

- **Non-Perishable donations of food, fruit, vegetables and toiletries** – Hambleton foodbank would still welcome donations of non-perishables to be left in the porches of St Joseph, St Margaret and St Mary's. Mgr. Gerard has also introduced 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 children. 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 cause and one international cause. Parishioners to be involved in choosing the next beneficiaries. Many thanks for your donations.
- **Mass Intentions** – Please send in your intentions and those who would like a Mass to be celebrated. I have no further Mass intentions from parishioners at the moment. Many thanks.
- **Smarties Challenge** - I am sure in the next few weeks you may want to return the Smarties tubes, please hand them in to any of the three Churches.
- **Fr Charles** – Fr. Charles will continue to give his short talks with discussion during the season of Lent at St Joseph's hall. The theme is "to see Jesus". The talks continue Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm, where there will be prayer, discussion and a talk with a cuppa. All are welcome, please come and support him, however due to the consultation this will finish early.
- **Feast of St Joseph** – Our patronal Church Feast for St Joseph's will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. On that day during Lent, I hope to place some Lillies (symbol of purity) at the statue of St Joseph. The Lily symbolizes St Joseph's purity, and his chaste relationship with Mary. It is often depicted in his hand to signify his role on the "Most Chaste Spouse" who preserved Mary's virginity. On this day our Mass will be at 11am, and during the Mass we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing. If it is possible, please could the Ministers of Holy Communion who take communion to the frail and housebound let them know as they may be able to come to the Mass on that day.
- **Stations of the Cross** – Each Friday during Lent at 6pm. All welcome.
- **Lamb Bingo** – Will be returning again this year! There will be posters and the usual signing up in the coming weeks. Once again, a bit of community fun for the spring. Many thanks to Sally-Anne Finn for all their organising.
- **Next Sunday** – There will be a retiring collection for the flowers for the Easter Season.
- **Were you there** – On Palm Sunday at 3pm there will be a Churches Together Service at St Margaret Clitherow, at Great Ayton, incorporating Meditations from the biblical figures around the Passion. There will be some hymns and reflections. An excellent spiritual way to begin the celebration of Holy Week. All are welcome.
- **Walk of Witness** – At both Stokesley and Great Ayton on Good Friday, there will be a Walk of Witness. More details to follow.
- **Keep the Date** – **Parish Day out to Alnwick Gardens, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026.**

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

