

The Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Nunthorpe

1st February, Candlemas

9:30 am	Café Church	Hall
10:00 am	Festival Eucharist	Church
5:30 pm	Eucharist	Church

Evening readings: Gen 1:1-5, 1 Cor 9:24-end. Matt 20:1-16.

This Week in the Parish

Wed 4 th Feb 10:00 am	Eucharist	Church
Wed 4 th Feb 2:00 pm	MU AGM	Church
Thu 5 th Feb 10:00 am	Pram Service	Hall

Altar Flowers

This Sunday, the Altar flowers have been donated and arranged by Betty Griffin and Lyn Hodgkinson in memory of their close friend Elizabeth Howard.

Lent Course: this will take place on Wednesday evenings, starting at 7.30 pm with coffee etc. and finishing by 9 pm. The dates are: 18th February (Ash Wednesday, service starting at 7.30 pm), 25th February, 4th March, 11th March, 18th March, 25th March, and 1st April (meditation). The course book is *The Cost of Christian Living* which costs £10. Please let me know by Sunday, 2nd February if you are interested and I will order a book. Thank you, *Janet Barker*.

Burials of ashes – An appreciation and a plea

After 20 years of service, Dave Cook has decided it is time to pass on the job of digging for burials of ashes. We are grateful to Dave for his many years of work and are now looking for someone else who might be able to help with this important task. Last year there were 9 burials of ashes. If anyone would be interested in helping in the future please speak to Tessa.

Confirmation: Believing and Belonging:

Some of the younger people in the congregation have expressed an interest in being confirmed so I will be setting up sessions to learn more about the Christian faith and what it means to follow Jesus, leading on to confirmation for those who would like to make a public affirmation of their Christian faith. Bishop Barry will be in church on Sunday April 26th to allow this to happen. Sessions for children and young people are likely to be on Friday evenings, depending on availability. Adults' sessions may be done together or separately depending on numbers. If you or would like to find out more please get in touch with me. *Tessa*.

Flowers – a note from Betty. I have now handed over all aspects of my flower arranging role to Sylvia King. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me in any way to perform my duties, I have loved doing this job and will miss it terribly. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the flowers and Millie and Luke's wedding. *Betty Griffin*.

We would like to offer our thanks for all Betty's hard work over the years!

Mothers' Union AGM: will take place on Wednesday 4th February in Church, starting at 2 pm.

An answer to our prayers! You may remember that last year we were praying for parishes in the Archdeaconry of Cleveland which were in vacancy. The good news is that three of the parishes (Whinney Banks, North Ormesby and Brambles Farm, and South Bank) have been able to appoint clergy, and candidates are being interviewed for 'House for Duty' roles at others.

For prayer and reflection this week:

Today, the Diocese of York prays:

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel, make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God and our God.

We pray for the Church of England.

We also pray for The Mulgrave Benefice in Whitby Deanery which is currently in vacancy.

Those seeking comfort and healing, or who have requested prayer:

We pray for Harry B, Doris L, Becky, Edytha B, Joan L, Madge M, Basil E, Marie H, Jess, Evelyn & Keith B, Mary H, Diana W, and Amy R.

We remember Brenda Dicken and pray for her friends and family following her funeral this week.

We also remember Bill Cochrane with thanksgiving and pray for Carol and his family and friends.

Years Mind: We remember with thanksgiving: Avril Mead, David Jones, Colin Healey, Margaret Bailey, Martha Rothery, Eileen Chilton, Arthur Shepherd, George Wilkins, Jennifer Richardson, Katherine Gilligan, Frederick Tighe, Madge Brown, Norman Hyde, Linda Barnes, Mildred Abbot, Michelle Tweddle, Thomas Willis, Dorothy Elder, and Renee Allinson. May all whom we remember rest in peace and rise in glory!

Next Sunday:

8th February, 2nd Sunday before Lent

10:00 am	Eucharist	Church
5:30 pm	Evensong	Church

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