



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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*Our Lord has written
the promise of the Resurrection
not in books alone,
but in every leaf in springtime.*

Martin Luther

In three days I will raise it up

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 3rd	THIRD LENT 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) T & A Chambers RIP (MG)	
Mon 4th	Lent feria 9.00 (HAD) L Farrell RIP (M&JS) 10.30 (BB) funeral of Graham Fogarty RIP	
Tues 5th	Lent feria 9.30 (HAD) L Griffin RIP (JK)	10.30 (BB) time to pray 6.30pm (HAD) joint parishes' meeting
Wed 6th	Lent feria 9.30 (HAD) T Brady (JK)	f/by Weds Group mtg
Thurs 7th	Lent feria / Ss Felicity & Perpetua 9.30 (HAD) L Farrell RIP (DW)	
Fri 8th	Lent feria / St John of God 9.30 (BB) Fr J Sullivan RIP (TP)	2.30 (HAD) Stations of the Cross
Sat 9th	Lent feria / St Frances of Rome 9.30 (HAD) L Farrell RIP (EF)	
Sun 10th	FOURTH LENT (Laetare / Mothering) 9.15 (BB) Derek Orr RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
<p style="text-align: center;">THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (B)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalter week 3</p> <p>Introduction: The Lord castigates the Temple merchants, and tells us to keep the Commandments.</p> <p>First Reading : Ex 20 : Moses reveals the Lord's Ten Commandments</p> <p>Resp.Ps. YOU LORD HAVE THE MESSAGE OF ETERNAL LIFE</p> <p>Second Reading : 1 Cor 1 : The scandal of the Cross; the folly of wisdom.</p> <p>Gospel : Jn 2 : Destroy this sanctuary; in three days I will raise it up.</p>		

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish:

Peter James, Pauline Anderson, Isabella Phillips, Joe Singleton, Joan Killeen, Una Wilkinson, Christine Wild, David Healey, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Beatrice & John Eaton, Keith Winston.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Adrian Chatterton, Joe Maguire, Victor Key, James Kavanagh, Eamonn O'Hara, Terry Makings; *Freda Winterbottom, Jean Ambrey, Carol Hall, Pauline Brown, Frank Bates :*
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them: may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY we are reminded of the Ten Commandments, the very foundation stones of proper behaviour in regard not God and our neighbour. St Paul observes that it is in suffering and weakness that the strength of God can shine through our lives.

THE GOSPEL finds us in the temple precinct, and watch Jesus excoriate those who would turn the place of divine worship and presence into a market-place. According to St John, this scene took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, on the first of Jesus' four visits to Jerusalem. At each subsequent visit the Temple authorities lay in wait for Jesus, increasingly keen to eliminate him, but unable to do so till his Hour had come. The other gospels place as the final climax both this incident and all other scenes of Jesus in Jerusalem. Whichever is correct, the incident is the basic cause of Jesus' arrest and tortured death. By his action Jesus had demonstrated that the worship carried out in the Temple was vain in God's eyes and must be superseded. To the Temple authorities this was intolerable, and he must be removed. Again, Jesus demanded a complete reversal of standards. His puzzling saying about building the Temple anew in his body was at last understood by his disciples to mean the Temple that was his Body, the Church. The material building which had been the centre of worship was no longer important. Henceforth all worship would take place in any place, but within the Christian community. The community – or the Church – was now the place of sanctification and of prayer to God.

SAINTS ALIVE Saints Perpetua and Felicity (- 203) were martyred at Carthage in 203 during the persecution of Septimius Severus. With so many martyrs of the third and fourth centuries we have to say "they were martyred but nothing else is known about them." That is not the case here. We have a detailed contemporary account of their arrest, trial, sufferings and martyrdom, written partly by the saints themselves and partly by an eye-witness. Devotion to them spread rapidly and they are mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

St John of God (1495 - 1550) was born to a poor but devout family in Portugal in 1495. After serving as a soldier under the Emperor Charles V he devoted his life wholly to the service of the poor and the sick. He founded a hospital in Granada and a circle of disciples formed round him, which later became the Order of Hospitallers. He died on 8 March 1550, his 55th birthday.

St Frances of Rome (1384 - 1440) was born in Rome in 1384 and was married at the age of 13. Although she had wanted to be a nun, she was happily married for 40 years and had three sons. She distributed gifts to the poor and ministered to the sick. She was remarkable for her humility and detachment, her obedience and patience in adversity (including her husband's banishment, the death of two of her sons from plague, and the loss of all her property). She was a mystic and contemplative, part of the great flourishing of mysticism in that period, and after her husband's death she retired to a convent she had founded, where she died on 9 March 1440.

