

This is my Son the beloved he enjoys my favour Listen to him

Jesus gave us two commandments—Love God; Love one another. An important part of loving is listening. Certainly it is an integral element of prayer, if our relationship with God is to be a two-way one. We cannot follow Christ and do His will if we do not first listen to what He is asking of us.

‘Listen’ is a word frequently repeated in the scriptures, and one to which we must respond.

Listening is an essential factor in our relationship with others. It sounds a simple enough thing but is a gift rarely encountered. Real listening requires concentration, sensitivity, awareness. It demands a willingness to really try to understand; to grasp the point even when it is against our own convictions; and, perhaps most difficult of all, to refrain from interrupting or judging.

Some points to remember:

You are not listening to me if:

- You say you understand before you know me well enough
- You have an answer to my problem before I have finished telling you what my problem is
- You cut me off before I have finished speaking
- You finish my sentences for me
- You feel critical of my vocabulary, grammar or accent
- You tell me your experience, making mine seem unimportant

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Masses for week beginning 12th March

Sat	11th March	6.30pm	People of the parish
Sun	12th March	10am	Millicent and Bernard Matthews
Mon	13th March	9am	People of the Parish
Tues	14th March	9am	Special Intention
Wed	15th March	9 am	The Sick in Hospital
Thurs	16th March	9am	Private Intention
Fri	17th March	9am	Dead List (St Patrick's day)
Sat	18th March	10am	Private Intention



Your prayers are asked for the sick: Pedro Ballester Jr, Anne Jensen, Vaneeta Dhoat, Marjorie Morris, Paul Williams, Brian Standing, Grace Buck, Alex Hobson

Recently Deceased: Ernest Stephens (1.30 pm on Friday 17th March at Wood-

DAY	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Prayers
SAT	Martin McCann, Robert Snelling, Edna Gibson, Manu Rony	Christine Wise	Mike McCann
SUN	Barbara Arblaster, Hilda Sparks, Lilly Sivanandara, Margaret Boland	Jonathan Crowhurst, Joe Saxby	Michael Sloan

This week's Lenten Programme

"Receiving Christ in Five different ways" Friday 9:30 –10:15am in meeting room in presbytery.

The Sycamore course - "Thinking about Life and Faith" will continue on Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm for about an hour. This week's topic is Receiving Christ. Open to all - it doesn't matter if you haven't been able to get to any of the earlier sessions. The meeting will be held in the parish room.

Stations of the Cross Friday 7—7:30pm. Different meditations each week

Lenten Boxes are available at the back of Church, to be returned on Holy Thursday. By your support through prayer, fasting and taking action, we have the opportunity to change lives and stand in solidarity with those who need our help.

Penitential Service

Thursday 6th April

Confirmation

There will be a meeting of parents and candidates after 10am Mass on Sunday 12th March (ie today) in the parish meeting room.. If unable to attend please contact Julie on 500311/ 0796036698.

Passover (Seder) Meal In the hall on Tuesday 11th April at 7pm Adult £7 Children £4. This is a three course meal including wine/ soft drinks. It is the retelling of the Exodus story and everything we eat and drink has a meaning. Everyone is very welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church and return money in the envelopes provided by Sunday 9th April at the very latest please.

Knit and Natter Group – hosted by Catholic Care—Do you enjoy knitting or crochet? Would you like to meet with a group of like-minded people to create and chat while enjoying refreshments? Our Knit and Natter group will be meeting again on Friday 17th March in the Ripon Room at the

St Robert's Centre, , from 10.30am-11.30am. £2 per session including refreshments. We would love to see you there. For more details please contact Rachel on 07739 975021.

Church Linen—The people who clean the church altar cloths and the purificators would like to increase the numbers on the rota. If you are interested in knowing more about this or in volunteering please give your name and contact details to Fr Jim or Deacon David.

SVP would like to thank you for all the recent donations of clothes and goods you made for St. Vincent's Leeds. The donations were well received and staff at the centre were very grateful. The centre has a shop where clothes and goods are sold at low prices, a cafe, as well as running language and computer classes. If you would like to know more go to stvincents-svp.org.uk

If you would like to make a donation to the SVP there is a collection box on the right hand side, after the glass doors, as you exit Church. Please keep the work of the SVP and those in need in our parish and diocese in your prayers. New members are always welcome and our next meeting is 4th April 6.30pm in the house.

Thought: Prayer is relaxing into the reality of being loved by God so as to arise to the realism of loving others.

Gift Aid / offertory envelopes - Envelopes for the new financial year will be available next weekend before and after each Mass. If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme or make your offering by Standing Order, the necessary forms will be available from David Rutherford. Boxes of envelopes will be available also for anyone who is not a taxpayer but wishes to plan their offerings.

If there is anyone who has previously signed a Gift Aid declaration but is no longer a tax payer, could they please let David know (telephone 887470). This is to ensure we do not have to make refunds to the Revenue where unnecessary claims for tax are made.

Offertory—Loose £287.22; Gift Aid £474.10; Planned £24.00 Total £785.32 Many thanks

Anniversaries: Millisent Matthews ; Bernard Matthews Nora Boyes

LORD, BE OUR STRENGTH

LORD JESUS

BLESS US WHEN WE FEEL DOWN,

WEARY OR LOW IN SPIRIT.

MAY YOU BE OUR STRENGTH,

OR COMFORT IN ILLNESS,

OUR HOPE IN TIME OF NEED.

MAY WE KNOW THE JOY

OF YOUR RESURRECTION

IN OUR HEARTS.