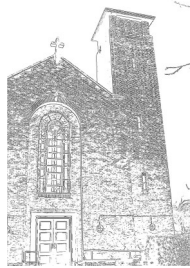


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Parish Weekly Liturgy

1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) Saturday 17th February Sunday 18th February	Mass @ 6.00 pm Mass @ 9.00 am Baptism @ 11.00 am	Priest's Intention People of the Parish Millar Family
LENTEN WEEKDAY Monday 19th February		
LENTEN WEEKDAY Tuesday 20th February	Mass @ 9.30 am	Priest's Intention
ST PETER DAMIAN Wednesday 21st February	Parish Online Rosary Devotion @ 7.00 pm	Everyone welcome to join in. Sign in info on the back page.
CHAIR OF ST PETER Thursday 22nd February		
ST POLYCARP Friday 23rd February	Stations of the Cross @ 11.45 am Mass @ 12.15 pm	Priest's Intention
2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) Saturday 24th February Sunday 25th February <i>Collection for Parish Building Maintenance Fund</i>	Mass @ 6.00 pm Mass @ 9.00 am	People of the Parish Patrick Harlow Snr (Anniversary)



Please pray for all those who have passed away recently (**Carmela (Melina) Buclaw**) and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time; our **sick** (Eileen Hannah, Christine Rigby, Delia Davies, Nina Wakelin, Rachel Harvey, M Whitlam, Brigida Lembo, Barbara & Peter Bainbridge, Norah Langley, Fr Bill Bergin, Angela Brown) and housebound parishioners; for peace in the world, for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, families preparing for Sacraments (Baptism, First Holy Communion & Confirmation) and the newly confirmed. **Special Collections February: 24th/25th Parish Building Maintenance Fund.**

****If you would like to add a person to our sick list, please ensure that the person or their family members have given permission to have their names published in our newsletter/website. This is to comply with GDPR legislation.****

Ways of Supporting the Parish

- By online banking (Diocese of Hallam St Josephs Retford Sort Code 40-41-07 A/C 51106686) please state what it is for in the reference.
- By debit/credit card on our **Stewardship donation page** which you may access via St Joseph's Retford's page on the deanery website (www.worksopcatholicchurches.weebly.com/supporting-the-parish.html) or directly from the Stewardship website (www.stewardship.org.uk) under causes search for Diocese of Hallam - St Josephs Retford.
- By cheque made out to 'Diocese of Hallam St Josephs Retford'.
- Through easyfundraising: Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for **St Joseph's RC Church, Retford.**

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation. Parents are encouraged to take an active part in their children's preparation by going over the work done in the preparation classes and also helping their children with the relevant activities in their workbooks. Our parish webpage has a section for [Sacramental Preparation](#) with the programme outline for easy reference. There are no lessons during half term however parents are asked to read chapters 13, 14 and 15 with their children during the holidays. Lessons will resume next weekend 25th February.

Prayer Partners for First Communion candidates. We have seventeen candidates this year and each of them has a card with their name on it. These can be found at the back of church. Parishioners are encouraged **to sign and pledge their prayerful support** for our young people during this time of their preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion (and Baptism for one of them). Support as many of the young people as you like with your prayers. These cards will be given to the candidates on the day of their First Communion as a reminder that they are part of our parish family and the parish will always be there to support and encourage them in their journey of faith. **Prayer** is one of the three pillars of Lent, so let us make it our mission this Lent to **pray for all the young people in our parish**, even though we may not always be able to see the effects of our prayers, it will make a difference in their lives.

Children's Liturgy. Open to all children 4 years and older who have not made their First Holy Communion. Sessions are on every alternate Sunday unless it's a school holiday. Next sessions: 18th February, 3rd March, 17th March



Lenten Devotion - Stations of the Cross every Friday at 11.45 am during the Season of Lent.

Spiritual Books by Fr Michael Umameh - on sale in support of Fr Michael who is the parish priest of Sacred Heart in Hillsborough. Cost of each book: *Forgiveness* £5, *Rented Tears* £5.50, *Reluctant Prodigal* £6.50 or buy 3 for £15. *Rented Tears* and the *Reluctant Prodigal* are poetry books. You can browse through copies of his books at the back of church.



Almsgiving - Support our Bassetlaw Foodbank donations this Lent (collection stand at the back of church). Shortage list for this week: *long life milk, soup, tinned mackerel or salmon, tinned meat, toothpaste, laundry pods, deodorant, bleach.*

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 28th June to 4th July 2024 Bishop Ralph invites you to join him on the 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Booking forms available to download at www.hallam-lourdes.com (we also have a small number of hardcopies) Enquiries 01302 247910 or 07724 650066. Fare £879pp - 6 nights Full Board (excl. Ins) flying from Leeds Bradford Airport direct to Lourdes. Applications particularly welcome from pilgrims who need help due to medical issues/mobility. Volunteer doctors, nurses and helpers are also required.



