

## ST. LEONARD'S

**\*The Annual Big Spring Clean of the church and churchyard** will take place on the **21<sup>st</sup> March from 9.30am**. Please come and join us if you are able to. Many thanks (see poster in church).

### **\*Collections for Weekend 14/15<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Collection - £237.17      Dona Machine - £80.00      Weekly Standing Orders – £350.46

**TOTAL = £667.63**

**\*There is a LEPRA letter of thanks** on the Parish noticeboard in church for our donation of £271.20.

**\* Thank You Letter from the Philippines** - We have received a thank you letter on behalf of the scholars in the Philippines. They would like to thank parishioners for the continued support which has helped provide essential school equipment, graduation rewards and annual parties for the last 15 years. "May God bless you kind generous heart. Always take care and God Bless."

**Parish Lottery** – If you wish to join the Parish Lottery, forms are available in church and from Anne Pegg and should be returned to Anne, so a lottery number can be allocated.

**Altar Servers** - We would like to recruit some additional Altar Servers to our group. If you would like more information and/or are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please speak with Father Tim.

**The Life Ascending Group** at St. Leonard's welcomes parishioners to be part of their meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Weds of the month, 10.30am – 12pm). Any queries, speak to Barbara Jameson or Sarah Sharpe.

## ST. JOSEPH'S

### **\*There is a Missio Thank You letter**

displayed on the noticeboard in church for our recent donation of £396.00.

**\*World Day of Prayer** - You are warmly invited to the World Day of Prayer which this year will be held at **Pickering Meeting House on Castlegate at 14.00 on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. This year this act of worship has been written by the women of Nigeria. Please come and join us and stay for refreshments and chat after.

**Lectio Divina** has resumed and the next ones will be on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March & Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** starting at 9.30am.

### **Private Prayer**

The Church will be open for private prayer on the following days/times; Monday afternoon at 2 pm and Wednesday morning at 11 am.

## HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

**York** - If you or a loved one is going into hospital and would like a visit and Holy Communion, please do let us know in advance or contact Sue Ellis the acting Catholic Lay Chaplain; either on her mobile 07748 108253 or via the Chaplains' Office Number 01904 725579 (under GDPR we no longer routinely access details of Catholic patients). In case of urgency, please ask the nursing staff or switchboard to page the on-call Catholic Chaplain. A Catholic Priest is on-call 24/7 in case of emergency. **Scarborough** The Catholic Chaplain can be contacted on 01723 360358. **Malton** Please contact Father Tim (01653 692128) or Sue Westmacott (01653 628035) if you are contacting us about someone else, you must have their permission.

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## DIOCESE OF MIDDLESBROUGH

# Parishes of ST JOSEPH'S Pickering ST LEONARD & ST MARY'S Malton



Parish Priest: Fr Tim Bywater

Pastoral Team St. Leonard's: Sue Westmacott (01653 628035), Philip Westmacott, Catherine Duncan, Deacon Douglas McKittrick, Johanna Davis

Pastoral Team St. Joseph's: Paul Robb, Anne-Marie Whincup, Jackie Shepherd, Kitty Turner, Amanda Howard, Philip Quinlan, Una Stewart

## First Sunday in Lent – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

"Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted." Matthew 4:1-11



### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

**MASS AT ST. LEONARD'S:**

**SATURDAY AT 6.30pm; SUNDAY AT 9.00am.**

**MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S:**

**SUNDAY AT 11.00am**

## PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

### **A Prayer for Peace in the World**

Lord, send your Holy Spirit down upon the earth, the Spirit that conquers division, the Spirit that leads to freedom, the Spirit that overcomes war, Lord of time and of eternity, Give our world the peace, which only you can give. Amen

Our Lady, Queen of Peace. Pray for us and the whole world.

## MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> (St. Leonard's, 6.30pm) Seamus Campbell RIP  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> (St. Leonard's, 9.00am) Eric Ledgard RIP  
22<sup>nd</sup> (St. Joseph's, 11.00am) *For the people of our Parishes*  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> (St. Joseph's, 1.30pm) Mass at St. Joseph's School. Parishioners most welcome.  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> (St. Leonard's, 12noon) Anthony Christopher Boyes 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Mass at St. Mary's School at 215pm

**\*Responsorial Psalm** – "Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned"

## TODAY

- *Coffee after Mass at St. Leonard's*      - *Music Practice after Mass at St. Joseph's*
- *Children's Liturgy during Mass at St. Leonard's*
- *Family Fast Day Appeal – talk in both of our Parishes*
- *Ministers of the Word renew their commitment in St. Leonard's Parish*

## SACRAMENTS

**Reverend Douglas McKittrick – ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD** - Douglas will be Ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on Saturday, **28th March at 12:00 noon at Saint Mary's Cathedral**. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in church. The Parish will be organising a coach to the cathedral. More details to follow such as departure times etc...Please continue to keep Douglas in your prayers as he prepares for Ordination.

**First Holy Communion 2025/26** - The next session will be on the **7th March** "Jesus Brings Us Together", 4-5pm in church. For more information, please contact Lisa Gallon on [lgallon@btinternet.com](mailto:lgallon@btinternet.com)

**Confirmation Programme at St. Leonard's 2026** - Our Confirmation programme will start soon. Candidates celebrating Confirmation should normally be of Secondary School age. If your child wishes to start the programme, please get in touch with Lisa Gallon [lgallon@btinternet.com](mailto:lgallon@btinternet.com) or the Parish Office ([stleonardsmalton@rcdmidd.org.uk](mailto:stleonardsmalton@rcdmidd.org.uk)) for the enrolment forms.

