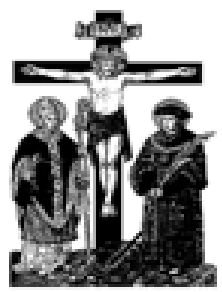




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TIMES OF MASSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sun 18 th February	1st Sunday of Lent <i>Gen 9:8-15; Ps 24:4-6,7b-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15</i>	9.15am SH, Ilkley 11.00am Ss JF&TM, Burley	Jeffrey Yates (LD) People of the Parish
Mon 19 th	<i>Lev 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 18:8-10,15; Mt 25:31-46</i>	10.00am Ss JF&TM, Burley	Priest's Intention
Tues 20 th	<i>Is 55:10-11; Ps 33:4-7,16-19; Mt 6:7-15</i>	9.15am SH, Ilkley 10.00am SH, Ilkley 10.00am Ss JF&TM, Burley	Exposition November Dead List November Dead List
Wed 21 st	<i>Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 50:3-4,12-13,18-19; Lk 11:29-32</i>	10.00am Ss JF&TM, Burley	Lorna Knight (LD)
Thur 22 nd	Saint Peter's Chair <i>1 Peter 5:1-4; Ps 23; MT 16:13-19</i>	9.30am SH, Ilkley 11.00am SH, Ilkley	Peter & Agnes Carr Funeral Service Christopher Osbaldeston
Fri 23 rd	<i>Ezk 18:21-28; Ps 129; Mt 5:20-26</i>	10.00am Ss JF & TM, Burley 10.00am EM, Addingham 11.15am Elmleigh Convent 2.30pm St Margaret's	November Dead List Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Stations of the Cross
Sat 24 th	<i>Deut 26:16-19; Ps 118:1-2,4-5,7-8; Mt 5:43-48</i> 2nd Sunday of Lent	12.00 noon SH, Ilkley 5.30pm Ss JF&TM, Burley	Priest's Intention Victoria Naylor
Sun 25 th	<i>Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Ps 115:10,15-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10</i>	9.15am SH, Ilkley 11.00am Ss JF&TM, Burley	People of the Parish Fr Joe Smith (RIP)
Confessions – Saturdays following 12 noon Mass at Sacred Heart and 5.00-5.15pm at Ss John Fisher & Thomas More			

	<u>ILKLEY</u>	<u>BURLEY</u>
<u>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...</u>	Please remember the 11 Ilkley parishioners who have asked for our prayers	Please remember the 12 Burley parishioners who have asked for our prayers
<u>FAITHFUL DEPARTED</u>	Chris Osbaldeston, Mgr Eustace Malone, John Noonan, Kathleen McLoughlin, Charles Foster, Rita Crane, Kathleen Smith, Nancy Renton, Mary Paget, Geoffrey Barwick, Helier Monet, Georgina Evans, Winifred Garnett, May French, James Howard, Nellie Robinson, John Rochford, Georgio Lovisetto, Jane Herd, Derek Sains, Joan Curry	Fr. Joe Smith, Raymond Doherty, Lorna Knight, Michael Lafferty, Steve Hancox, Ian Brown, Dr Paul Southern, Jean Fox, Fr Gerald Creasey, Deacon Nick Baggio, Mavis Duffy, Niamh Davis (Dublin) Lillian Jones, Fr Paul Brook, Susan Marshall, Winston Frank Selby, Lucy Routh, Canon Joseph Finan, Canon Denis Tangney, Joseph Mallon

The Pope's Lenten message: 'Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom'

Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2024 on the Book of Exodus, choosing "Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom" as its main theme to encourage the faithful that the season is a journey from bondage to spiritual renewal and freedom.

SACRED HEART PARISH, ILKLEY
PARISH BULLETIN - SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

AN ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED FROM SPRING 2024

for the Parishes of SACRED HEART and ST JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE

The parishes are recruiting an administrator for 12 hours per week to be based at the parishes office in Burley in Wharfedale.

Please either speak with or email Fr Tim in the first instance who can provide additional information, a job description, a person specification and an application form.

pp.sacredheart.ilkeley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 20th February

PRESBYTERY AND PARISH HALL CLEANER REQUIRED FROM SPRING 2024

for ST JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE, BURLEY in WHARFEDALE

The parishes are recruiting a presbytery and parish hall cleaner for 5 hours per week.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION 'Journey through Lent – Exploring God's Greatest Gifts Together'

Saturday 24th February 10.00 – 4.00 at The Briery, Ilkley.

