

**THOUGHT FOR 5th Sunday of LENT (16/17th March):** What a paradox! Unless the seed goes below ground into the darkness of the soil, it will never see the light of day. So too for the Christian: to give away is to possess, to serve is to lead, to put ourselves last is to be first, and to die to self is to live life to the full. In the final weeks of Lent we are faced once more with the seeming foolishness of Christ's message, but which is the highest wisdom for those who believe.



**First Reading:** (Jer 31:31-34). The prophet tells a shattered people that God has not forsaken them, but will soon make a new covenant with them.

**Second Reading:** (Heb 5:7-9). Through his obedience and suffering, Christ became the source of eternal life for us.

**Gospel:** (Jn 12:20-33). In his death Jesus will be glorified and this will bring life to those who follow him.

**THOUGHT FOR PALM SUNDAY (23rd/24th March):** Today we begin a week's journey with Christ through suffering to death and onto glory. The liturgy of the Holy Week starts today with our palm-procession of triumph and follows the route of service to others (Maundy Thursday), dying to sin (Good Friday) and living new life (Easter). How will we spend this week? Will it be business as usual or will we reach out to deepen our faith and commitment to Jesus and so share more deeply in the joy of his resurrection?



**First Reading:** (Is 50:4-7). The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him.

**Second Reading:** (Phil 2:6-11). Because Jesus took on himself our human condition, and accepted death on a cross, the Father has raised him up and made him Lord of Heaven and earth.

**Gospel:** (Mk 14:1-15:47). St Mark stresses the crude trial and shocking details of Jesus' suffering.

**Masses received St Edward's:**

Genevieve Kilby, Steve Cordwell (LD), Bob Williams (LD), Maurice & Olga Beins, Stuart Gray (LD) and Bridget Foster (LD).

**Masses received St. Joseph's:**

Bernard Walford (LD) [4], Sheila Sykes (B'day A) and Margaret Ung Poh Lan.

*Please pray for the sick and the housebound in both Parishes:*

**CLIFFORD:** Sarah Walton, Peter & Mary O'Reilly, Liz Rowe, Mary Jones, Yos Hudyono, Margaret Green, Peter Staples, Jacqueline Staples, Ruth Frances and Mary Swindells.

**TADCASTER:** Margaret Scrubbs, Anne Simpson, Joyce Simpson and Margaret Fiddler.

**Offering** (w/e 2nd/3rd Mar) **St. Edward's Offertory:** £442.37 & Standing Orders £382.00  
**St. Joseph's Offertory:** £442.65 & Standing Orders £104.50  
**Total** (w/e 9/10th Mar) **St. Edward's Offertory:** £597.59 & Standing Orders £382.00  
**St. Joseph's Offertory:** £186.00 & Standing Orders £104.50  
**Retiring Collection for the Holy Places will be held on Good Friday. Thank you.**



**POPE FRANCIS Prayer Intention for MARCH:** We pray that those who risk their lives for the sake of the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. *Franciscus*

**St Edward's News For The Pews:** The repair and restoration project including the essential replacement stone and structural repairs to the tower are complete with the tower now revealed in all its glory! To commemorate this and to celebrate 175 years of the Church of St Edward's, King and Confessor, a reprint of '*Chronicles of a Wharfedale Parish*' by Hildebrand Lane Fox is now available for £5 (proceeds to the Restoration Fund). This contains an updated Forward and new pictures taken by Gina Marks.

**PARKING AT ST EDWARD'S:** Please consider our neighbours when parking for church so as not to obstruct their driveways. Thank you for your co-operation.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: each Sunday at St. Edward's 11am Mass.**

Thank you to all who are already involved and to our new volunteers. If you wish to help please contact **Vicky on 07545 083647.**

**Our Lady's Shrine at St. Edward's 7 Day Lamps Intentions**  
**w/c 17th March Michael Murphy RIP**  
**Stephen & Eileen Cornish RIP Peace in the Ukraine**  
**w/c 24th March Michael Murphy RIP Bridget Foster RIP**  
**Bob Williams RIP Peace in the Holy Land**

**CHURCH CLEANING at St. Edward's** takes place on the **first Wednesday of each month** at 10am - just come along! Many thanks to all our volunteers.

