



St Elizabeth's Church, Minsteracres

2nd Sunday of Easter (Yr B)

7th April 2024



Sun: Mass 8.30am and 10.30am

Mon to Sat: Mass 8.30am (Chapel) preceded by Morning Prayer at 8.10am.
5.30pm-6.15pm Rosary followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Evening Prayer (Chapel)

The Coming Week:

Sun 7th April: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Special collection for Northern Brethren Fund

Gospel: John 20:19-31 *Eight days later, Jesus came*

Mon 8th Apr: The Annunciation of The Lord

Thurs 11th: St Stanislaus

Sat 13th: St Martin I, Pope

Sun 14th: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Gospel—John 25: 34-48 *So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and that on the third day he would rise from the dead*

Cycle of Prayer - Eastertide

During Eastertide we are asked to pray for these intentions: New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; The Church; Human Work.

Notices for This Newsletter

If you have any notices or items please send to f.balloch@btinternet.com or text to 07719816952 by noon Thurs if possible.

Passionist Pastoral

“Nourish yourself in love. Like a little child, remain in the truth of your own nothingness, and accept whatever God gives you”

St Paul of the Cross

Holy Week /Thanks

We have many messages of appreciation in this week's newsletter commencing with sincere thanks to everyone who helped to organise, conduct and support all the services and events of Holy Week.

Extra special appreciation of course to Fr Emmanuel and Deacon David. Many comments were made at the back of church about how lovely the services were.

Fred De Sam Lazaro—Coffee Morning/Frugal Lunch

Many thanks to Fred for his fascinating talk on Friday and to everyone who supported the event. A collection was taken at the frugal lunch for Cafod—well done everyone.

Flower Team Raffle

Message from Frances—*“The Flower Team would like to thank everyone for their support in raising funds for the Easter flowers and beyond. Your donations are very much appreciated.*

The winners of the Easter raffle were Louise Weightman (hamper), Cathy Cooper (cook book) and Mavis Harris (plant).”

Ampleforth/Lourdes Pilgrimage - 12th-19th July 2024

Some time ago a parish pilgrimage to Rome was suggested but this has not proved possible for 2024. As an alternative, parishioner Ben Gibson has suggested that parishioners may be interested in the Ampleforth Lourdes Pilgrimage (www.ampleforthlourdes.org.uk).

This is an annual pilgrimage of about 300 people and it offers places to pilgrims and assisted pilgrims.

If you are interested in being part of the pilgrimage, all the information is on the website but for an informal chat call Ben on 07766726806.

Ben will be giving a brief chat after 8.30 Mass today.

Thank You from Claire

“I would like to thank you all for the beautiful flowers and lovely card that I was given on Easter Sunday when I was received into the Roman Catholic Church. They are very much appreciated. I am so glad that so many of you were able to share in my special day.”

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Old Spectacles

Hilary Robinson is collecting old spectacles for third world charities. Please leave at the back of church.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish, their carers and families.

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Collections

Sunday 17th March collection was £xxxxxp plus standing orders of around £406.00 per week. A big thank you to everyone.

There will be a special collection today for the Northern Brethren Fund (Sick and retired priests). The appeal will remain open until 28th April.

Minsteracres Drive

The long awaited repairs to the Drive will commence on 8th April and we can expect the works to last up to two weeks. Please use the "top " drive to enter and exit whilst works are undertaken.

Professor Eamon Duffy— Invitation

Holy Name Parish invites you to hear this eminent historian speak on: *Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World*, on Sat 4th May in the church (North Jesmond Ave. NE2 3JX). Open at 11:00 am for 11:30 am start; ends at 12:30 pm. See also poster attached to this newsletter electronic version.

Criminal Justice Bill

In the near future it is likely that the Criminal Justice Bill will return to parliament and that amendments will be tabled to decriminalise abortion up to the point of birth. The current law allows abortion up to 24 weeks, however another amendment seeks to reduce the time limit to 22 weeks and you may wish to contact your MP to ask them to support this. There are some cards at the back of church that can be used, although writing in your own words is an alternative.

The following link to the SPUC website is relevant:

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>

Next Sun: 14th April 2024— 3rd Sunday of Easter

Stewards:

8.30— Susan Collins/Eileen Carew 10.30—Alan/Tina Hodgson

Readers:

08.30—Bryony/Tony Gibson 10.30 Simon Fraser

Coffees:

8.30— Watson Family 10.30—Mooney Family/Maureen
Parker/Liz Holmes

Eucharistic Ministers:

8.30—Bryony Gibson 10.30— Liz Holmes

Prayers of Intercession: - Jim Darlington

Cleaning Rota: Eileen Carew/Jack Harrison



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