

PEACE SUNDAY

Pope Francis has designated today "World Day of Migrants and Refugees". He continues to express his special concern for people on the move, by promoting their cause. He invites everyone to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with genuine promptness and insight. In the last few years, a million refugees have crossed the Mediterranean into Europe. There are 15,000 Asylum Seekers stuck in small Greek islands. The Pope calls for concrete actions, such as rights for people on the move, to work and support their families, and especially, protection for child refugees. Let us make 2018 a year of action and advocacy locally and internationally—a job for us all.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION 2018

Please return this slip to Helen Mailloux or Fr Jim by 9th Feb.

Name of child _____

Name of parent / guardian _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Name of school attended _____

St Aelred's Harrogate

Parish Bulletin

2nd Sunday of the Year



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| Sat 13/1 | 6:30pm | Mass | People of the Parish |
| Sun 14/1 | 10am | Mass | Edward Tobin |
| Mon 15/1 | 9am | Mass | Patrick and Mary Cummins |
| Tues 16/1 | 9am | Mass | Ena Hunt |
| Wed 17/1 | 9am | Mass | Sheila Miller |
| Thu 18/1 | 9am | Mass | Blanche Elizabeth Johnson |
| Fri 19/1 | 9am | Mass | November List |
| Sat 20/1 | 10am | Mass | Private Intention |

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am-11.am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Weekdays 8am—10pm.

Your prayers are asked for the sick: Bridget Nelson, Ella J, Anne Jensen, Linda Steele and Marjorie Norris

Recently deceased: Sheila Miller (funeral Monday 22nd January at 10am); Ena Hunt, Ralph Alan Wills

Anniversaries: Tony Rennison and Blanche Elizabeth Johnson

Preparation for Sacraments

First Communion / Reconciliation 2018

As you have been previously informed, we have been directed by the Bishop to make changes to our preparation for the sacraments. As a result, there is no First Holy Communion this year for the children in Year 3. There is however, a separate 4 week course and a service for First Reconciliation, which runs through Lent. Children in Year 3 or above who wish to make their First Holy Communion next year when in Year 4, must prepare for and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation first.

The dates of the sessions which the children would need to attend and which parents would need to be available to help for at least once, are as follows:

- **Sat. 24th February 2018**
- **Sat. 3rd March. 2018**
- **Sat. 10th March. 2018**
- **Sat. 17th March. 2018**

(These are all morning sessions held from 9.30am - 10.45am)

The service will be on **Thurs. 22nd March 2018 from 6.30pm**

Please fill in the details on the back and pass on to Fr. Jim or Helen Mailloux by the 9th February 2018, if you wish to enrol your child.

Confirmation

This year the Confirmation programme is for young people in Years 7, 8 and 9. At St Aelreds we are running the course from February to April 2018. Bishop Marcus has informed the Diocese that each Parish Priest will confirm the candidates from the Parish in the Parish Church on a date during April/May. Confirmation at St Aelreds will be on Sunday 29th April 2018. If you know of any prospective candidates for Confirmation this year, please ask them to write a letter to Fr Jim, outlining why they wish to be confirmed. It is essential that Fr Jim receives these letters by Sunday 4th February 2018 so that appropriate arrangements can be made regarding accommodation of the group.

Churches Together Week of Prayer We are invited to join members of other churches in our area to pray for Christian unity. Breakfast will be provided. Dates and times as follows:

22nd January, 9.15am, St Andrew's Startbeck

23rd January, 9.15am, Woodlands Methodist Church

24th January, 9.15am, Starbeck Methodist Church

25th January, 9.15am, Christ Church

26th January, 9.15am, St Aelred's

Cafod - The Cafod group will meet in the house on Tuesday 16th January at 7-30pm All welcome.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7th February 7pm

On Sun 14th Jan at 2.30pm, Knaresborough Silver Band will be performing at Starbeck Methodist Church, in aid of church funds. Admission £8, children free (pay on the door). Everyone most welcome.

Knit and Natter Group (hosted by Catholic Care) The next meeting of our Knit and Natter group will be on Thursday 18th January from 10.30-11.45am at St Aelred's Parish Hall. If you enjoy knitting, doing crochet or any other small craft activity, bring your project and join us for refreshments and conversation. £2 including refreshments. For more information please contact Rachel Beedle on 07739 975021 or 0113 3885400.

Chocolate Bingo - A big thank you to all of you who helped out and came to the Chocolate Bingo night, also a big thank you to those who kindly donated chocolate. We raised £70 for CAFOD, thank you!

SVP are asking for donations of good quality and clean Clothing especially: men's trousers, shirts, jackets, jumpers, coats. Plus food: cereals, long-life milk, tins of meat and fish, small packets of pasta. These will be taken to St Vincents, Leeds after masses on the weekend 20/21 January. Please leave in bags in the library area.

This Week's Birthdays:

Matthew Featherstone

Helena Chester

Leo Pycok

Natasha Taylor

Ella Slater

Theo Kelly

Last week's collection:

Loose: £182.71, Gift Aid: £493.70

Planned: £ 28.00 Total: £704.41

Friends of the Holy Land: £40.00

Many thanks to all.