



From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus told the people this story: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, 'Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground.' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it; it may bear fruit next year; if not then you can cut it down.'"



Pope Francis writes:

"Dear young people, our friendship with God changes our life—filling us with passion, with joy." Today's word is

Change. Lent is a time for change and each new day is an opportunity for us to change. God has planted us on earth to produce the good fruits of love, joy and kindness in our lives. Jesus helps us to keep growing in faith and goodness—to change the world and make it a better place. How are we going to change for the better this week? Who will help us to do so?

Ministers

March 24th

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am M.Jefferis
10.00am S.Gibson

Liturgy of the Eucharist

C.Hall/S.Dyson
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
M.Kehoe/G.Leggat

March 31st

6.00pm P.Redshaw
8.30am M.Howell
10.00am T.King

T.Spalding/C.Hall
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
C.Ward/K.McKune

New Rotas at the back of the church. New Readers and changes to Ministers.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £442.31 Second: £175.37 Shop: £120.71 Thank You
Pennine Vale Friendship Matters: £25.00 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

3rd Week of Lent March 24th 2019 (Luke's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00am	Special Intention (SP)
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Gunter Dornte

Refreshments after Mass

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

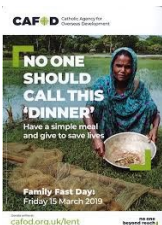
Monday	9.30am	Cissie Bickers
Tuesday	9.30am	Chris Alwell
Wednesday	12.00noon	Frank Holmes
Thursday	9.30am	Margaret Holmes
Friday	9.30am	Leslie Osbaldeston
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	10.00am	O'Malley & Donnelly Families
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Special Intention (PN)
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Jimmy Kilcoyne

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

Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday

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Mrs Michelle Moore



CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday March 15th

Thanks to all who have brought back the **CAFOD Family Fast Envelopes**. There is still time to bring yours back if you have not already done so. Please do fill out the gift aid form on the envelope if you are a tax payer. Thank you.

The CAFOD Quiz Night raised the magnificent total of **£763.10** and the money will be used to bring water to a village, such a worthwhile cause.

Please don not forget—



The **CAFOD SPONSORED WALK** will take place on **Saturday March 30th** and is

OPEN to ALL PARISHIONERS and friends. Please pick up a sponsor form from the back of the church. The Activity sheet giving the route will be available on the day in the Parish Centre which opens at 1.30pm

The Charity Shop



Now that Spring has come many of us will be doing a 'spring clean' and finding items that we no longer use or want. If you have anything that could be 'recycled' please bring it to the Charity Shop to be sold, raising funds for the parish. Nothing is too small to be recycled! Thank You.

Churches Together in Saddleworth—Lent Discussion



This year the book chosen is Live Lent—Let your Light SHINE. The next meeting will be next Thursday 28th in the Parish Centre. **7.30-9.00pm**.

Refreshments available from 7.15pm

Plants for Africa.



Order forms for the annual PLANT SALE in aid of the Oshandi AIDS Trust in Namibia are now available at the back of church.

Please support this fund-raising activity run by St. Chad's church and CTiS. Completed order forms to be returned to the back of church by **Sunday April 7th**.

Plants to be collected on Tuesday May 14th.



The Yorkshire Brethren Society

under the patronage of Blessed Nicholas Postgate)

For many years the Catholic people of the dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam have seen on lists of Mass Intentions "The Yorkshire Brethren" or simply "YB".

What is The Yorkshire Brethren Society?

The Society was founded around the year 1660 by priests and laypeople of Yorkshire to establish a fund that would collect and invest money, the revenue helping to support priests from the Yorkshire Dioceses (now **Middlesbrough, Leeds and Hallam**) who are unable to carry out their ministry because of ill health or who have resigned from their ecclesiastical office due to age or for reason of health. The Society currently supports over 80 priests.

Who can become a Benefactor?

All priests and lay people who contribute at least the sum of £50.00 may become Benefactors. One can also enrol deceased relatives and friends. Each benefactor will have five Masses offered during life or after death as requested, and share in 145 monthly Masses offered by priest members.

Please apply to your parish priest or to the Secretary:

V.Revd.Canon Timothy Wiley, Immaculate Heart of Mary Presbytery, 294 Harrogate Road, Leeds LS17 6LE.



Catholic Care Annual Appeal

This will take place NEXT weekend, 30th/31st of March, and will be the 2nd Collection that weekend. Bishop Marcus has written to ask us to be as generous as we can to support their work.



Fairly Traded Easter Eggs

Time is running out for ordering the Fairly Traded Easter Eggs. The price is just £3.90. Please place your order asap by writing your details on the form at the back of the church. Thank You Chris & Heidi



"No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great." (St John Chrysostom)