

- **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.
- **Cafod Family Fast Day** – Please return envelopes this weekend or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope
- **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 continue on Friday 6th 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.
- **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
- **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. Also, there is a service for everyone at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 6th March at 7pm and at Church House, Hutton Rudby at 2pm. Details from Diane Gent 01642 700895. 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 4th July 2026.**
- **Walk with me books for Lent** – Available at St Joseph's £1. Calendars are free.
- **Consultation on the merging of two dioceses** – Following the appointment of Bishop Marcus Stock as the Apostolic Administrator for the diocese of Middlesbrough, he is now wanting to meet with the laity to discuss, reflect and listen to one another regarding the future amalgamation of two dioceses, Middlesbrough and Leeds. It is impossible for everyone to attend and so every parish priest has been asked to invite key representatives from each parish. I have chosen two representatives from the Finance Committee and a parishioner who's being in the parish for many years. They are Philip Tucker, Greg Shaw, and Julie Dowson. If you want to let them know your thoughts on this consultation, please do so. The meeting will be this Friday 6th March. Alternatively, you can always email me if you have any thoughts or comments at stjosephstokesley@rcdmidd.org.uk

God Bless Monsignor Gerard & Fr. Charles