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BULLETIN FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dear People of St Aelred's

We will continue to keep you updated on Parish events as much as possible. If at all possible, please check our website and join our Facebook page.

No Internet? No problem! – Although we will be listing ways in which you can watch live broadcasts and be involved in prayer groups online in this bulletin, please do not worry if you don't have access to the internet, please reflect and pray within your home. Canon Callaghan and Fr Ben are celebrating Mass each day for the people of St Aelred's and St Roberts parishes and remember them in your prayers. Please also be aware that the bishop has issued, until further notice, a decree lifting all obligation to attend mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation. It is most important that you stay at home and stay safe.

Offerings to the Parish - Should any parishioner wish to make their contributions to the parish by standing order direct from their bank account, please ring David Rutherford [01423 887470] for the relevant details

Please remember in your prayers - Edna Gibson, Edna is very seriously ill in Harrogate District Hospital and Fr Jim Leavy is currently convalescing, please remember them both in your prayers.

"May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of His glorious day. A day that knows no end".

Pope Francis in his *Urbi et Orbi* message

Mass for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care - The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time. In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the ways described above, each week from next Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm:

23rd April Cardinal Vincent Nichols Westminster Cathedral

30th April Bishop Richard Moth Arundel Cathedral

7th May Bishop Marcus Stock Leeds Cathedral

14th May Bishop Robert Byrne CO Newcastle Cathedral

21st May Bishop Mark Davies Shrewsbury Cathedral

28th May Bishop Terence Draine Middlesbrough Cathedral

By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH - Evening prayer for the people of the parish has proved very popular so far. Even if you haven't as yet, you are more than welcome to join us. It is taking place on the web application "Zoom" at 6pm each day for the foreseeable future. It will finish by about 6.25pm. If you want to join us, email office.staelred@dioceseofleeds.org.uk and you will be sent the Zoom ID and the group password. If you want to have the words in front of you, they can be found on the universalis app or the book of morning and evening prayer of the church. Zoom address: <https://zoom.us> No need for a long term commitment, just join if and when you can. Please phone Deacon David if you have any questions or need help to access these prayer sessions.

St Mary's Church Knaresborough - Are showing their weekly Sunday Mass online, the link can be found on their website: <http://www.stmarysknaresborough.org/>

SVP and the response to the Coronavirus Emergency - We are continuing to keep in touch by phone with all the people we visit and we are in regular contact with a number of parishioners living on their own. Thank you to all those parishioners who are supporting others through shopping and phone calls. If you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers to do shopping, collect prescriptions, or other tasks, please phone. Also, do contact us if you know of someone who would like to hear another voice on the end of the phone or in need.

St Aelred's SVP telephone number is 07311214364

Local charity HELP - Will be providing support for those older and vulnerable people who don't have family or neighbours to help them, using safely recruited and fully supported volunteers. Please call 01423 813096 for assistance or email help@harcvs.org.uk If you would like to volunteer, please go to <https://www.harcvs.org.uk/news/become-here-help-volunteer>

FHL Pentecost Challenge! - The coronavirus is tightening its grip as it spreads throughout the Holy Land so we have taken the decision to widen the scope of our appeal to all of the West Bank (including Bethlehem), Gaza, Israel and Jordan. Therefore, we have launched the "Pentecost Challenge" At the same time three generous supporters have committed to match any donations to our appeal received from April 3rd 2020 until Pentecost, 31st May 2020 up to £100,000. Your donations will be doubled, whilst match funds last. Naturally we have carried forward the gift aided balance of £21,300 that had been donated up until April 2nd to make our target. Every £1 you donate will have the impact of £2! Please donate at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=bethlehemcoronavirus>

Divine Mercy Prayer - God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Live Streaming from the National Shrine of Our Lady - In addition to the regular programme there will be the following: **AN EIGHT DAY RETREAT** Monsignor John Armitage will lead an Eight Day Retreat. This will start after Compline at 8pm on Sunday 19th April and finish on Sunday 26th April. Details of the retreat programme are given on the Shrine website: www.walsingham.org.uk **CATECHESIS** The Shrine is very grateful to Father Stephen Wang for allowing us to use his Sycamore Program. We shall be showing the 20 half hour videos, starting on Monday 27th April. They will be shown at 10.30am and 4.00pm each day. www.walsingham.org.uk

EASTER 2020

A new poem by English poet, singer-songwriter, Anglican priest, and academic, Malcolm Guite

And where is Jesus, this strange Easter day?
Not lost in our locked churches, anymore
Than he was sealed in that dark sepulchre.
The locks are loosed; the stone is rolled away,
And he is up and risen, long before,
Alive, at large, and making his strong way
Into the world he gave his life to save,
No need to seek him in his empty grave.

He might have been a wafer in the hands
Of priests this day, or music from the lips
Of red-robed choristers, instead he slips
Away from church, shakes off our linen bands
To don his apron with a nurse: he grips
And lifts a stretcher, soothes with gentle hands
The frail flesh of the dying, gives them hope,
Breathes with the breathless, lends them strength to cope.

On Thursday we applauded, for he came
And served us in a thousand names and faces
Mopping our sickroom floors and catching traces
Of that virus which was death to him:
Good Friday happened in a thousand places
Where Jesus held the helpless, died with them
That they might share his Easter in their need,
Now they are risen with him, risen indeed.