

## A Winter Blessing

*Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr*

Blessed are you, winter, dark season of waiting,  
you affirm the dark seasons of our lives,  
forecasting the weather of waiting in hope.

Blessed are you, winter, you faithfully guard a life unseen,  
calling those who listen deeply to discover winter rest.

Blessed are you, winter, frozen and cold on the outside,  
within your silent, nurturing womb  
you warmly welcome all that longs for renewal.

Blessed are you, winter, your bleak, barren trees  
preach wordless sermons about emptiness and solitude.

Blessed are you, winter, you teach us valuable lessons  
about waiting in darkness with hope and trust.

Blessed are you, winter, season of blood red sunsets  
and star-filled, long, dark nights, faithfully you pour out your  
beauty.

Blessed are you, winter, when your tiny snowflakes  
flurry through the air, you awaken our sleeping souls.

Blessed are you, winter, with your wild and varied moods,  
so intent on being yourself, you refuse to be a people-pleaser.

Blessed are you, winter, when ice storms crush our hearts and  
homes, you call forth the good in us as we rush to help one  
another.

Blessed are you, winter, your inconsistent moods  
often herald spring's arrival,  
yet how gracefully you step aside when her time has come.

St Aelred's Harrogate

## Parish Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Lent

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Sat 3/3	6:30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 4/3	10am	Mass	Celine Nally
Mon 5/3	9am	Mass	Brian Jones
Tues 6/3	9am	Mass	Rosemarie Swertz
Wed 7/3	9am	Mass	Joe O'Connor
Thur 8/3	9am	Mass	Private Intention
Fri 9/3	9am	Mass	November List

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday 10.30am-11.am.

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

DAY	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Prayers
SAT	Pat Hudson, Michael McCann, Robert Snelling, Margaret Rafferty	Ashley Timson, Holly Matthews	Tony Buck
SUN	Lilly Sivanandarajah, Tim Bird, John Cornforth, David Thomas	Libby Roxby, Aga Oledski	Iain Houston

**Your prayers are asked for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Celine Nally

**The sick:** Bridget Nelson, Anne Jenson, Linda Steele and Majorie Norris



## Below are opportunities for prayer during Lent:

Monday to Friday Mass at 9am

Friday Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Friday: Meditation on the Scriptures of Lent 9.30 am to 10.00 am.

All welcome.

**Cafod's Online Lent Calendar:** Follow the online Lent calendar to reflect, pray and take global justice actions throughout the season of Lent [cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar](http://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar)

**Preparation for First Reconciliation** : Saturday 9.30am—10.45am

**Preparation for Confirmation** : Thursday 6pm—7pm

**Lourdes Pilgrimage**—The 80th Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018, led by the Bishop, Rt Rev Marcus Stock, takes place 6th to 12th July from Leeds-Bradford Airport. Prices range from £739 and £769. For further details, see noticeboard.

**CAFOD CAKE SALE** : WEEKEND 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> MARCH, CALLING ALL BAKERS - The CAFOD group is planning a cake sale after Mass on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March as a fundraiser for our Ethiopia project. We need volunteers to bake cakes. They can be brought to church before Mass on Saturday evening or on Sunday morning. On Sunday there will also be slices of cake on sale to eat with your coffee and tea in the hall after Mass. Any cakes left over will be donated to the Harrogate Homeless Hostel where we are assured that they will be very much appreciated. Please label any cakes which contain alcohol. Thank you very much in anticipation of your support in baking and buying.

**Friday lunch club:** the next one is on March 9th. The menu is salmon and asparagus quiche or vegetarian quiche plus salads followed by a surprise pudding! Names on the list at the back of church please.

**Deanery day of renewal. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March** from 11.30 to 4.00 pm in St Aelred's church hall, St. Aelred's Church, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate HG2 7BE. The speaker is Ros Powell. Ros is a Catholic Evangelist and member of the English National Service team which coordinates Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church. She is actively involved in the Healing/Deliverance ministry and Pro-life and prison ministry. Further information about her can be found on her web site; [www.rospowell](http://www.rospowell). The theme of her talk is; "Moving in the Charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit." Talk and workshop begin at 1.00pm. There will be a shared table for lunch so please bring a small contribution. For further information please ring Dolores Omand 01423870789 or visit our web site [ccrleeds.org.uk](http://ccrleeds.org.uk)

**Safeguarding issues and DBS:**

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**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS "ADOREMUS":** LIVERPOOL 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 - Our diocese has been allocated 425 places at the main event on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September, which will welcome Bishop Robert Barron, from the USA, as the keynote speaker in the morning and afternoon sessions. The diocese also has an allocation of 92 places at the Symposium on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September, with a variety of workshops and speakers. Full details are on their website <http://adoremus.uilcc.org>

**Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 07<sup>th</sup> May 2018.** £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Park House. . Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613

**Dine at the Deanery – hosted by Catholic Care and Supporting Older People** The next Deanery Lunch will be taking place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the York Room at the St Robert's Centre, Robert Street, Harrogate from 12.45pm – 2.15pm. Come along and enjoy lunch while chatting to old friends or making new ones. £5 for Hot Meal, Dessert, Tea or Coffee – booking necessary for catering purposes. For more information or to book your lunch please contact Julia or Kate (at Supporting Older People) on 01423 531490. Please book by 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Thank you.

**Passover (seder) meal - Tuesday 27 March in hall 7pm.** Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to attend and return all monies to Susan Rutherford (or via the collection ) by Sunday 25 March. Help is **URGENTLY** required to set up on the actual afternoon from 2pm and also in other ways - please sign up on the Preparation List if you can help.

**Gift Aid / offertory envelopes** - Envelopes for the new financial year will be available next weekend (10 March) at the Saturday 6.30 mass and the following weekend (18 March) at the Sunday 10am 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 tax-payer but wishes to plan their offerings. If there is anyone who has signed previously 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.

### This week's birthdays:

Oliver Ulanski

Emma Hatcher

James Humble

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**