

## RICH OR POOR?

When you are rich,  
When you have a name,  
Or when you are a member  
Of a respected group,  
You are never really oppressed.  
When in difficulty,  
Only a phone call and  
Everything is fixed up.

But when you have no friends,  
when you are an immigrant and  
you speak the language badly,  
you are quickly oppressed,  
for you cannot defend yourself.  
This is true of the sick,  
the handicapped, prisoners,  
and all who have no voice.

They are the oppressed ones,  
and they are numerous  
in our society.  
There are many without work,  
with no security,  
living off meagre wages,  
living day by day  
in unbearable situations.

Each of us has met them.  
They are all around us.  
But what is frightening is that  
the disciples of Jesus  
are so frequently in comfort.  
On which side of the road was Jesus?  
On which side of the road are his disciples?

Jean Vanier



25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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## Holy Week Ceremonies

Monday Mass 9:00am

Tuesday Mass 9:00am; Seder Meal at 7.30pm in the Hall

Wednesday Mass at 9:00am. Chrism Mass Cathedral at 11:00am.

Holy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March Celebration of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm  
Presenting of our Lenten Fast Boxes  
Kerala Tradition of Pescaha in the hall  
Watching until 10pm

Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm  
Stations of the Cross at 7pm  
Ecumenical Service at the Cenotaph 11am

Holy Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Vigil at 8pm

Easter Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> April Mass of the Resurrection at 10am  
Teas & Coffees in the hall

**Holy Week Ceremonies-** We will require the services of many of our Parishioners during Holy Week. If you are willing to exercise your ministry as readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, choir etc., please enter your name on the list at the back of the church. Also we need people who are willing to join in the foot washing ceremony.

**The Three Days of Salvation-** The Three Day Feast, the Easter Triduum, is the central feast of the year for Christians. Everything we do in the other fifty-one weeks takes it's meaning from these three days. They are to be enjoyed, and certainly not to be missed. We all have commitments; work, family, social, entertainment and so on. But on these days we are asked, wherever humanly possible, to set aside all engagements and to plan ahead so that we can be free to participate fully in the life of the Church from the Thursday night to the Saturday Vigil. Whatever we do, we should not miss the three liturgies. We need to be enriched by God's word spoken through the Triduum and our parishes need our presence so the community may gather and form the Body of Christ which is the Church.

**Collections- Offertory;** Loose- £212.46, Gift Aid- £757.01, Planned- £26.00. Total £995.47  
**Catholic Care-** £212.21. CAFOD- £467.27. Many thanks to all.

**Retiring Collection:** On Good Friday for the upkeep of the Holy Places.

**Passover (Seder) Meal** - In the hall on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm. It is an enjoyable and interesting experience. **Choir Practice** for Holy Week in the church on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. We encourage people to join the choir for our Easter Liturgy.

**Adoremus- national Eucharistic congress, Liverpool 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018:** Please see our diocesan website for information about this significant national event: <http://adoremus.uilcc.org/>  
Booking forms can be downloaded from the site. To be assured of a place, please book before Easter Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> April). We would like to have three representatives from the parish . Do consider going to all or part of and let Fr Jim or Deacon Davijid know.

**Dioceses Vacancies** Catholic Care is seeking to **RECRUIT FOUR NEW LAY TRUSTEES** to increase the

breadth of knowledge and experience on its established Board of Trustees. For more information please visit [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk) The deadline for applications is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**TWO KEY STAGE 2 TEACHERS** REQUIRED FROM SEPTEMBER 2018 at St Mary's and St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Please see attached job advert for more details.

**Hospital Chaplaincy Volunteers** If you are interested in volunteering, there are exploration and training days on 12th (all day) and morning of 13th April and the Hospital Trust's mandatory training on 18th April 4-6pm. If you would like to register your interest in attending the training please see the details on the notice board.

**All Together Now** - come and join us to sing songs from 40's 50's and 60's Music Hall and Musicals. At St. Aelreds church hall on Wednesday mornings 10am to 11.30am. First week is free and £5 thereafter - payable on the door. No singing experience required. More information from Chris on 07782 333835 or email: [admin@atnsing.co.uk](mailto:admin@atnsing.co.uk)

## Thought

The hands of God are blistered with love and accompany us down the path of life . Let us entrust ourselves into the hands of God like a child entrusts himself to the hands of his father.(Pope Francis)

**Meetings** for confirmation candidates and parents today after 10am Mass.

**Reconciliation (Confession)** Saturday 10.30am or any time on request

Masses Intentions for Week commencing Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2018		
Sat	6:30pm	For World Peace
Sun	10:00am	People of the Parish
Mon	9:00am	Terence Gruiley
Tues	9:00am	Holy Souls
Wed	9:00am	Private Intentions
Thur	7:30pm	In Thanksgiving

Please pray for the sick in hospital or at home. Remember also Dorothy Jenson who died in Canada. Peter Jensen's mother.

*Holy Week, a different week, a week when we meet Christ in his passion, in order that when the resurrection is celebrated we can after Easter Sunday follow him more closely and witness to him.' ~ Cardinal Hume*