Parish Repository. We have rosaries, religious books, Saints Candles and more ... on sale at the back of church. **All profits from the sale go towards the fundraising efforts of our parish.** Please lend your support.

Places of Welcome: Every Wednesday at St Joseph's Church Hall, from 1.30 - 3.30pm. We are a very friendly group. We drink tea or coffee, eat biscuits, chat and enjoy ourselves. If transport is a problem we can help. Come and see what you think. Talk to Sally on 07772563499

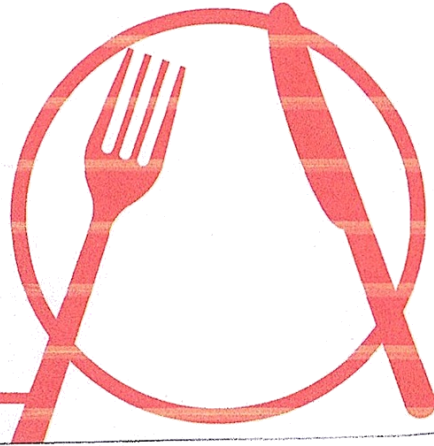
Parish newsletter - limited copies of the weekly newsletter are printed for the benefit of visitors and parishioners who do not have access to the internet. If you have access to the internet please consider receiving an electronic copy of the **parish newsletter** weekly by email or downloading a copy from our parish webpage from the deanery website: St Joseph's, Retford - CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BASSETLAW (weebly.com). Email the parish office to subscribe to our electronic newsletter (you can unsubscribe anytime). Going electronic will help the parish to keep its printing costs down and be more environmental friendly. **If you do take a copy of the newsletter please take it home do not put it back on the fresh pile. Thank you.**

Christian Aid Lenten Lunches 2024

Every year the various churches in Retford take it in turn to prepare Lenten Lunches in St Saviour's Church Hall to raise funds for Christian Aid. **St Joseph's Retford will be preparing the lunches on Friday 23rd February.** Parishioners are encouraged to go along and support. Any offers of help and donations to cover the cost of the ingredients will also be gratefully accepted. Please speak to Sally or Pauline.

**Dine for
Christian Aid**

**You're
invited!**



What: Lent Lunches 2024

**When: Friday February 16th, Friday 23rd
Friday March 1st, 15th, 22nd**

**Where: St. Saviour's Church Hall
Lidget Lane, Retford**

Time: 12.00pm – 1.30pm

Lunches £5

All welcome, bring a friend.

We're raising funds for Christian Aid to help people in poverty around the world. We'd love you to join us!



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Churches Together in Retford (CTiR).

- 1) Bi-monthly CTiR prayer meetings have been held at The Well and St Michael's on Sunday evenings. February venue tbc.
- 2) First Thursday of the month 12.30 pm at The Well – everyone invited to come along for informal prayer and fellowship (bring lunch, drinks provided).
- 3) Places of Welcome continue to be held on Tuesdays (St Michael's 10-12 coffee, 12-2pm lunches of soup/toast, 2-4pm craft circle) and Wednesdays (All Hallows 10-12, followed by 2-4pm craft circle; people can drop in at any time. St Joseph's on Wednesdays 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm (more details inside the newsletter)
- 4) Food Hubs are being hosted by The Grove in school holidays. Rhubarb Farm have recently provided a Communita for 40 people at £1 per person.
- 5) Christian Aid lunches begin on 16th February at **St Saviour's Church Hall**, running for five Fridays during Lent. All churches in Retford take it in turn to host, **St Joseph's will be hosting the lunch at St Saviour's Church Hall this coming Friday 23rd February.**



St Vincent
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Turning Concern into Action

SVP School Uniform Project To help provide free school uniforms to families in need. For more information contact SVP volunteers: 07867 631834 or see SVP Retford or SVP School Uniform Project Facebook pages. **Retiring collection for the SVP after the weekend Masses.** The SVP has a collection box and if you are able to drop in any loose change as you leave it will be deeply appreciated.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2024 - For The Terminally Ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

February Devotion - The Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you!
Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all.

Online Parish Family Rosary Devotion

Every Wednesday @ 7.00 pm.

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME TO JOIN IN!

The link to join can be found on our webpage on the deanery website:

<http://worksopcatholicchurches.weebly.com/st-josephs-retford.html>

Those **without internet** can join in via their telephone using the following information.

Every Wednesday

Rosary Devotion @ 7.00 pm

Call this number: **0207 660 8149** and when prompted

give the meeting number: **163 380 8136** and password: **424 562 79**

All the prayers are on power point to make it easier for those who are not familiar with praying the rosary.

Pray the Rosary for Peace in the World and end of war - Our Lady of Fatima