TIME TO PRAY Next Tues, 5th March, Immaculate Conception will be open for a time of public & private prayer. This will be guided by a friendly parishioner and will be for no more than an hour from

10.30 in the morning. All are welcome.

PARISH MEETING Following the Parish Amalgamation Working Groups' recent meeting, there will be a follow-up meeting this Tuesday evening at 6.30 in the oratory. This will include a presentation by representatives from the Glossop Catholic churches on the 'Divine Renovation Programme' proposed locally. It will be good to learn more about this venture, and discuss whether it might take root in our parishes. The meeting will also give chance to share views on future parish-coalescence plans. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY GROUP meets this week in the oratory after morning Mass on 6th.

LINDA GRIFFIN RIP The funeral arrangements are announced : Mon 11th Feb, All Saints RC church Glossop, 12.30 pm. May she rest in peace.

LENT CONFESSIONS Monsignor Moore has kindly agreed to come and hear confessions again in the oratory on Saturday 16th March from 10.30am.

MISSIO RED BOXES A message from Maureen Brierley: "Missio is Pope Francis' personal charity and he encourages us to support it if we can. It helps communities share their faith, trains missionaries to work alongside local communities and provides schools for children. Through the Red Box in our homes, popping in all the odd amounts of change, we can support Missio's work. March is the month for the red boxes to be emptied, so if you have one please bring it to Church this month. If you would like to like a red box ask Maureen or take one from the back of the Church."

MISSIONARY SISTERS' VISIT It was a pleasure to welcome Sisters Krystina and Reena last weekend. Sister K spoke at our churches, and was made very welcome. Your response was very generous; we have been able to forward £515 to support the appeal. Thank you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are diaried for Friday at 2.30 at St Charles. 'Stations' are a devotion of the church. They are not a 'liturgical' function' (led by the clergy). They may be led by any attentive Catholic at a convenient time. Please let me know if you wish to lead 'the Stations'.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles : £40: P Pover; £20 : D Clough.

STANDING ORDERS: Immaculate Conception : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Margaret's church/collection (or tote)" 00510567. St Charles : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "Charles church/collection (or tote)" 00269177.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2025 is declared by the Holy Father to be a Jubilee Year. Ahead of that year, and in preparation for it, Pope Francis declared 2024 to be "The Year of Prayer". Our diocese had prepared a feast of helpful information to support us in this journey into prayer. I hope you find chance to discover this treasure-trove by heading to dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

REFLECTIONS ON A RETREAT Before I set off on Monday for the Yorks dales, and the monastery of Ampleforth, I went to Glossop for a haircut. The young man, Callum by name, engaged in the usual barber-chair chit-chat. 'Had a nice weekend?' I told him about the visiting Sisters and welcoming them to my home & table. 'Going anywhere nice this week?' he asked. So I told him about monks, and abbeys and retreats. 'Can you say a prayer for me?' he asked. So I did and do. And I'll pass a copy of the newsletter to him sometime this week!

A retreat is a time, a place, a space. It is a time to be away from familiar things of home. It is to leave behind the daily doings and busyness for a while. It was good to be away from the media: no news, no TV, no radio, no newspapers. Bliss! It was a time of fellowship, with brother clergy—including the Bishop—and of course with many of the monks and those who live and work in and around Ampleforth Abbey. And fellowship with God. It was a time of silence: especially the 'magnum silentium' from after supper until breakfast the next day. It was a time of rest, more especially for those who are sciatically-challenged. It was the time to listen. To listen to the regular tolling of the Abbey bell, summoning the monks, (and even the visitors) to prayer. That challenging bell was not quite so welcome at 5:45 each morning. Its tolling became a regular reminder of the pattern of prayer. It was a time to sing, because all the all the prayers in the Abbey are chanted. It was a time to rediscover Latin, the language of Vespers each evening. It was a time to reflect especially on the theme that the Holy Father has set us for this year: the Year of Prayer. It was good to listen to the talks given by the Abbot and members of the monastic community on different aspects of prayer. It was a time of good food & fellowship. It was a time of surprises: the carpets of snowdrops giving way too shy primroses and gaudy daffs; a time also to listen to the pre-dawn surprise of the fox and pheasant disputing with the owls—an auditory dawn before the next surprise : the gorgeous surprise of the glory of roseate sky heralding the dawn on Tuesday. It was the time for God in all his guises. It was a time of grace. Praise him! Thank Him! Worship Him; listen to him. Constantly seek his face.