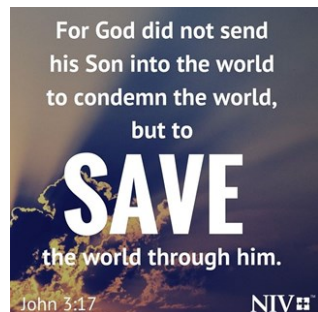


From Sunday's Gospel



Nicodemus, a teacher of the Law, came to Jesus one night. Jesus said to him, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have everlasting life. God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but to save it, and everyone who believes in him is saved. The light of the world has come, but many people turn away from it and prefer darkness. But those who live by the truth are drawn into the light, so that it can be clearly seen that what they do comes from their life with God."



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others." Today's word is 'self-

giving' and Pope Francis assures us that giving ourselves in the service of others will make the world a better place. The opposite of being self-giving is being self centred when we only think of ourselves and are closed in on ourselves. How can we share our gifts, our time, what we have with others? What will we do this coming week to give ourselves in the service of others?

Ministers

March 11th

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am M.Jefferis
10.00am J.Sheard

Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

March 18th

6.00pm P.Redshaw
8.30am J.McMahon
10.00am S.Rudd

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
G.Leggat/C.Hall

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £443.59 Second: £188.80 Thank You

Shop closed due to redecoration

Donation from the baptism of Saoirse Keane: £100.00 Thank You

Cheques please to DIOCESE OF LEEDS— SACRED HEART



Sacred Heart & St. William

31 High Street

Uppermill OL3 6HS

web: www.sacredheartparish.org.uk

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11th 2018 (Mark's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am
10.00am

Tara Dyson
People of the Parish
Terry Collins

4.00pm

Monday 9.30am
Tuesday 10.30am
Wednesday 12.00 noon
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am

Refreshments after Mass

Stations of the Cross

Terry Quail

Requiem Mass for Michael Howarth

November Dead List

Ken Finnegan

Sr Catherine Keogh

Stations of the Cross

Saturday 10.00am
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am
10.00am

Service of the Word & Holy Communion

In Thanksgiving

People of the Parish

Jutta Russo

4.00pm

Lenten Reflection—Forsaken by God?

Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request

Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday

When there is A Service of the Word & Holy Communion there is NO Exposition

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Mothers' Day 11th March 2018.

May God bless all our Mothers, living and dead, and may they know our thanks, our care for them and most of all our special love today.



First Forgiveness

The wonderful Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession, Penance, Reconciliation) will be experienced for the first time by some of our younger parishioners on **SATURDAY MARCH 24TH at 11.00am in Church.** In preparation for this celebration there will be a meeting for the children and their parents on **Sunday**

March 18th after the 10.00am when we will go through the service together. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to experience God's loving forgiveness in this Sacrament.

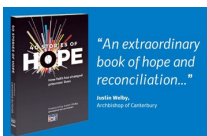


Petition concerning the situation in Syria

Sixty Eight people signed the petition last weekend and it was sent to Debbie Abrahams on Monday. Thanks to all who signed it and hopefully the conditions of those living in Syria will improve as more humanitarian aid is allowed to reach the most desperate and a prolonged and lasting ceasefire agreed.

Churches Together in Saddleworth Lent Course

40 stories of Hope—how faith changed Prisoners' lives



The next meeting will take place in the Parish Centre on **Thursday March 15th 7.30pm - 9.00pm.** We will look at Week 3, reading Chapters 7-9 of Mark's Gospel on the night. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm.



AN EVENING OF SONG

to raise funds for **CAFOD projects to improve nutrition in Zimbabwe, Eritrea and Zambia.** **Friday March 16th 7.30, St Edward's** upstairs hall, bar and nibbles.

Tickets - £5 for adults, children free, available from or Mary Farmer or Bernie Slater 07378346326

EASTER EGGS



At a recent parish meeting a suggestion was made that our families provide an Easter Egg for children who otherwise would not get one at Easter. This will again work through the Oldham Project which does so much outreach with refugees and asylum seekers. It is really good that some parishioners are actively involved with the Project. Again, any holdalls, haversacks, cases, good quality outdoor clothing will be greatly appreciated. Our Charity Shop has been very generous in giving clothes etc, a real sign of self giving spoken of by Pope Francis in this week's Wednesday Word.



With the FFF meetings cancelled last weekend families were not able to pick up the current batch of copies of Wednesday Word. These are available at the back of the church and families are asked to take a set of the next month's issues.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

As in previous years we are hoping to bring together a small group of people to lead the singing during the Holy Week Liturgies and especially the Easter Vigil on Saturday March 31st. There will be only ONE singing practice which will take place on Sunday March 25th, Palm Sunday. Please make a note of the date. Everyone is welcome to come along. Thank you, Chris.

Diocese of Leeds—Permanent Diaconate



An information evening for those interested in finding out more about the formation and ministry of permanent deacons; **Thursday 22nd March at St Martin de Porres Centre (next to St Patrick's Church), 30 New North Road, Huddersfield HD1 5JY from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.** All welcome. For more information please contact Deacon Keith Ballard on 01484 541366 or dcnkeithballard@gmail.com



Thought for the Week

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but will never forget how you made them feel.