

Welcome, if you are a visitor or a guest of a family, we are pleased to have you join us today. Also, if you are new in the area, please let us know and welcome, join us for refreshments after our Mass.

- **Non-Perishable donations of food and toiletries** – Thank you for your generous donations towards food parcels from all our Churches. The recipients were very grateful.
- **Beauty for Ashes** – A Holy Spirit Day of Reconciliation and Healing for Lent, organised by Middlesbrough Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion, will be held on Saturday, February 21st, 10.30 am-4.30 pm (with Mass at 9.30 am) at Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough. No booking required. A collection to cover expenses will be taken, and lunch will be provided (but special dietary requirements will not be catered for). Roadside parking only.
- **Passion Play at the Cathedral** – Thursday 26th February at 7:30 pm, there will be a Passion Play by the Riding Lights Theatre Company at St Mary's Cathedral. Please get in touch with the Cathedral to book.
- **Volunteers Needed** – We are looking for more volunteers to help make and serve tea/coffee after Mass on Sundays at St Joseph's. If you are willing to help, please contact Julie Dowson on 07967316671. Thank you.
- **First Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation** - If there are any children that would like to prepare to receive these Sacraments, please let Monsignor Gerard know.
- **Fr Charles** – Fr. Charles will be giving a series of short talks with discussion during the season of Lent at St Joseph's hall. The theme is “to see Jesus”. The talks begin on Friday 27th February at 4pm, where there will be prayer, discussion and a talk with a cuppa. All are welcome, please come and support him.
- **Are you interested in becoming a Catholic** – We will be starting an RCIA course very soon. If you are interested, please see Monsignor Gerard or email stjosephstokesley@rcdmidd.org.uk
- **Smarties Challenge** – Once again we have smarties tube to hand out this weekend, the aim being that you enjoy the smarties and then over Lent fill them with either £1 coins or 20p coins, when full seal them and return them to me. All money raised will go towards the parish funds. Thank you.
- **World Day of Prayer** – Friday 6th March at 10.30am in the Friends Meeting House, Great Ayton. This year the women of Nigeria have composed a refreshing service of songs, prayers and testimonies. Details from Angela Jaques 01642 722979.
- **Ash Wednesday** – Lent begins and each Friday evening at 6pm at St Joseph's Church there will be Stations of the Cross, starting on Friday 20th February. All are welcome.

- **Keep the Date – Parish Day out to Alnwick Gardens, Saturday 4th July 2026.**
- **Walk with me books for Lent** – Available at St Jospeh's £1. Calendars are free.

God Bless Monsignor Gerard & Fr. Charles