

Confessions are on Saturday St Joseph's after the 9.15am Mass or at St Margaret Clitherow at 5:00pm or can be arranged after any weekday Mass or by contacting the Priest.

- **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 supporting local families in our area. We are as always so grateful of your generosity.
- **Jubilee "Pilgrims of Hope"** – On Saturday 8th March at 10am – 1pm, we invite people to come together in celebration at our Jubilee year at Our Lady's Church in Acomb, York. This is a meeting of people from all over the diocese to come together to look at what our parishes do for the care of creation, food poverty, forgiveness etc. It would be helpful if you could let me know by 26th February if you would like to attend this get together. We are allowed to send ¾ parishioners to this event. This event is free and you can read more about it in the February Catholic Voice, pg.3. Thank you
- **Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? – We meet again** this Wednesday 12th February at 6pm at St Joseph's Presbytery
- **First Confession/Holy Communion/Confirmation** – If your child is at an age to make their First Confession and then First Holy Communion this year please speak to me and let me know names and contact details. Also if your child is in year 8 or around that age and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation please let me know. All Sacraments will have a short course to attend. Many Thanks
- **World Day of Prayer – March 7th** at Christ Church they will be celebrating the World Day of Prayer, the service centres around people from Cook Islands and starts at 10.30am
- **Philip Tucker wants to say something: Something Special** – Monsignor Gerard will have been ordained a Priest 25 years on the 1st July this year. He was ordained in the Millennium Jubilee year and his Silver Jubilee will be this Jubilee year. Special indeed. A number of parishioners have been talking about this, suggesting that the parish celebrate this important occasion and also suggesting that the parishioners might mark the occasion by offering Monsignor a gift. It was suggested that an approach to him be made to ask him if he would be willing to accept the parish wanting to do this. I have spoken with him and I am pleased to say that he has agreed. The 1st of July this year is a Tuesday, so Sunday 29th June, the feast of Saints Peter and Paul was the best opportunity to have a gathering after the Sunday Mass in St Joseph's Church Hall. Nothing other than the date has been looked at yet. Details will need to be worked out and volunteers are definitely needed. With others, I am willing to help, to plan and organise so that at this stage a short meeting of volunteers seems a good idea so if you wish to help and are available this Thursday February 13th could you come along to St Joseph's Church Hall at 7.20pm. If you would like to help but can't make 13th February, could you text me or phone me please.

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- **The New Missal** – Next week I will offer some options about the New Revised Sunday Missal and good alternatives for those interested.

God Bless you all Monsignor Gerard.