

ST. LEONARD'S

*Collections for Weekend 14/15th March –

Collection - £266.67, Dona Machine – £148.00, Weekly Standing Orders – £350.46, **TOTAL = £765.13**

***Parish Lottery** – Well done to Anne Pegg who won last month's lottery with number 49. Winnings = £212.49. 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.

My Parish, My Mission: - **Week 3** of My Parish, My Mission, a 3-week journey inviting us to reflect on what our parish means to us and how we can help it grow and flourish. It is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our faith, deepen our connection to our parish community, and be part of something truly special. We have encouraged everyone to join us at Mass each week for these talks, which we hope you have found both inspiring and rewarding. At the end of Masses this week, there will be an opportunity to fill in parts of the leaflet and to post it in the completed forms box. Thank you

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 provides the option to gift aid donations as well as other options, such as the offertory collection, piety stall. If you need any help using the machine, please find a member of the finance team.

Altar Servers - We would like to recruit some additional Altar Servers to our group. If you would like more information, please speak with Father Tim.

Life Ascending Group - The Life Ascending Group in Malton would like to welcome parishioners to be part of our upcoming meetings (3rd Wednesday of the month, 10.30am – 12pm). Any queries, speak to Barbara Jameson or Sarah Sharpe.

ST. JOSEPH'S

Stations of the Cross with St. Joseph's School - We welcome our school pupils to St Joseph's Church on **Monday 23rd March at 1:30 pm** for Stations of the Cross in addition to those previously advertised. All are welcome to join us.

Lectio Divina has resumed and the next one will be on **Monday 13th 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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ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, PICKERING YO18 8AD

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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, 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

Fifth Sunday in Lent – 22nd March 2026

"...if you believe you will see the glory of God" John 11:40

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 / SERVICES

Friday	20 th	(St. Leonard's, 7pm) Reconciliation Service with Confessions
Saturday	21 st	(St. Leonard's, 6.30pm) Seamus Campbell RIP
Sunday	22 nd	(St. Leonard's, 9.00am) A deceased family member
	22 nd	(St. Joseph's, 11.00am) Michael and Carol Temple 40 th Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday	24 th	(St. Joseph's, 1.00pm) For the people of our parishes
Wednesday	25 th	(St. Leonard's, 12noon) Yorkshire Brethren Intention
		(St. Leonard's, 6pm) Stations of the Cross
Friday	27 th	(St. Joseph's, Pickering, 3.30pm) Stations of the Cross

***Responsorial Psalm** – *"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."*

TODAY

- Coffee after Mass at St. Leonard's
- Children's Liturgy at St. Leonard's
- Collection for Easter Flowers at St. Joseph's
- Music Practice after Mass at St. Joseph's
- Wk 3 of My Parish My Mission at St. Leonard's



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**. Please continue to keep Douglas in your prayers as he prepares for Ordination.

- The Parish has organised a coach to the cathedral which will leave **Old Maltongate, Malton at 945am**. It will then pick up parishioners from **Eastgate Car Park, Pickering at 10am** with estimated arrival at the Cathedral to be **1130am**. The coach will be **departing Middlesbrough at approximately 3pm**.
- For those of you who will be driving to the Cathedral themselves, here is the address; **St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, TS8 0TW**. Parking at the Cathedral is free for the first 2 hours. Alternative parking is at the Parkway Shopping Centre and it is free for the first four hours. As this will be a busy shopping day, please allow a little extra time when arriving and take care to park in an appropriate designated space.

Emails will be sent out to all those who have signed up to go, by this weekend.

***First Holy Communion 2026** – The next session will be on the **16th May** and will include the Rehearsal. For more details, please contact Lisa Gallon on lgallon@btinternet.com

Confirmation Programme at St. Leonard's 2026 – TODAY

Our Confirmation programme will be starting **TODAY, 6pm in the Parish Hall**. An email has been sent out to parents of candidates with further details. For further information, please get in touch with Lisa Gallon lgallon@btinternet.com

CAFOD

Cafod £1/square fund raiser grid, 6 super prizes. Please buy a square and support Cafod. The winning square will be drawn on **Sunday 29th March**.

***CAFOD: 1000 days of war in Sudan**. Last month marked 1000 days since the conflict in Sudan began. The country has reached breaking point and is now the world's worst humanitarian and displacement crisis area. Almost 12 million people have been forced to flee, more than half of them women and children. We are working closely with partners to provide emergency food, cash vouchers for vulnerable families to buy essentials, water supply planning and repairs to latrines and support for people who have had to leave their homes. Without decisive action, fighting could spread even further and destabilise neighbouring countries. The UK has a crucial role to play. As a UN Security Council member, we can shape international action and push for stronger leadership on protection, humanitarian access and famine prevention. We're calling on the Foreign Secretary, Yvette Cooper, to take urgent, concrete action to end suffering in Sudan. We will hand a petition into Downing Street in April. Please consider signing this petition at [The people of Sudan have suffered enough - urge the UK Government to act decisively now](#) Thank you.

PASTORAL

***The next Journey in Faith Meeting** will be on **Thursday 16th April 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) or ask Fr Tim. **Explore Our Faith** meetings are normally held fortnightly at 10am on Thursday mornings. The next Explore our Faith will be on the **26th March (starting at 9.30am on this occasion)**. All welcome from both parishes. For more information, contact Marion Cuthill - 01653 693063 or email marioncuthill@yahoo.co.uk.

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 14th April** at 6pm in Church.

Diocesan Outreach to the LGBT+ community – next one 12th April

On the 2nd 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. There is usually a small presence from St Leonard's and lifts may be available. For more information, contact Sue Westmacott (susanwestmacott@gmail.com).

Ryedale Community Foodbank – Current shortages are; **tinned soup, baked beans, tinned pasta, tinned tuna & tinned fruit**. 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

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

LITURGICAL

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for MARCH *For disarmament and peace*

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESES OF MIDDLESBROUGH & LEEDS

-As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process.

Responses should be submitted no later than **Friday, 22nd May 2026**. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit: <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/consultation>

-Three Consultation Meetings are also being held across the Dioceses and representatives from both Parishes will be attending one of these on **Thursday 26th March**. Hard copies of the meeting presentation will be available to take away / view after Masses this weekend and if you have any comments or questions, which you wish to share with those attending, please email the Parish Office by **Monday 23rd March**. Many thanks

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. This 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](#)

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 or Paul Robb for St. Joseph's sjgiftaid@gmail.com You do not need to be a taxpayer to donate by standing order.

***Quote of the Week –**

"The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good."

Samuel Johnson