Fr Dennis Cassidy will lead a quiet day of prayer and reflection in Lent.

£40pp to include morning coffee, a home-cooked two-course lunch, and tea before departure.

For more information or to book call 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 23rd Feb – 2.30pm, St Margaret's
Friday 1st Mar – 6.30pm, Sacred Heart
Friday 8th Mar – 2.30pm, St Margaret's
Friday 15th Mar – 6.30pm, Sacred Heart – led by SVP
Friday 22nd Mar – venue tba, possibly Middelton Calvary, weather permitting



The Ladies Guild will lead a Stations on Wednesday 13th March at 10.30am here at Sacred Heart. Everyone is welcome to attend and afterwards to stay for tea/coffee.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The service for the World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 1st March at 2.00pm at Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. Refreshments will be served after the service. All welcome.

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL
LENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday 19th March, 7am to 7pm.

There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

ONLINE GOSPEL MEDITATIONS

Join The Briery for a short meditation on the upcoming Sunday readings from 7.30pm to 8.15pm on Thursdays.

The Zoom opens at 7.15pm for a chat. All are welcome. Register for Zoom link by emailing

admin@briery.org.uk or call 01943 607287

ONLINE BULLETIN

The online version of this parish bulletin available on the Sacred Heart website includes news and events from around the diocese as well as job vacancies. During Lent there are also links to a range of resources for prayer and action. You could also receive it straight to your inbox – email sacredheartilkley.office@gmail.com



LENT LUNCHESES 2024

Act on Poverty

CTI Lent Lunches this year will be hosted by the Baptist Church, on Thursdays beginning at 1.00pm. There will be a simple soup lunch, followed by a talk. The talks are based on material prepared by Christian Aid with the theme "Act on Poverty".

22nd February	-	"Prophetic"
29th February	-	"Broken"
7th March	-	"Generous"
14th March	-	"Located"
21st March	-	"Summary"

There will be no charge, but you are invited to contribute in support of Christian Aid.

URGENT APPEAL FOR MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME: The Little Sisters of the Poor have had to take the heartbreaking decision to close their Leeds Care Home after RAAC concrete was found in 95% of the roof. Over the next few months all 62 residents must be re-homed and over 90 staff face redundancy. The Sisters must meet costs upwards of £500,000 to keep everyone safe until all residents have been found new homes. More details here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/urgent-appeal/>. Please bring this story to the attention of anyone you think may be able to help financially.

LENTEN MISSION: Start Lent with the joy of the Gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit. The Craig Lodge Mission Team with guest speaker, former stand-up comedian Fr Frankie Mulgrew, will lead four evenings of prayer, worship, preaching and ministry. The themes include the Gospel is Good News, Reconciliation and Healing (opportunity for Confession on Tuesday evening), Hearing the Lord and a Fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Saints Peter and Paul Church, Wakefield Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd February, 7-9pm each evening.

NAZARETH FAMILY MINISTRIES STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Saturday 24th February, 1-3pm, Myddleton Grange, Langar Road, Ilkley, LS29 0EB. Please wear appropriate footwear/clothing as the Stations are in a wooded area, and unfortunately, there is no wheelchair accessibility. Registration is not required – just turn up. Refreshments available for purchase. For more info, follow @nazarethfamilyministries on Facebook and Instagram.

CATECHISTS DAY: Diocesan Catechists are invited to Hinsley Hall, Saturday 2nd March 10am-3pm for a day of celebration and thanksgiving for your wonderful ministry. Input from Sr Therese CFR, an opportunity for sharing and times of reflection, simple lunch provided. This is a free event but booking is essential. Email Formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book.

CATHOLIC CARE ANNUAL APPEAL: 9-10th March 2024. In 2023, in its 160th Anniversary Year, the Charity supported over 2,700 people in need. Please give as generously as you are able to enable us to continue our work. If you would like to become a Friend of Catholic Care please visit our website: Friends of Catholic Care - Catholic Care (catholic-care.org.uk) If you are able to make a regular contribution you can set up a standing order. Bank details: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds) 05-00-20; 11472611. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact us for a Gift Aid form: finance@catholic-care.org.uk.

