

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, EAST LANE, STAINFORTH DN7 5EZ

PARISH NEWSLETTER - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 14th & 15th APRIL - 2018 (Cycle B)

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Please pass on any Mass Intentions to John on 842962 or Frank on 841485 - or at Mass on Saturday Evenings

DAY	April	DAY	MOORENDS	STAINFORTH	INTENTIONS
Sat	14th	Third Sunday of Easter	10am Mass	6pm Mass	James Francis McNamara
Sun	15th		10.30am Mass		People of the Parish
Mon	16th	The Annunciation of the Lord			
Tue	17th	Weekday of Easter	10am Mass		
Wed	18th	St Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr		10am Word & Communion	
Thu	19th	Weekday of Easter		6pm Word & Communion	
Fri	20th	St Martin I, Pope, Martyr			
Sat	21st	Fourth Sunday of Easter	11am Mass	6pm Mass	Peggy Reay
Sun	22nd		10.30am Mass		People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound of the Parish especially: Mary Hanby, Maria Renton, Dot Flanagan, Brian Rowe, Mary Daly, Ronnie Nielson Jnr, Robert Bailey, Louis Courtney, Jenny Watson, June Ward, Margaret Carlin, Ann Ferguson, Tony and Theresa Goulden, Dr John Hall, Jim Nunez, Edna Pickering, Celia Monro, Billy Mournian, Louise Bradley (nee Harrison), Carol Pitman, Eileen Mason, Christine and Ernesto Robertson, Margaret Howe and Joanne Robertshaw. **Please also pray for those who care for the sick and those who grieve.**

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries fall around now: Winifred Kennick & Mary Ellen Collins (16th); Philip James Flynn & Robert Harrison & Joe McDonald (17th); Kenneth Thomson & Thomas Courtney & Samuel Raybould & John Robertshaw (18th); Mary Elizabeth Cobb (19th); Maria Connor & Patrick Murrinan (20th); Hannah Cobb & Thomas Parker; Gillian Kent & John Lennon & Joseph Bennett; Susan Carlin (21st) **May they rest in peace.**

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READERS	BIDDING PRAYERS	GIFTS
14th Apr	Jeanette, Teresa & Dennis	Brian & Lilian	John	Volunteers
21st Apr	Doreen, Maureen & Rose	Jim & John	Mike	Volunteers

TONIGHT WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WARMLY WELCOME BISHOP RALPH TO OUR PARISH. His visit is part of a programme of visits to all parishes in the Doncaster Deanery over the next few months and before he visits Rome in the Autumn to report on our diocese.. We are delighted here is here with us this evening and we encourage everyone to take the opportunity to have a brief word of with him after Mass. Please introduce yourselves to him and then introduce him to others around you. Following Mass, light refreshments will be served at the back of church. Please take this opportunity to have a natter both with the bishop, Fr Santosh and fellow parishioners. Any help to serve refreshments etc. much appreciated.

PARISH MEETING: Many thanks to all those who were able to join us for our monthly 'Parish in Council' meeting last Wednesday. We had a great conversation, discussed Lent and the Triduum, made plans for tonight, discussed the parish hall and talked all about the new monthly meetings for children and parents.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS to baby Aaron who was baptised this afternoon at 3pm and to his parents Noreen and Craig who renewed their wedding vows. A wonderful celebration and a very happy day.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD! Hopefully we will have copies of this new remarkable document from Pope Francis available in the porch this weekend. It truly is a remarkable, inspiring document and perhaps this Pope's spiritual masterpiece. Please take time to read the document or at least some of the quotes in the press and on the internet. Two phrases speak powerfully to me (F)

One is a sad reflection of the Church we see sometimes: *"The life of the Church can become a museum piece or the possession of a select few. This can occur when some groups of Christians give excessive importance to certain rules, customs or ways of acting. The Gospel then tends to be reduced and constricted, deprived of its simplicity, allure and savour."*

The second is what I believe we have here on a good day: *"A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelising environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan"*

We plan on having a reflection and discussion all about it during May. Watch this space!

DN7 FOOD BANK: As always, our thanks to all who are able to support. All help for local needs much appreciated.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING contact is Carol Flanagan. Many thanks Carol.

BULLETIN This week - Rose Next week: Frank. If you have items for next week's Bulletin please email them to frank.mcdermott@btconnect.com or call John on 01302 842962 or leave a message/text on the parish phone.

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One of the great developments in our community over recent years has been the arrival of new people to the area who have chosen to become involved in the life and faith of our parish. They bring new life to our church and mission and we reiterate our welcome to all those who have chosen to be part of our parish family however far they have travelled.

The hymn "All are Welcome in this place" which we often sing, means what it says, and our parish mantra "Gratitude for the Past, enthusiasm for the present and hope for the future" becomes a reality when old blood and new blood mix! We are richly blessed. One such 'new' parishioner is Jo who has written the article below. Thanks to Jo, all the way from Rumania with her husband and mum and now mum of three beautiful children herself, we had an amazing Easter activity time for children and a second is planned for Pentecost! So huge thanks to Jo and to Lilian for helping her

Children Together : Small Hands, Big Talents

On Easter Saturday we had our first children's meeting and we had some Easter related activities that helped the children deepen the Easter concept and meaning. The children enjoyed doing crafts like painting Easter eggs, filling plastic crosses with coloured sand, plastifying crosses, making Easter cards and stories from stickers, colouring Easter cards and decorating egg candles.

We've also had an egg experiment where we showed the children how eggs normally go down when we put them in fresh water and we discussed about the things that make us feel down. Then we showed them how we can increase the density of the water by adding salt and how the eggs could now float in the salty water. The discussion about what makes us rise when we feel sad made the children aware that they are the ones in control of their feelings and that there's always a way to get over sadness and become happy again.

The Easter story could not be missed so we took the children back 2000 years ago and told them about the resurrection of Jesus, we've sang 'You've got the whole world in your hands' and then had some juice and biscuits.

Our intention is to create a safe and moral environment for the kids, starting form early ages, and to do educational, spiritual and entertaining activities that would develop their brain, open their hearts and create a community of children that would be raised in the spirit of the church. Our activities are supposed to help them express their feelings and talents through crafts, arts, nature and singing, to explore their imagination, to show them that they are not alone and that Jesus is always there for them and of course, to make friends that have the same values as them. These meetings will be monthly and will last for 2 hours and we wish to bring as many children together so we can raise a generation of strong, loving and faithful children in our community.

Jo

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Thank you Jo and thanks to those who came. There are some lovely photographs on display at the back of church. The next gathering is on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday the 20th May from 4pm to 6pm. If you would like to be involved and help then please contact Jo after Mass or on 07908 546145. It would be wonderful if a few other 'young' mums or dads were able to get involved. What a great new initiative!