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9th March 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent, Ordinary Time, Yr C

Day and Time	Mass or Service	Mass Intention	RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS
Sat. 6pm	1 st Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish	Saturdays 10.00-10.30am 5.15-5.45pm
Sun. 10.30am	1 st Sunday of Lent	Anthony Konwea	ADORATION Wednesday 1.30pm-2pm Thursday 9.30am
Mon. 7.30am		November Dead List	LECTIO DIVINA Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm
Tues. 9.15am		Paul Docherty ints.	
Wed. 2pm		Maria Oleksiuk	
Thurs. 10am		Gordon Mellor	
Fri. 10am		Robert Dobson	
Fri. 12pm	Bar Convent	Fr. Gerry Thornton	
Sat. 6pm	2 nd Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish	
Sun. 10.30am	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Jim Quinn	



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NEXT WEEK, 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C

LATELY DEAD, Jean Recchia, Kieran White

COLLECTION, £796.40, FEBRUARY SUMUP, £568.25

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, A short version of the Stations will take place before our weekday Masses.

ST. MARK'S GOSPEL, Sunday 23 March at Christ Church, Stockton Lane, York YO31 1JG, 6.30 pm, Free entry but possibly an exit collection. A traveller arrives to narrate St. Mark's gospel, performing many character and bringing the narrative to life. Performance lasts two hours, including interval. All welcome.

PURIM, 14th March, 6.30pm-9pm, We are delighted that the York Liberal Jewish Community are hosting their annual Purim Celebration in our Church Hall on Friday 14th March and they would like to invite parishioners and friends to join them. Dinner and entertainment provided - the story of Esther told via The Sound of Music with some of our own English Martyrs singers involved. It promises to be a fun and lively evening. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £10/£5 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/purim-in-austria-tickets-1256633437439> or email chair@jewsinyork.org.uk with any questions.

NEWMAN CIRCLE, Monday 17th March, at 7.30 pm at the Bar Convent: Marie Baker will speak about *Catholic Parish Life in the USA*. Tea and coffee available from 7pm. All welcome

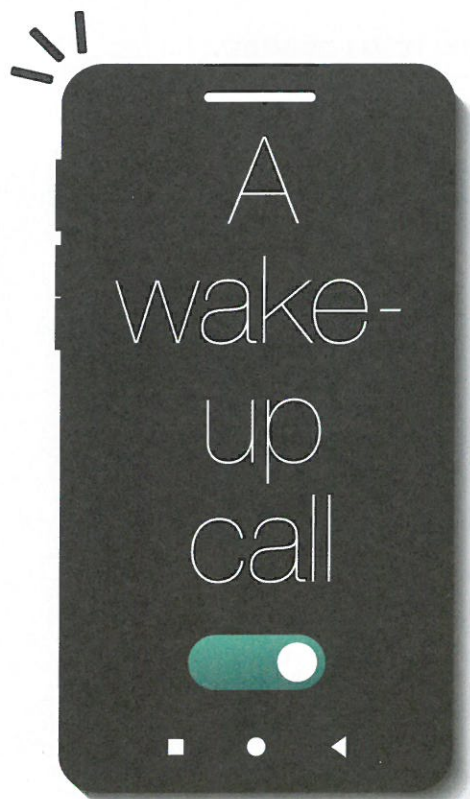
ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL, Once again, the York Irish Association is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Festival, on Saturday 15th March, from 11am to 8pm, in St Sampson's Square in the city centre. The Festival celebrates Irish culture and the connections between York and Ireland. There will be entertainment all day, including Irish dancing, live music from local groups and singers, ceilidhs, face-painting, raffle, etc. Entry is free and all are welcome to join the fun.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day Collection, Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



SUNDAY PLUS

Fully awake



By Mary Bell

When something extraordinary happens, something outside our daily experience, we are startled and wonder if we can be awake or if we are dreaming. Even for us, in these times of virtual images, it is possible to question the reality of what we are seeing. But pity the poor apostles, witnessing Jesus's transformation in front of their eyes. No wonder Peter, in his usual rather impulsive fashion, blurts out the clumsy suggestion about setting up the tents!

Images can have a profound effect. Think how the pictures of starving children in Ethiopia led to the Live Aid concert of the 1980s. They were a wake-up call to the world to help those suffering the effects of famine. Consider the television news reports which bring us pictures of people trapped by earthquakes or volcanic eruptions or warfare – far more effective than mere verbal descriptions of these events in far-off lands where suffering can be alleviated if enough people are aware.

The i-cloud had not come to Galilee in their time but God's message was projected into the ether for the apostles to understand that this Jesus was his Son, the Chosen One who must be listened to. The experience was surely a great shock but unforgettable for Peter, James and John. And so, for us, the Gospel narrative of the Transfiguration is a wake-up call to acknowledge the true nature of Jesus; the reality of who he is: the evangelist's equivalent of a modern documentary disclosing the truth about the Son of God.

Following many years in the classroom, retired teacher and head of RE, Mary Bell now has time to enjoy the beauties of the natural world around her.

I am invited to listen to Jesus, and Jesus manifests himself, and by his transfiguration he invites us to gaze at him. And looking at Jesus purifies our eyes and prepares them for eternal life, for the vision of heaven.

Pope Francis

Prayer for transformation

Lord, in you I am transformed

And transformed still again.

When the discouraged cry for hope, make me hope.

When the hungry cry for bread, make me bread.

When the thirsty cry for water, make me water.


When the suffering cry for help, make me help.

When the sick cry for healing, make me healing.

When the bound cry for freedom, make me freedom.

When the outcasts cry for love, make me love.

Catholic Relief Services

Loving Lord, let me see you everywhere and in everyone I meet. Most of all, let me see you deep inside me so that I know you are always with me, wherever I am and whatever I'm doing.  Amen.



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee and justice

Let us open our eyes to our neighbour, especially to our brothers and sisters who are forgotten and excluded, to the "Lazarus" at our door. That is where the Church's magnifying glass is pointed. May the Lord free us from turning it towards ourselves. May he turn us away from the trappings that distract us, from interests and privileges, from attachment to power and glory, from being seduced by the spirit of the world... it is our responsibility to care for the true riches which are the poor... We are reminded of this by an ancient tradition according to which the Roman martyr Lawrence, before suffering a cruel martyrdom for the love of the Lord, distributed the goods of the community to the poor, whom he described as the true treasure of the Church. May the Lord grant that we may look without fear to what truly matters and turn our hearts to our true treasure.

Pope Francis

Today:
Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

Monday:
Daniel 9:4b-10
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday:
Isaiah 1:10. 16-20
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday:
2 Samuel 7:4-5a. 12-14a. 16
Romans 4:13. 16-18. 22
Matthew 1:16. 18-21. 24a

Thursday:
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Luke 16:19-31

Friday:
Genesis 37:3-4. 12-13a.
17b-28a
Matthew 21:33-43. 45-46

Saturday:
Micah 7:14-15. 18-20
Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

Next Sunday:
Exodus 3:1-8a. 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12
Luke 13:1-9