

*Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2017*  
*St Mary's and All Saints, Elland*



*Turn away from  
sin and  
be faithful  
to the Gospel.*

Lent begins on ASH WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> March

12.15pm All Saints: Mass with Giving of Ashes

7.30pm St Mary's: Sung Eucharist with Giving of Ashes

*It is good that we are ALL in Church on Ash Wednesday  
to begin this Holy Season together*

LENT is an old English word, meaning GROWTH or growing time. Spring will begin soon, new life is emerging and the days are lengthening, as we move towards Easter.

Growth is about joy, fulfilment and hope, but also about honesty; To Grow we need to be ready to say sorry and to start again.

In Lent, there are lots of opportunities to grow: our Sunday Worship, the Stations of the Cross, and the Lent Course, as we prepare to renew our Baptismal Promises on Easter Day

*Prayer for the good of the soul*  
*Fasting for the good of the body*  
*Alms giving for the good of our neighbor*

## A SIMPLE RULE FOR LENT

1. **Do a Little More:** spend a little more time in Prayer and Bible Reading, and in service of another. Attend a weekday Mass, and a Lenten Service.
2. **Consume a little less:** Give up something that genuinely has an element of struggle to it, and donate the money to the Lent Appeal. Many Christians try to fast a little, especially on Fridays.
3. **Take time to put things right, with God and with others:** Don't be afraid to say sorry; Speak to Fr David about the Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation), so that you are ready to greet the Risen Lord at Easter.

**THE LENT COURSE** for both of our Churches, takes place over 4 evenings. Each of the meetings may be attended independently of the others.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm St Mary's, Pilgrim: Journeying with the Scriptures

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm All Saints, Pilgrim: Journeying with the Scriptures

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: departing at 6.45pm, The Stations of Salvation, at the  
**Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March **Bishop Tony**, 'The Church', 7.30pm, All Saints

### FRIDAYS IN LENT – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm in All Saints

**THE PARISHES' LENT APPEAL** this year is for the **Additional Curates Society**, supporting Vocations to the Priesthood, and providing poor and populous parishes with Assistant Priests.

Please Take a **Collecting Box** and return your Offering at the Parish Mass on Maundy Thursday, or as soon as possible afterwards.

### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

5<sup>th</sup> March & 2<sup>nd</sup> April 6pm St Mary's: Evensong

19<sup>th</sup> March 6pm All Saints: All-Age Worship with Canons All-Stars

26<sup>th</sup> March 6pm All Saints: The Rosary

9<sup>th</sup> April 6pm All Saints: Bishop Tony's Chrism Mass (Blessing of the Oils)

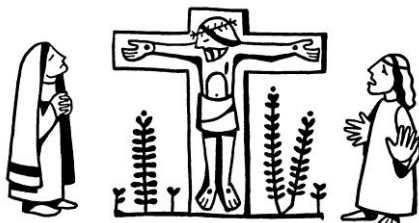
## GIVING FOR LIFE 2017

During Lent, we are invited to pray and reflect about our Christian discipleship, about our service of the Lord in the Elland Parishes, and about our financial giving.

Resourcing Information will be given out to all on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, (All Saints), and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, (St Mary's), with the request that your Pledge for your Giving in this forthcoming year is returned to Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, (All Saints), or 26<sup>th</sup> March, (St Mary's).

More Information from Fr David or one of our Treasurers, or come along to the Congregational Meetings after Sunday Services on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**Churches Together Lunches:** Wednesdays, from 8<sup>th</sup> March, at Bethesda Methodists, 12 noon Prayers, 12.30pm, Lunch.



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY: 9<sup>th</sup> April

8am St Mary's: Holy Eucharist

9.30am ALL SAINTS: PROCESSION with PALMS, READING of the PASSION GOSPEL and PARISH MASS

11am St MARY'S: PROCESSION with PALMS, READING of the PASSION GOSPEL and PARISH EUCHARIST

**6pm All Saints: Bishop Tony's Chrism Mass (Blessing of the Oils)**

**-This is a unique occasion, where the Clergy renew Ordination Vows, and the Oils of the Sick, of Chrism and for Healing are blessed.**

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| Holy Monday    | 7pm    | All Saints: Mass with short Address          |
| Holy Tuesday   | 9.30am | All Saints: Mass with short Address          |
| Holy Wednesday | 9.30am | St Mary's: Holy Eucharist with short Address |

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 13<sup>th</sup> April

8pm ALL SAINTS: PARISH MASS of the LAST SUPPER  
with FOOT- WASHING, followed by the Watch to 10.30pm.

GOOD FRIDAY: 14<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am All Saints: The Way of the Cross  
(Young People particularly welcome)  
10.30am St Mary's: Procession of Witness to the Town Hall  
12noon-1.45pm St Mary's: Church Open for Prayer and Quiet  
2pm-3pm St MARY'S: AN HOUR AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS  
7pm ALL SAINTS: THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

Holy Saturday: 15<sup>th</sup> April

The Great Cleaning of Churches and Decoration ready for Easter

9.30am All Saints: Morning Prayer and Litany: 'Harrowing of Hell'  
4pm All Saints: Evening Prayer  
8pm All Saints: THE EASTER LITURGY,  
*Please bring rattles, bells etc. for the 'Sounding' before the Gloria!*

EASTER DAY: 16<sup>th</sup> April

8am St Mary's: Holy Eucharist  
9.30am All Saints: PARISH MASS OF THE RESURRECTION  
11am St Mary's: EASTER PARISH EUCHARIST

***Each Service at Easter includes the Renewal of Baptismal Vows***

***ALL of us should be present at Worship on Palm Sunday, Maundy  
Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day.***

***Away from Elland at Easter? The Church in the place where you visit  
looks forward to welcoming you! Please Pray for Us!***