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Sunday 19th February	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Day for the Unemployed 10.00 am:
Monday 20th February	Feria No Mass
Tuesday 21st February	Feria (St Peter Damian) Day of Prayer for Europe 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Wednesday 22nd February	ASH WEDNESDAY 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Thursday 23rd February	of Lent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Friday 24th February	of Lent 8.30 am: Adoration 9.30 am: Mass
Saturday 25th February	of Lent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 26th February	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 10.00 am: Mass

Notices

Welcome Father Joseph

Today we are delighted to welcome Father Joseph Pinakkattu to St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy Parish. We are very grateful to him for agreeing to come to serve in our parish and we look forward to the future under his spiritual guidance. We wish him many happy years here in Hull with us.

Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed

This Sunday, 19th February, has been appointed as a Special Day of Prayer for the unemployed by the Bishops' Conference. We are asked at this time, when there are so many struggling to secure regular work, that we remember them in our prayers at Mass today.

LENT

Lent is the traditional season of renewal and repentance in the Church, in preparation for the great Easter celebration. Lent calls us to a renewed awareness of our vocation as Christians, and invites us to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus. The Gospel message of Lent is clear: "if we die with him, we shall rise with him".

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Wednesday 22nd February. There will be Mass, with Blessing and Imposition of Ashes.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the two days in the Church's Year observed as days of Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food that we eat is considerably reduced, and Abstinence means that we give up a certain kind of food or drink, (usually meat), or another form of penance may be substituted.

Mass Intentions for Sundays in Lent

Each Sunday in Lent we are asked to pray especially for all the Catechumens, those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil; and for the Candidates who will be received into the Catholic Church at Easter.

CAFOD Mass of Thanksgiving

CAFOD and the Hull and East Riding Parish Representatives invite everyone to join them for a Mass of Thanksgiving, on Friday 24th February at 12 noon, at St Charles Borromeo Church, Jarrett Street. The Celebrant will be Very Reverend Canon Stephen Maughan. It is a large church, so please make a note of the date in your diary, and come along and bring a friend, so that we can fill the church. All are welcome.

Lent Family Fast Day

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 3rd March. It is a day when we are asked to eat simply for the day and give what we save to CAFOD, who are able to help people in need directly through the partners with whom they work.

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors and has made an initial allocation of £100,000. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

CDSC Middlesbrough

In 2017 Pope Francis appointed four people to create a single service for Catholic Charismatic Renewal throughout the Church, and entrusted it with a threefold mission :

- to share baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone
- to serve the unity of the Body of Christ
- to serve the poor and those in greatest need, physical or spiritual.

As a result of this mandate, each country established a National Service, and the 'Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion for the Middlesbrough Diocese' was formed. 11 people met in November with Sharon Daniel, Interim Coordinator, who sent details of the following two events.

Joel's Bar

A Catholic Charismatic retreat for young adults aged 16 - 28; giving them an opportunity to encounter Christ, live in the power of the Holy Spirit and build community. Joel's Bar is held at Worth Abbey, West Sussex, from Sunday 9th to Friday 14th April. For more information please visit: <https://www.joelsbar.co.uk> or contact info@joelsbar.co.uk

Healing Mass - Tuesday 7th March

In the chapel at the Bar Convent, Blossom Street in York at 11.45 am.

Hospital Chaplain

If you, or someone you know, is in hospital and would like a visit from the Chaplain, please contact Deacon Bob directly on 470456.

Next World Youth Day

In August 2023, the Pope will meet young people in Lisbon for the next World Youth Day. It is hoped that a group from the Diocese will travel with Bishop Terry from 31st July - 7th August to join in this wonderful event. If anyone, aged 18 - 35 by August 2023, would like to go to Lisbon, please contact Fr Philip Cunnah to register your interest by email at: frphilip.cunnah@rcdmidd.org.uk, and to receive further details.

Prayer for those in Turkey and Syria affected by earthquakes

God of Mercy,
we pray for the people of Turkey and Syria
following the recent earthquakes.
We mourn the death and destruction,
and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

We hold in our hearts those who are injured,
and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods and homes.
Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster.
Grant those affected courage and resilience
as they rebuild their lives and communities.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Inspire us to unite in solidarity,
acting swiftly and generously,
so that help may reach all who need it.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.
Amen.

Prayer for those affected by the Pakistan Floods

O Lord, in the goodness of your constant love,
be with the people of Pakistan
as they face devastating floods.

At this time of great loss –
loss of lives, homes and crops –
may we be filled with your compassion
and moved to reach out in love.

As we stand alongside our sisters and brothers, we pray that
they may find consolation in their sorrow,
strength as they seek shelter and safety
and courage to carry on.

Forgive us, O Lord,
for our part in the climate crisis,
and inspire us all to play our part
in protecting the earth, our common home.

So that together we may build a world
that reflects your glory,
where hope drives out despair
and all things are made new.

Prayer for Ukraine

(Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Church)

God of peace,
your prophet Isaiah promised swords
would be turned into ploughshares,
and your Son's mother Mary
proclaimed the mighty would be put down
and the humble exalted.

Visit the people of Ukraine:
deliver them from fear, violence, attack,
injury, destruction and death;
and give them courage, solidarity,
and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.

Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion.
Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict,
restore order, and pursue justice.

And make this moment of peril an occasion
for your Holy Spirit to show your world the cost of conflict,
and our dependence on one another.

In Christ our Lord who went to his death
because of our hatred,
and rose again
because our hatred is never stronger
than your indomitable love.

Amen.

Prayer sent by Missio