 23rd March 6.30pm
of Lent with Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament from 6pm
Thursday 25th March 6.30pm
Annunciation of Our Lord

Palm Sunday
Sat 27th March 7pm
Sun 28th March 9.30am

Mass Intentions received: Gregory Peterson Gordon RIP, In Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of our great granddaughter Margaret (Robert & Rowan), Patricia Hughes RIP, Judith Myra Wray RIP.

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

National Day of Reflection and Prayer Tuesday 23rd March 2021 to mark the first national lockdown of the outbreak of Covid 19. People are invited to have a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8pm. In our Church



there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00pm till Mass at 6.30pm to pray for all those who have died, for those who have suffered whether through stress, illness, financial disaster or family tensions and to pray for their ongoing resilience, courage and capacity to forgive. We reflect with thanksgiving for the generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and determination by so many in these most difficult times. We reflect in hope that, as the pandemic is controlled and we open up our lives again, we will gather in the lessons we have learned and build our society into a better shape, more compassionate, less marked by inequalities, more responsive to needs and deprivation. We ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in this endeavour.

Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land – Poems and Reflections for Lent and Easter. This 160 page fully illustrated book brings together 15 poems written by a parish priest in a Catholic London parish during the lockdown of Holy Week 2020, with 15 reflections written by today's Christian voices from the Holy Land. It is designed for both private prayer and as the basis of prayer group meetings, the book follows Jesus in his final days leading to his Passion, Death, Resurrection and appearance on the road to Emmaus. With a foreword by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, this book is also a practical support to Holy Land Christians through the Charity, Friends of the Holy Land. Copies of soft-back and e-book versions are available at £7.99 each through the FHL Shop www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/lenten-book, by emailing office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or telephoning FHL 01926 512980.

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 in the Church Hall 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