

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF KIRKSTALL

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2nd MAY 2021

WELCOME to any visitors and new parishioners.

CONFESSIONS – BY APPOINTMENT

Those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will now be able to do so on Saturday mornings at Holy Name from 10am – 11am & at St Mary's, from 10.40am – 11.15am in each Sacristy. Access will be via the side door of HN & the external Sacristy door at SM. In order to comply with COVID 19 restrictions, it will be necessary to book an appointment with **Father Emmanuel on his mobile (see bulletin header) to make an appointment.** If you don't get a reply, please leave a message and he will get back to you.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and simple Benediction takes place before each weekday Mass at Holy Name and Assumption and then on Saturdays before the 10.00am Mass at St. Mary's.

BAPTISM

We welcome and pray for the XXX family whose child will be Baptised in our parish this weekend.

LATELY DEAD

Yvette Chivers, Nora Hall & Catherine Hargraves whose funeral will be held in Holy Name church this week. However, due to the current restriction on numbers attending funerals (30 max.) please only attend if you have been invited by the family. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

OFFERINGS Thank you: £804.56

Standing Orders for Mar: £5987.82

XXX XXX

We have all seen the distressing scenes from India as the virus spreads. The situation is indeed desperate and XXX has asked for our fervent prayers. She herself has stayed well to date and is doing what she can to care for those she serves. In turn the XXX XXX Trust is, as always, supporting her with funds, prayers and encouragement.

We pray for the people of India as they desperately struggle with the coronavirus. We pray for XXX XXX who after 39 years of dedicated service to the poor and disabled in Tamil Nadu is facing this new crisis with continued faith and determination.

SUNDAY MASSES

(Vigil Saturday)

Holy Name 6.30pm Alfred Richardson

St. Mary's 8.15am Mary Cairns

Holy Name 9.00am Fr. E A Pearson

Assumption 9.45am People of the Parish

St Mary's 11.00am Lena Clancy

Holy Name 11.15am Margaret Glynn

MON 3rd *Ss Philip & James*

9.30am *Holy Name* Anne Morgan

TUES 4th *The English Martyrs*

9.30am *Assumption* Nestor Jurczak

WED 5th

9.30am *St Mary's* An end to abortions & for the healing of wounds caused

THURS 6th

11.00am **HOLY HOUR** The people of India

Noon *Holy Name* Mr & Mrs McDougal

FRI 7th *St John of Beverley*

9.30am *Assumption* Tony McCormack

SAT 8th

10.00am *St Mary's* John Harrion

10.00am *Holy Name* Bridget Mary Lyons

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND:

6.30pm (HN): Margaret Holmes 8.15am (SM): John & Norma Clohesy 9.00am (HN): People of the Parish 9.45

(A): Int. XXX XXX 11.00am (SM): Mary O'Doherty

11.15am (HN): Percy Eales

VOLUNTEERS

We are very grateful to the volunteers in the parish who steward and clean after every Mass, if we didn't have them we would not be allowed to open our churches. Even though some of the restrictions are easing this arrangement must continue until we are told otherwise. As more people are returning to church we would be grateful for more volunteers to join the rota to ease the load. If you can help please let Amanda, Su or one of the stewards know. Many thanks.

FIRST SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please remember in your prayers the children of the Parish who have recently started their preparation for the sacrament of first reconciliation. Thank you to their families and the catechist who will guide them through this programme.

BISHOPS CONFERENCE MEETING

At the recent Conference meeting the Bishops paid tribute to *“all in the Catholic community who have shown such courage, generosity and understanding in the face of adversity this past year. Across England and Wales, families and parish communities have risen to the challenge of sustaining one another through times of great isolation, loneliness and grief in an impressive variety of ways, spiritual, emotional and practical. We thank all who have worked tirelessly in prisons, in hospitals, care-homes and across the medical profession for giving of themselves so generously. We thank all who have worked valiantly in our schools, facing unforeseen demands and meeting them with characteristic professionalism and dedication. We wish also to pay tribute to those who have given of their time and energy to keep open our churches as havens of peace and prayer. We thank all who have developed diverse new patterns of outreach - of prayer, catechesis, study and spiritual solidarity; all who have made participation in the Mass possible through the internet. We wish to salute our priests in particular for the leadership they have shown in this time of crisis. We thank them for their deep devotion to both the liturgy and to their parishioners”*.

Whilst the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy day of Obligation is still removed, the Bishops acknowledge the challenges that they and we face of bringing our communities back together in our Churches on a Sunday to celebrate the Mass and the Eucharist. *“The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence. In the time to come we can do no better than to rekindle in our hearts, foster and encourage, a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord and the practice of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a gift so deeply appreciated in these times of lockdown. We need to begin by fostering this in ourselves. For the Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives.”*

THANK YOU

Many thanks to XXX XXX who has served her term on the Parish Council and is stepping down. We really appreciate all your hard work over the years and are very grateful for your contribution to the Parish.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER

Due to XXX stepping down we are in need of a new member from the Assumption community. If you would be willing to contribute to OLK Parish life or want more information then please let either Father Emmanuel or Festus know or contact the parish offices.

SVP FUND RAISER

XXX XXX will complete a circular walk passing all 3 churches of the parish and two of the SVP Community shops (Tinshill and Butchers Hill) this week to raise money to replace some of the income lost through the shops shutting during lockdown and reduced donations. Donations to the Projects can be made through <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sara-Forrest>
As an example of the work done, during the lockdowns the Support Centre on York Road provided hundreds of hot meals and over a hundred food parcels each month. If you are eligible please Gift Aid your donation.

CATHOLIC CARE SERVICES

Catholic Care Community Counselling. Life is rarely straightforward and we recognise that there are times when we become unable to see a way through our difficulties. The Catholic Care Community Counselling Service is available to adults in our Catholic Communities. To find out how we can help you and for confidential advice and support, please call 0113 388 5406, or email counselling@catholic-care.org.uk

CARITAS LEEDS

Virtual workshop on ‘Life in Prison’ led by Chris White, Catholic Prison Chaplain at HMP Leeds. **Wednesday 12th May** 6.30-8.00pm. Part of the action plan developed following the publication of the report ‘Justice and Mercy’ the Criminal Justice Inquiry. To register please use the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/caritas-leeds-31188104135>

Virtual workshop for Dementia Action week, Saturday 22nd May, 2.00-3.30pm. To book a place and your choice of workshop please email:

Gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

- You will need to state your first and second preference from the following topics:

- A. Dementia awareness session
- B. Types of communication for people living with Dementia
- C. Faith and Dementia
- D. Current Campaigns focussing on the needs of people living with Dementia and carers.
- E. Advanced care Planning. What does this mean and why it is needed?

VACANCIES

Due to a very high number of job vacancies this week, these have been compiled into a document that can be found on the bulletin page of the OLK website.