

- **Non-Perishable donations of food, fruit, vegetables and toiletries** – Thank you for your generous donations towards food parcels from all our Churches. After discussion with Stokesley Primary School a decision has been made to discontinue our support to the families. Thank you for your donations. Hambleton foodbank would welcome donations of non-perishables to be left in the porches of St Joseph, St Margaret and St Mary's. Mgr. Gerard has suggested introducing a "10p" bowl placed in each church to collect parishioner's loose change. Initially the bowl will be to support the Sacred Heart primary school. The school is supporting 100 children who do not qualify for Pupil premium or free school meals, because the parents have not lived in this country long enough. The money raised will be to provide lunches. Beneficiaries will be reviewed yearly and possibly one local and one international. Parishioners to be involved in choosing the next beneficiaries.
- **Passion Play at the Cathedral** – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Cafod Family Fast Day** – Is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, envelopes available this weekend and to be returned next week or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope)
- **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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stjosephstokesley@rcdmidd.org.uk)
- **World Day of Prayer** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Also, there is a service for everyone at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. All are welcome.
- **Stations of the Cross** – Each Friday during Lent at 6pm. All welcome.
- **Keep the Date** – Parish Day out to Alnwick Gardens, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026.
- **Walk with me books for Lent** – Available at St Joseph's £1. Calendars are free.

**God Bless Monsignor Gerard & Fr. Charles**