



# St Elizabeth's Church, Minsteracres

3rd Sunday of Easter (Yr B)

14th 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 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*

Tues 16th Apr: St Bernadette Soubirous

Sun 21st: 4th Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Special Collection for Little Sisters of the Poor

**Gospel—John 10: 11-18** *The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep*

## 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](mailto:f.balloch@btinternet.com) or text to 07719816952 by noon Thurs if possible.

## Passionist Pastoral

*"The passion of Jesus is a sea of sorrows, but it is also an ocean of love. Ask the Lord to teach you to fish in this ocean. Dive into its depths. No matter how deep you go, you will never reach the bottom."*

St Paul of the Cross

## 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](http://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.

## Date for Diary

We have a Passionist companions day next Saturday 20th April 10.00am till lunch ( provided). All parishioners are very welcome.

## A Selection of Retreats:

### Circle Of Prayer With Joyce McAndrew

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April from 10am-4pm

This is an inviting programme which explores the beauty of music whilst incorporating responsive movement which echoes both feelings, and mood as non-verbal self-expression which touches both the soul and the imagination. Throughout this retreat you will have an opportunity to learn both traditional and contemporary dance movement, continuous sequences will follow a meditative and contemplative pattern and will be punctuated with reflective readings. Lunch and refreshments included.

Suggested donation £45

### Day Of Consolation With Chris Smith

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May from 10am to 4pm

An opportunity to join us on this poignant retreat day, for people who have experienced bereavement, grief, loss or significant change, giving them an opportunity to share a safe space, to be heard, to share with others who have had similar experiences and finding courage, hope and consolation. Lunch and refreshments included.

Suggested donation £30

### Open House 2024

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 11am to 3pm

Led by the Minsteracres Team

Have you ever wanted to have a look around our house and grounds? Now's your chance! With exhibitions, tours, moments of reflection, tea, coffee and good home cooking.

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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

The collection for last week was £125.40 plus standing orders of around £406.00 per week. The second collection for retired clergy raised £42.05. Thank you to everyone.

There will be a special collection next Sunday 21st April for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

## Minsteracres Drive

As we go to press we have been advised that the remedial work on the Drive has been completed and full access from the A68 entrance has been restored.

## Holy Island Vinnies SVP Camp

There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit website <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email [holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk](mailto:holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk)

## Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal

An appeal letter is attached to the electronic version of this newsletter. St Joseph's Home urgently need to replace furnishings and flooring. A second collection will be taken on Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April, or please send cheques to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' to St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Secure online donations can be made by visiting the website at [www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/).

## Next Sun: 21st April 2024— 4th Sunday of Easter

### Stewards:

8.30— Bryony/Tony Gibson 10.30—Lucilla/Peregrine Solly

### Readers:

08.30—Cecilia Port 10.30 Maureen Parker

### Coffees:

8.30— Denise Bottomley 10.30—Lorraine Cowley/Andrea Alder/  
Claire Dixon

### Eucharistic Ministers:

8.30— Susan Collins 10.30— Mavis Harris

**Prayers of Intercession:** - Jim Darlington

**Cleaning Rota:** Cecilia Port/Lindy Barker



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