

OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST PETER CHANEL

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

22 March 2026

Many fear the death of the body, few the death of a soul



The Resurrection of the Dead
by Lorenzetti, in the Duomo in Orvieto, Italy

‘We read in the gospels of three dead persons raised by the Lord and surely not for nothing. The Lord’s deeds, in fact, are not mere deeds, but signs. If then they are signs, besides being objects of wonder, they obviously have some meaning. It is somewhat more of an effort to discover the meaning of these signs than to hear or read of them.

We heard with admiration, when the Gospel was being read, of Lazarus coming back to life, as if the spectacle of a great miracle had been set before our eyes. Do let us consider the more wonderful works of Christ: everyone who believes, rises. Let us consider all deaths and understand the more abominable ones: everyone who sins dies! But everyone fears bodily death, few the death of the soul. All are anxious that the former should not come and without a doubt, it will come sometime. They take great care on this account. A man who is to die takes pains so as not to die and a man who is to live for ever is not concerned as not to sin. Now while he strives not to die, he strives in vain; all he achieves at most is that death is put off, not avoided. If however he wills not to sin, he need not be anxious and will live forever.

Oh! If we could but arouse men and be roused ourselves, that we might be lovers of the life that lasts as much as men are lovers of this fleeting life! What will a man not do when faced with the danger of death... God wants things which are easy – that we might live forever – and we are careless about obeying him’.

From a Homily of St Augustine of Hippo

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Come to daily **Stations of the Cross**: 12.15pm every weekday; and on Fridays also after Morning Mass; & at 7.30pm

Leaflet of **Service Times for Holy Week & Easter** is now available

| <b>MASS TIMES &amp; INTENTIONS</b>                                                                                      |                                |                                                                                |
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| Saturday                                                                                                                | <b>9.30am</b><br><b>6.30pm</b> | November Dead<br>People of the Parish                                          |
| Sunday                                                                                                                  | <b>10am</b><br><b>6.30pm</b>   | F & S Higginson RIP<br>Intentions of Adrian Echlin (50 <sup>th</sup> birthday) |
| Monday                                                                                                                  | <b>9.30am</b>                  | Clive Thorpe RIP                                                               |
| Tuesday                                                                                                                 | <b>7.30pm</b>                  | November Dead                                                                  |
| Wednesday                                                                                                               | <b>9.30am</b>                  | Maureen Dynes RIP                                                              |
| Thursday                                                                                                                |                                | Esther Mariya Siby RIP (anniv)                                                 |
| Friday                                                                                                                  | <b>9.30am</b>                  | Intentions of the Padre Pio Prayer Group                                       |
| Saturday                                                                                                                | <b>9.30am</b><br><b>6.30pm</b> | Priests of the Yorks Brethren<br>November Dead                                 |
| Sunday                                                                                                                  | <b>10am</b><br><b>6.30pm</b>   | November Dead<br>People of the Parish                                          |
| <b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b> Wednesday: 5pm to 6pm; Friday: 8.30am to 9.15am; Saturday: 10am to 10.45am. |                                |                                                                                |
| <b>CONFESSIONS:</b> Saturday: 10am to 10.45am; 5.30pm to 6pm. Sunday: 5.30pm to 6pm.                                    |                                |                                                                                |

### **THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** *Ezekiel 37:12-14* The prophet announces the return of the Israelites from exile in Babylon. But he uses such powerful imagery, surely even he might have wondered if the words God told him to use might mean something more than political freedom: 'I mean to raise you up from your graves, my people'.

**Second Reading:** *Letter from St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11* St Paul addresses the newly baptised in Rome: their interests are in 'spiritual things' because the Spirit of God has made his home in them, through the Sacraments. It seems not to occur to Paul that the baptised could also be interested in 'unspiritual things', so radical was the change at baptism expected to be – as unthinkable as a newly married man looking lustfully at another woman. But even after Baptism we can drive the Holy Spirit away by becoming absorbed with unspiritual things.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO LISTEN AGAIN TO ANY OF THE MASS READINGS?**

Go to [www.lectionaryreadings.co.uk](http://www.lectionaryreadings.co.uk) .

### **FEASTS DURING THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

**Next Sunday is PALM SUNDAY, the beginning of HOLY WEEK**

# NOTICES

## **RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE, Sunday 22 March to Friday 27 March**

A 'Retreat in Daily Life' is taking place this week led by Jesuit lay volunteers, Stephen Hoyland and Anne Wilson. There are **Evening Workshops** between 6pm & 7pm which will be in 119 Cottingham Rd. All are welcome to attend (even if not following the retreat).