## PASTORAL

**\*The next Journey in Faith Meeting** will be on **Thursday 5th March at 7 pm** in the Parish Centre. Journey in Faith runs on Thursday evenings and is fortnightly. All are welcome to join us, parishioners of both parishes and those enquiring about the Catholic Church in both Malton and Pickering. Any queries, please contact Sue Westmacott (01653 628035 [susanwestmacott@gmail.com](mailto:susanwestmacott@gmail.com)) or ask Fr Tim.

**Prayers for World Peace** will be on **Sat 28th February at St' Leonard's Church, 1030-1130am**. One hour of silent prayer for world peace with a spoken prayer every 15 minutes. Everyone of us is welcome, people of all faiths or none. Please come if you can, even for just a few minutes.

**Rosary Prayer Group** - If you would like the group to pray for a particular intention – please place that confidentially in the prayer box near the prayer board. The next Group Meeting will be on **Tuesday 10th March** at 6pm in Church.

**Starfish is a project of the Salvation Army** which trains and supports adults to go into schools as mentors to children who might otherwise not be able to realise their full potential. Mentors give a couple of hours a week to support a student in school, encouraging them to engage more fully with school. For more information, please contact our local Salvation Army Lieutenant Dean Brill on [Dean.Brill@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:Dean.Brill@salvationarmy.org.uk)

**Oratory of St Joseph: - First meeting - Thurs, 26th February, from 6.30-8.30 pm.** A monthly group for young men (ages 21-35) is being launched for the Dioceses of Leeds & Middlesbrough. It will take place on the last Thursday evening of the month at Hinsley Hall, Headingley (62 Headingley Lane, LS6 2BX). There will be group prayer, guest speakers and talks, social time and supper, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please see poster in church or contact: [benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**The Malton, Norton & District Lions are collecting good, clean blankets** for the cold people of Ukraine. They will be sent directly to the Lions out there so that they arrive where needed. The blankets can be left at the Malton Free Fridge or at the Parish Office. Many thanks for all blanket donations so far. **Deadline to get the blankets in is mid-March.**

**Malton Free Fridge** is open Mon, Weds & Sats, 9-12pm at the Wesley Centre, Saville Street.

**Explore Our Faith** meetings are normally held fortnightly at 10am on Thursday mornings. The next Explore our Faith will be on the **26th February**. All welcome from both parishes. For more information, contact Marion Cuthill - 01653 693063 or email [marioncuthill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marioncuthill@yahoo.co.uk).

**Diocesan Outreach to the LGBT+ community** - On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 3pm in the Bar Convent Chapel in York, there is Mass in which a particular welcome is offered to people from the LGBT+ community. Doors are open from 2.30 pm, with refreshments served after Mass. **Next one – 8th March**. There is usually a small presence from St Leonard's and lifts may be available. For more information, contact Sue Westmacott ([susanwestmacott@gmail.com](mailto:susanwestmacott@gmail.com)).

**Ryedale Community Foodbank** - The shortages list remains the same as we are still restocking after the Christmas demand - 460 people in December, double the average demand during the year. **Tinned meat, meat in sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, tinned fruit, small jars of coffee, biscuits, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste.** Boxes for donations are at the back of Church in both Parishes. If anyone would like to donate funds to the Foodbank this can be done via BACS to: Ryedale Community Foodbank, Sort Code 40-52-40, Acc number 00037212 Or by cheque made payable to Ryedale Community Foodbank. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ryedalecommunityfb> Web: [Ryedale Community Foodbank](http://RyedaleCommunityFoodbank)

## LITURGICAL

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for FEBRUARY** *For children with incurable diseases*

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## SYNOD

**Pathways for the Implementation Phase of the Synod** - These Pathways, prepared by the General Secretariat of the Synod with the opinion of its Ordinary Council and approved by the Pope Leo XIV, are part of the General Secretariat's service of accompaniment during the implementation phase of the Synod. They aim to offer local Churches throughout the world a shared framework that will make it easier to walk together and also promote the dialogue that will lead the whole Church to the Ecclesial Assembly in Oct 2028. The implementation phase aims to examine new practices and structures that will make the life of the Church more synodal. [250102---ENG-Pathways-for-the-implementation-phase.pdf](https://www.250102---ENG-Pathways-for-the-implementation-phase.pdf)

## ADMINISTRATION

**Standing Orders and Gift Aid Queries** - Anyone wishing to set up a Standing Order can contact our Gift Aid Officers, Lisa Gallon for St. Leonard's & Mary's [lgallon@btinternet.com](mailto:lgallon@btinternet.com) or Paul Robb for St. Joseph's [sjgiftaid@gmail.com](mailto:sjgiftaid@gmail.com) You do not need to be a taxpayer to donate by standing order.

**\*Quote of the Week** – "Friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."  
Anon

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### Digital giving

You can now support our parish through digital giving. Simply scan the [QR code](#) on the front of this newsletter or from the posters and follow the steps. The codes will take you to a website from which donations to the church can be made [Or](#) you can use the contactless card reader in the church porch. The new [Dona Digital giving terminal](#) has been installed by the door of the church and also provides the option to gift aid donations. It offers a variety of options, such as the offertory collection, piety stall. If you need any help using the machine, please find a member of the finance team.