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE: 12th March, 7pm in Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church (52 Otley Old Rd, Leeds, LS16 6HW). All are welcome to come and pray for healing for themselves or their loved ones. On this occasion we are delighted to welcome the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (CFRs) who will say a few words. Both Catholics and those of other faiths or no faith are welcome. Confession will be available. Tea and Coffee will also be available in the hall next door after the service.

WHERE DO WE FIND RESILIENCE IN WORKING FOR JUSTICE & PEACE?: Hear how the lives of St Oscar Romero & Archbishop Dennis Hurley can inspire us. Thursday 14th March, 7pm, Leeds Trinity University. This is a presentation of the 2024 Romero Lecture organised by the J&P Commission in partnership with Leeds Trinity University. See our website for more details and to reserve a place at this free talk www.leedsjp.org.uk

CATHOLIC PARISH SUMMIT EVENTS: The Diocesan Youth and Lifelong Faith Formation team are leading a series of workshops, the first to discuss Preventing Burnout in your Parish, including input from Catholic Parish Summit webinar (28th February with Sr Miriam James Heidland), Mass and Exposition. Saturday 16th March, St Stephen's, Skipton 10am–3:30pm, repeated 23rd March, St Benedict's, Garforth 10am – 3pm. Bring a packed lunch. Free to all but booking essential. Book at formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk The Catholic Parish Summit will take place in Harrogate, 12-14th June. Discounted tickets still available. For more information about the event and the associated webinar programme visit www.catholicparishsummit.com

VACANCIES

VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR: Hope Housing a Christian Charity based in Bradford (please follow this link for more information - [Hope Housing | Ending Rough Sleeping in Bradford | United Kingdom](#)). Hope Housing are currently recruiting for a Full time Volunteer co-ordinator (£25k per annum funded for 2 years min). Go to the website or call Veronica on 01274 900764 for more information. The closing date is Friday March 1st.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: Holy Rosary and St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Leeds. Required April 2024. Closing date: Friday 23rd February 2024. All applications must be on CES application form, which is available by emailing hr@sgtgcatholic.org.uk or from the Trust website <https://stgregorythegreatacademytrust.org.uk/>

TRUSTEES VACANCIES: Catholic Care is seeking to recruit new trustees to increase the breadth of knowledge and experience on its established Board of Trustees. Applicants with experience of property management are particularly welcome. If you want to live your faith through action we would welcome an application from you. For further information and if you are interested in applying, please visit www.catholic-care.org.uk.

LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY: St Thomas A Becket Catholic Secondary School seeks to appoint a practicing Catholic to join the team as Lay Chaplain. Salary: Grade 7 SCP 19 to SCP 23 £29,777 - £32,076 (pro rata for term time plus 5 days) Closing date: 26/02/2024. Interview date: 18/03/2024 For more details visit <https://careers.bkcat.co.uk/job/515638>

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY: Senior Manager Older Peoples Service Spinal Point SP40 £46,549 to SP43 49,590 full time equivalent plus mileage allowance and many other benefits Location: based at Head Office in Headingley. Please download our application form www.catholic-care.org.uk and email to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk.

BLESSED PETER SNOW CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST VACANCIES: currently have a variety of senior leadership opportunities within Kirklees and Calderdale for committed and passionate practitioners. For more information on any of our vacancies please visit www.bpstrust.org.uk/vacancies

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## LENTEN RESOURCES FOR PRAYER AND ACTION

**LENT AND EASTER AT ST PAUL'S BOOKSHOP:** A wide range of Lenten and Easter reading and devotional material for adults and children, and a good selection of Easter cards all now in stock. Open Monday - Friday, 10.00am - 4.00pm. 0113 275 4043 [hinsleyhall@stpauls.org.uk](mailto:hinsleyhall@stpauls.org.uk)

**THE WEDNESDAY WORD** produce a weekly reflection for schools and parishes – a copy of this week's parish version is reprinted below as an example <https://www.wednesdayword.org/>

**CAFOD** You can sign up to Cafod's Lent Calendar [here](#) to receive daily reflections or suggested actions – or you could sign up to The Big Walk [here](#)

Cafod also have a range of resources suitable for children, teens and families.