### **Themes:**

**Monday: *Ways of praying 1.***

**Tuesday: *Ways of Praying 2.***

**Thursday: *Images of God.***

**CHRISM MASS, Tuesday 31 March 2026, 12noon, St Mary's Cathedral, M'bro**  
Bishop Marcus Stock will be celebrating the Chrism Mass this year.

## **ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH FOR YOUNG MEN, Thursday 26 March, 6.30-8.30pm**

Group for young men (ages 21-35) meets at Hinsley Hall, Leeds (62 Headingley Lane, LS6 2BX) for prayer, speaker, social time and supper. For more details, see the poster or contact: [benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...**

### **ANNUAL POSTGATE RALLY: DATE CHANGE: Sunday 12 July 2026**

The Annual Postgate Rally in 2026 in honour of our martyr, Blessed Nicholas Postgate and the Martyrs of England and Wales, will be at Ugthorpe.

### **SUMMERTIME AT AMPLEFORTH, 20 to 23 July 2026**

This very popular event for young people aged 10-15. Last year around 33 children went from the Hull Catholic Youth Club.

**FAITH SUMMER CONFERENCE, 27 to 31 July 2026** This is for our older young people: 16 to 30s. Booking will open soon at [faith.org.uk](http://faith.org.uk)

### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM, Saturday 26 September**

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham (with the Diocese of Leeds). Bus from York Station at 6am. Cost: £40. Contact: [bishopsecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk](mailto:bishopsecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk)

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES**

The next meeting is on Thursday 26 March at 6pm at 113 Cottingham Road.

## **GATHER AND GROW LECTIO GROUP**

It's at 119 Cottingham Rd at 7pm. Next meeting: Wednesday 1 April.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2026, MEETINGS BEGIN TUESDAY 10 MARCH**

The next meeting for our young people (Year 9+) who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Tuesday 24 March at 113 Cottingham Road from 6pm to 7pm.

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 24 to 30 MAY 2026**

It will be led by Bishop Marcus Stock. Go to: [joewalshtours.co.uk](http://joewalshtours.co.uk)

### **BBC SONGS OF PRAISE – Hull Minster, Saturday 11 April**

Doors open at 12.45pm, recording from 2:00pm - 5:00pm. All ages are warmly welcomed but children aged 17 and under should be supervised by an adult.

### **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PARISH**

As the new financial year approaches, we ask you to review your financial support to the parish. Please remember that we rely on your weekly offering to fund our running expenses. We need your financial support to be *realistic, regular* and *gift aided*. The typical ways of planning your giving are making a **Standing Order** from your bank or using **Offertory Envelopes**. And please fill in a **Gift Aid form** if you pay income tax and we can claim 25% of every £1 you give.

### **Gift Aid envelopes for 2026/27**

Gift Aid envelopes for the next financial year are available at the back of Church in alphabetical order.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH**

**The collection for Sunday 15 March: £418.43**

**Weekly average by Standing Order: £270**

**For a Standing Order:** Barclays Bank, Middlesbrough. Sort code: 20-56-90.  
Account name: 'Diocese of Middlesbrough'. Account number 43496074

### **CARD READER AND QR CODE FOR MAKING PAYMENTS TO THE PARISH**

For your offertory you can register once for Gift Aid (if you are a tax payer) and it will recognise your card. Or use the QR Code.



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## **BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY MASS TO BE PRAYED AT HOME**

Lent is a preparation for the new life of Easter. Let us pray that we may die to sin and live a new life in Christ.

For world leaders: may they be blest with prudence and courage to make the right decisions [PAUSE].

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For our children and young people who are preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, and for those preparing to be received into the Church: may the Lord give them abundant grace to come to know Him and follow Him and love Him.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For those whom we find it hard to love, or with whom we have quarrelled. May we be given the grace to bring peace and reconciliation to all our relationships.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For ourselves: as we approach the end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week may we keep our eyes on Jesus, who shows through His Passion that he wishes to be our most loving and compassionate friend and Saviour.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Clive Thorpe and Margaret Flood; and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

We pray that Mary will be our constant companion in times of both joy and sorrow.  
HAIL MARY...

Let us pray for our own personal needs.

Father, we thank you for your constant love, and offer these prayers for the sake of  
Jesus Christ, our Lord, AMEN.