

**Parishes of SS Mary & Joseph, Aiskew
and Sacred Heart, Northallerton**

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Third Sunday of Lent, Year B, 2/3 March, 2024

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6pm. Northallerton
Sunday 9.15am Northallerton
11am. Aiskew

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 10am Northallerton
Wednesday 10am. Aiskew
Thursday 10am. Northallerton
Friday 12 noon Northallerton

Mass intentions

Saturday, 6pm. Martin Hugill, R.I.P. (anniversary)
Sunday, 9.15am. Mary Thompson, R.I.P. (1st anniversary.)
Sunday, 11am. Jean Johnston, R.I.P.
Tuesday 10am Joseph and Bessie Habron, R.I.P.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life." John 11 : 25

Next weekend

Saturday, 9 March, 6pm. For Charles, Sarah, Sven and Lloyd.
Also for healing from cancer.

Response to the Psalm

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life

The Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of
endless glory !**

**I am the resurrection and the life, says the
Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of
endless glory !**

Readings

Exodus 20 : 1-17
Psalm 18(19) : 8-11
1 Corinthians: 22-25
John 2 : 13-25



All are welcome to tea/coffee
after the Sunday Masses. A time
to meet up with other parishioners.



**Prayer of the Church -
Tuesday and Thursday**

9.40am before Mass

In this, you join with the Church worldwide.

A good start to the day. All are welcome.

SS Mary and Joseph

Deacon Paul will lead

**Stations of the Cross, Fridays, 6pm.,
together with**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Lent 2024

Sacred Heart Church

Stations of the Cross

11.45am

Mass

12 noon.

Lent Lunches

12.30pm.

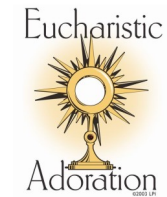
We need volunteers

to make soup, provide bread
or cheese, and help serve &
clear up afterwards. Please
help if you can. Thank you.

**Please sign
the list** in the
Sacred Heart
church porch if
you can help in
any of the ways
listed on the
right. Thank you

**May God bless you and your family
now and always.**

Father Michael and Deacon Paul



SILENT PRAYER,
in the presence of the
Blessed Sacrament,
each Sunday in Lent,
Sacred Heart Church.

All are welcome, either for the full time, which
is 5-6 pm., or for any part of it. An important time.

**An opportunity for
Spiritual growth this Lent.**

Retired Bishop, Bill Godfrey,
will present reflections on the general theme of
"Life in Christ"

This Tuesday, 7 - 8pm, Sacred Heart Hall.

Tea/coffee from 6.30pm All welcome.



SS Mary & Joseph

The monthly tea/coffee
morning is at 10.30am

this Wednesday after the 10am Mass
which some may have attended. All welcome.

**Donations given at the Soup Lunches
will be divided between**

The Jesuit Refugee Service UK which supports
refugees with friendship, expertise and material
help, just when they are most lost and uncertain,
and

In2Out, a Christian charity which gives hope, and
works very effectively to reduce re-offending among
15-21 year olds from Wetherby HMYOI, through
mentoring and practical support.

*"You are the salt of the earth ;
but if salt has lost its taste ...
it is no longer good for anything."*

Matthew 5 : 13

Biblical scholars have explored the religious symbolism of salt in the ancient world. It meant something that purifies, adds flavour, preserves and gives life to people's food. The simple folk who listened to Jesus probably grasped the symbolism of salt in all its freshness, and understood that the gospel could add something of value to human life.

A North American theologian once said that people in the West have gained the world and lost their soul. They have bought prosperity at the cost of an impoverishment of its vital elements. Many seem threatened by the tedium, the boredom, the meaningless of life.

It seems that industrial society has made us more productive, methodical and organised, but also less festive, less in touch with each other, less imaginative. We search for ways to have a good time, but perhaps we are suffering a poverty of the inner life which keeps us from feeling and living day-to-day life intensely, joyfully and fruitfully.. Where is the believers' salt ? Where are the believers who can spread their enthusiasm to everyone else ? Has our faith lost its saltiness ? We need to rediscover the salty faith that made everything new, whether togetherness and loneliness, joy and sadness, work and play.

One of the Church's most urgent tasks, today and always, is to bring faith to people as 'Good News'. Evangelisation means not only proclaiming a doctrine in words, but making present, in people's lives, the humanising, liberating and saving power that comes from the life and person of Jesus Christ. If we see evangelisation in this way, what is important is not developing powerful and efficient methods of religious propaganda, but knowing how to act in the liberating style of Jesus.

What counts is not so much having men and women well-versed in doctrine, but having living witnesses to the gospel ; believers whose lives reveal the humanising and saving power that comes from the gospel when it is embraced firmly and responsibly. Are we Christians 'good news' for anyone ? Is the way we live in our Christian communities, the way believers act, 'good news' for people today ?

Do we Christians add anything to modern society that gives taste to life, anything that purifies, heals, and frees it from spiritual and cruel self-centredness ? Do we bring light to people in these days of uncertainty ? Do we offer hope and new horizons to people looking for salvation ?

Challenging questions !



Jose A Pagola
**"The Way Opened Up
By Jesus."**

**Retiring collection next weekend
9/10 March
for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund.**

**Thank you, Lord,
for each day and its opportunities.**

*Glory and thanks to you, O God,
for the gift of life
unfolding through those who
have gone before me.*

*Glory be to you, O God,
for your life planted
within my soul
and in every soul
coming into the world.*

*Glory be to you, O God,
for the grace of new beginnings
placed before me
in every moment
and encounter of life.*

*Glory, glory, glory
for the grace of new beginnings
in every moment of life.*



J Philip Newell
"Celtic Benediction"

Collection for CAFOD
Sacred Heart Church : £535.10
Many thanks for your great generosity.

**SS Mary and Joseph Parish Centre
Wednesday 13 March, 6pm.**

"Home to Rome"

a talk by Geraldine McFaul on her journey to Rome raising funds for Mary's Meals and Dementia UK.

Tea and refreshments provided.

All welcome.

See poster in church porch

Northallerton Methodist Church

"Here is Love"

Tuesday, 26 March, 7pm.

**Inspirational music and readings
from the church choir.**

See poster in Sacred Heart porch

In memory of Matt Harvey

a number of parishioners donated to the Bambisanani Partnership whose headquarters are in Guisley. Money has been used to sponsor the football strip for the Guisley Football Club under 6 team.

The sponsored strip will give publicity to the charity which does much to support sporting and other youth activities in South Africa.

The team was coached by Matt and now by his eldest son Will.

Thank you.