**MISSION TOGETHER** the youth version of *Missio* have a Lent Calendar here <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/lent/>

**SACRED SPACE** A site rooted in Ignatian spirituality which provides a daily prayer <https://sacredspace.com/daily-prayer/>

# THE *Wednesday* WORD



## Encountering Christ The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

*Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families*



**Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions.** Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



**Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

### 1

#### Read

The Gospel for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
**JESUS IS TESTED IN THE DESERT**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come," he said, "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News."

*Taken from Mark 1:12-15 The First Sunday of Lent, Year B*

### 2

#### Reflect

**After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.**

Mark's emphasis is distinctly different from that of Matthew and Luke. No details of the testing are given. Rather Jesus' sojourn in the desert seems almost a return to the peace of the Garden of Eden. The desert of Judea, between Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley, is a noble and dignified solitude of smooth, sandstone hills. Nothing grows, of course, but wild camels and the occasional leopard prowl around. There Jesus was 'with the wild animals' as, led by the Spirit, he made his preparation for his mission. In what way was he tested? We may presume that in solitude and prayer he was working out the implications of the Voice from Heaven at his Baptism. How was he to run his course as the beloved Servant of the Lord? Precisely how was he to bring the presence of the Kingship of God into people's lives? The 'forty' is often used in biblical accounts for a period of preparation, as Israel's forty years in the desert, or the forty days between Easter and Ascension which prepared the Apostles for Jesus' leaving them and then for the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. We may use our forty days of Lent to reflect on how we may bring God's presence to bear in and through our lives.

**How will you make best use of this time of preparation in Lent?**

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB*

### 3

#### Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, joy, forgiveness, hope or something else.

### 4

#### Pray for Families

**This Wednesday's word for our school families is LENT!**

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

**St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

# WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS †

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024



1st Reading: *Genesis 9:8-15*

## The Covenant with Noah

God spoke to Noah and his sons, "See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again." God said, "Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh."

Lent is a time when the first reading at Mass really comes into its own. On the Sundays of Lent the Church leads us step by step through the preparation of the People of God for the supreme event of Easter, the Resurrection of Christ. In each year of the three-year cycle of readings the first Sunday starts with the Bible-story before Abraham. This year the Old Testament reading is the promise to Noah that God will never again let a destructive flood devastate the earth. The first thing Noah does on emerging from the ark is to sacrifice to God in thanksgiving for his deliverance. To this God replies with his promise, guaranteed by the reassuring sign of the rainbow (a sort of glorious pathway which binds earth closely to heaven). Each of the covenants God makes with his people emerges from the evil we humans do. There is no pretence in the scriptures; we are fallible, sinful human beings. Time after time it is the human partners of the covenant who fail, and break the relationship with God. Time after time God forgives and offers a covenant again, until he offers the new covenant in the blood of Christ. A good way to start Lent is acknowledging our sin and welcoming God's invitation to start again.

**What do you need to change in your life to make a new start with Christ?**



2nd Reading: *1 Peter 3:18-22*

## The Pledge of a Good Conscience

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Lent reaches its climax with the renewal of our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. This reading begins to prepare for this moment. Noah's emergence to new life from the waters of the Flood (amid devastation and destruction) is compared to, and becomes a symbol of, emergence to new life from the waters of baptism. Water is the source of all life. Just look at the way people so often carry a little water-bottle around with them! However, you don't really appreciate water as the source of life until you have been lost in the desert without any water, getting more and more desperately thirsty and weaker. See a drooping flower revive when it is given a few drops of water! The waters of baptism are a symbol not only of washing away sin, but more importantly of new life in Christ. To 'baptise' means to 'dip' in water. By baptism we are 'dipped' into Christ's death. We emerge from the water soaked through with the risen life of Christ, so that henceforth Christ is our life. This reading encourages us to prepare for the renewal of life at Easter by getting our conscience in good order. This needs thought, commitment and prayer, so that we are ready with 'the pledge of a good conscience'.

**Reflect on the meaning of Baptism. What is the best way you can prepare for Easter?**

**The waters of baptism are a symbol...  
of new life in Christ.**

**The Wednesday Word** Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

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