**ST. EDWARD'S '100 Club' Draw:**  
 3rd March Draw: No 29 A. McIntyre £10  
 10th March Draw: No 74 M. Newman £50

**St Edward's** is part of the local Christians Together group. The series of talks held during Lent based on Christian Aid's 'Act on Poverty' initiative **conclude Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm** in St Edward's Parish Room. Thank you to all who took part.

**ST EDWARD'S CHURCH & SCHOOL SPRING BALL: will be held at Wetherby Golf Club on Saturday 11th May - 6.30pm to Midnight.** Formal Dress. Tickets are available for £47.50. Please contact David Green on **07522 984117** or [dadak.green@btinternet.com](mailto:dadak.green@btinternet.com)

**PIETY STALL at St. Edward's:** for all your cards and items for various occasions.

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE will take place from Friday 5th - Thursday 11th July 2024.** For further details and booking please visit <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage/> of Leeds - Lourdes Pilgrimage

**CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY:** Thank you for your donations which amounted to **St. Edward's:** £278.70 and **St. Joseph's:** £242.44

**Retiring Collection for Catholic Care** amounted to **St. Edward's:** £294.60 and **St. Joseph's:** £143.00 Thank you.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** for both **St. Edward's** and **St. Joseph's** come into use on 7th April. If you would like a set please see either David or Anita at Church. Many thanks to them for all their help.  
**Thank you for your continuing generosity and financial support to our parishes.**

**St. Joseph's: '52 Club' Draw Results:**  
**£50 No.20 - C Wensley £30 No.49 J - Houseman £20 No.32 - G Lodge.**  
**The next Draw will be held on Easter Sunday.**

**CHURCH CLEANING AT ST. JOSEPH'S:** If you are able to help please come along to church on the **first Friday of each month** after the 10am Mass. Many thanks indeed!

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	<b>ST. JOSEPH'S TADCASTER</b>	<b>ST. EDWARD'S CLIFFORD</b>
Saturday 16th March VIGIL	Eucharistic Prayer III	4.30-4.45pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass - VIGIL Fr Conor Harper SJ (LD)
Sunday 17th March 2024 5th Sunday of LENT	9:00am Mass Peter Simpson (LD)	11:00am Mass Stephen & Eileen Cornish
Tuesday 19th ST. JOSEPH		10:00am Mass Special Intention: F.M.
Wednesday 20th	11:00am REQUIEM MASS Bernard Walford	
Thursday 21st		10:00am Mass Jojo Wang Jun Jie (Birthday)
Friday 22nd	2:30pm REQUIEM MASS George Jakeman	
Saturday 23rd March VIGIL	Eucharistic Prayer II	4.30-4.45pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass - VIGIL Genevieve Kilby
Sunday 24th March 2024 PALM SUNDAY	9:00am Mass Sheila Sykes (B'day A)	11:00am Mass Steve Cordwell (LD)
Tuesday 26th		10:00am Mass Vickers, Harker & Carter Families
Wednesday 27th	9:30am Mass Margaret Ung Poh Lan	11:15am FUNERAL SERVICE: Bridget Foster
Thursday 28th HOLY THURSDAY	7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at ST EDWARD'S with 'Watching'	11:00am REQUIEM MASS Robert (Bob) Williams Hebbron, Wright & Carroll until 9.00pm Families
Friday 29th GOOD FRIDAY [Day of Fasting & Abstinence]	3:00pm Service of the Passion with Veneration 6:30pm Stations of the Cross	3:00pm Service of the Passion with Veneration
Saturday 30th March EASTER VIGIL	Eucharistic Prayer I	5:00pm VIGIL Mass Steve Clarkson (A)
Sunday 31st March 2024 EASTER SUNDAY	9:00am Mass Bernard Walford (B'day A)	11:00am Mass Deacon Edwin Murphy



Please pray for all who have died recently:  
TERRY DONOVAN, JEANETTE CARRICK, BERNARD WALFORD,  
GEORGE JAKEMAN, BRIDGET FOSTER, BOB WILLIAMS and MARY MEENEY.





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### 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### THE SEED MUST DIE

16/17th March

Unless a wheat grain falls  
on the ground and dies,  
it remains only a single grain;  
but if it dies,  
it yields a rich harvest.  
(John 12:24)

### PALM SUNDAY

23rd/24th March

I offered my back to those  
who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore  
at my beard;  
I did not cover my face against  
insult and spittle.  
(Isaiah 50:6)

