

PARISH OF BLESSED EDMUND SYKES  
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1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (YR. A)  
9th MARCH 2014  
*Welcome to our Parish Celebration of the Holy Eucharist*



**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday St. Nicholas 6.00pm Michael McDonaugh  
Sunday St. Nicholas 9.30am Wynne Glancy  
Our Lady's 11.00am The People of the Parish

**DURING THE WEEK**

Monday St. Nicholas 9.00am Sheila Broadbent  
Tuesday Our Lady's 9.00am Theresa Major  
Wednesday St. Nicholas 9.00am Donor's Intention  
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Friday St. Nicholas 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.00am Buckley Intention  
Saturday No morning Mass  
Confessions 5.00 to 5.45pm and at other times by request  
Vigil St. Nicholas 6.00pm Jimmy O'Connell

**THE CATHOLIC BISHOP'S OF ENGLAND AND WALES** have issued a statement - Sense and Nonsense on 'Assisted Dying'. A copy is attached to the notice board if you wish to read it.

**GIPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER** - St. Nicholas, Epiphany and Gipton Methodist are holding Lenten Gatherings in St. Nicholas Parish Room on alternate Thursday evenings from 7pm until 8pm for prayerful talks given by each of the 3 pastors. The dates are Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome. Refreshments will be served. See poster.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH** - What is the focus of Lent Fast Day? This Lent we're taking you to southern Sierra Leone, to a region called Kenema, where former diamond mines - the source of so much conflict and pain - are transformed into farm land. This farm land is helping a boy called Mohammed to feed and support his family through Sierra Leone's annual 'hungry season', when nothing grows. It is hard work, but the family has enough food to eat because of people like you who support our work every Fast Day. Please take an envelope today and return it next weekend or at the end of Lent.

**CONFIRMATION** - The preparation programme will begin in the near future. Young people in the 13+ age group wishing to take part should put their name, address and phone number on the sheet in the porch. Please also tell your friends. Any catechists willing to help please contact Fr. Eugene.

**PARISH RETREAT** - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March. 11 parishioners and 2 priests will be going and transport will be 3 cars leaving early Thursday afternoon.

**LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> July to 17<sup>th</sup> July. Prices are from £629 plus insurance. For anyone wishing to go, booking forms are available in the sacristy.

**ST NICHOLAS LOURDES FUND** Coffee weekend will be 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> April. We will be grateful for Tombola and raffle prizes, bric a brac and of course baking for the cake stall. Donations towards the parish candle will be appreciated.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK** - **Latently Dead:** Marian Richardson **Anniversaries:** Sarah May McGuigan, Wynne Glancy. **Also for:** Donor's Intentions, Sheila Broadbent, Theresa Major's Intentions, Catholic Singles.

**300 CLUB** - £20 161 Mrs. Ford: £10 370 S, Ryan: £5 15 Amy Cahill: £5 192 Susan Graves.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

St. Nicholas & Our Lady's £1074.97  
Thank you for your generosity,



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND**

6.00pm D. Cassidy, G. Gray  
9.30am W. Whitelow, J. Scanlon, S. Fitzsimmons  
11.00am S. Lambert, M. Sykes, B. Robinson

**READERS NEXT WEEKEND**

6.00pm B. Irish  
9.30am J. Putsman  
11.00am A. Henry, J. O'Toole

**PARISH MEETING** - The next meeting will be this coming Wednesday at 7.00pm in St. Nicholas Parish Room.

**GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY** - A gathering of diocesan organisations and individuals concerned with older people, to explore responses to the issues of later life. See poster and attached programme. Date Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Thought for the week  
An opportunity to do kindness  
is too precious to neglect.

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