

NEWS THIS WEEK

IN YOUR PRAYERS please remember those members of our parish community who are sick , and those who care for them. We also remember in prayer those who have died, those who grieve, and those whose anniversaries occur. We pray in a particular way at this time for those affected by the coronavirus (Covid-19) and those who caring for them.

DIOCESAN VIRTUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE PROGRAMME If you wish to follow and join in the various events and ceremonies of our pilgrimage you can do so by downloading a copy of the programme with all the details: <https://tinyurl.com/y939444v>

TYBURN TRUST DONATION We are grateful to the trustees of the Tyburn Trust, a local Catholic charity, who have given a generous donation of £3,000.00 to our roof repair appeal.

CAFOD CORONA VIRUS EMERGENCY APPEAL launched on 30th April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water or healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal

FAMILIES IN NEED Thank you once again for your generous and ongoing contribution of food and financial aid to those in need via the school. *During the half-term break food can be left in the porch of the parish house on any day of the week.*

JOB VACANCIES AT ALL SAINTS SCHOOL All Saints are looking to appoint two teaching assistants from September 2020. Details available at: www.allsaints.york.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies

COTTON FOR SCRUBS AND MASKS If you have any new (unused) cotton fabric, even off-cuts, it can be used for making scrubs and masks for NHS staff. A neighbour of a parishioner is making these. *Cloth can be left in the porch of the parish house.*

OPENING THE CHURCH There is talk of places of worship possibly being opened again for private prayer by individuals. We are looking at how this might work at Our Lady's. The bishop has set down the conditions we would need to fulfill before this can happen. At Our Lady's we don't have the tradition of the church being open during the week. So, we would have to establish first of all if there is a need, i.e. would you use the facility, and when are the best times to open? We would then be looking to form teams of volunteers to be here throughout those opening times to marshal people and maintain hygiene (wiping down door handles, benches, etc.) so that we maintain a safe space for all (*volunteers cannot be people in vulnerable groups or over the age of 70*). I propose to include a link to an online poll with the newsletter next week so that you can register your opinion. There is no point in putting provision in place if there is no demand and, if there is a demand, then we need to plan timing so that, as best as we can, we meet the needs of our parish community.

NEWSLETTER BY POST If you know of parishioners who would like to receive the weekly newsletter but who don't use the internet then we can send it out to them by post. If you are sure that this is something they would like, please send their name and postal address to Fr. Tony (we can look-up the postcode if necessary).

LIVE-STREAMING OF MASS AND LITURGIES During lockdown you can join live-streamed services via our website www.ourladysyork.org.uk or Facebook (you don't need an account) www.facebook.com/ourladysacomb/live Each service can be watched later via Facebook or www.youtube.com/ourladysacombbyork If you have a webcam, join us after Sunday Mass at 11am for 'virtual coffee'.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH It is still possible to go to confession providing that we maintain the two metre distance which is easily possible here in the parish house. Likewise, if someone is very seriously ill then they have the right to the sacraments and this can be done at home via the parish or, via the on-call priests, in the hospital. Please do not worry about contacting me if there is some way in which I can be of help – if in doubt just ask.

COLLECTIONS Thanks to those who have put their collection money through the door of the parish house. For individuals who wish to set up a standing order the details are: Sort Code: 20-56-90 Account Number:

30007587 Account Name: *Diocese of Middlesbrough* (even though the account name is that of the Diocese the account number is specific to Our Lady's so your donation will reach us). If you are eligible for Gift Aid, please obtain a form from the parish office or on the website.