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St Mary's, Edlington Weekly Newsletter



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Saturday 18th Sunday 19th April 2026
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Sat 18th	Edlington	Rosary/Confession Mass – Jerzy, Richard & Wanda Rydel (RIP) James McKeown (RIP) Vincent O’Neill (RIP)	5:25pm 6:00pm
Sun 19th	Balby Maltby	Rosary/Confession Mass – Aslon Mascarenhas (birthday thanksgiving) Mrs Irene Bowker (RIP Anniv) Confession Mass – Michael Mellor (50th birthday memories)	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am 11:00am
Mon 20th	Edlington	Mass – Healing our sick parishioners	6:00pm
Tue 21st	Balby Balby	Mass – Mr Glen Standring (healing) Funeral Service – William McCaffrey	9:30am 1:00pm
Wed 22nd	Edlington Maltby	Mass – Peace in the World Mass – Peace in the World	9:15am 10:30am
Thu 23rd	Balby	Mass –	6:00pm
Fri 24th	Maltby	Mass –	6:00pm
Sat 25th	Edlington	Rosary/Confession Mass – Marie Brookes (healing) Maureen Hardwick (RIP)	5:25pm 6:00pm
Sun 26th	Balby Maltby	Rosary/Confession Mass – Confession Mass – Betty & Terry Hampton (RIP birthday)	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am 11:00am

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In the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter (Year A), we find two disciples walking away from Jerusalem. Their pace is likely slow, their heads bowed, and their hearts heavy. They had hoped Jesus would be the one to redeem Israel, but the crucifixion seemed to be the end of that dream.

Like these disciples, we often find ourselves on our own "Road to Emmaus." We walk through seasons of disappointment, grief, or confusion, where God feels distant or even absent. We talk *about* Jesus—our traditions, our rituals, our worries—without realizing that He is walking right beside us.

The Burning Heart

The beauty of this encounter is that Jesus doesn't wait for the disciples to find Him; He finds them. He meets them in their sadness and listens to their story. As He explains the Scriptures, the disciples later realise their hearts were "burning within them." This is a powerful reminder that God often speaks to us through the quiet stirrings of our hearts and the wisdom of the Word, even before our minds fully grasp His presence.

The Breaking of the Bread

The turning point comes through an act of hospitality. The disciples invite the "stranger" to stay for dinner. It is only in the "breaking of the bread" that their eyes are opened. This simple, sacramental act reveals the Risen Christ. For us today, this is the essence of the Mass and our community life: we encounter the living Jesus in the Eucharist and in the faces of those we welcome at our table.

The Mission Begins

The moment the disciples recognise Him, Jesus vanishes from their sight. He is no longer walking beside them because He is now *within* them. Their fatigue disappears, and despite the late hour, they run back to Jerusalem to share the Good News.

This week, let us ask ourselves:

- Where am I feeling "downcast" on my journey, and can I invite Jesus into that space?
- Am I listening for the "burning heart" when I hear the Scriptures?
- How can I practice hospitality this week to see Christ in the "stranger"?

May we, like the disciples, move from the darkness of the road to the light of the Resurrection, recognising that the Lord is truly risen and walking with us every step of the way.

Other upcoming dates:-

- Thursday 23rd April – Solemnity of Saint George, Martyr
- Saturday 25th April – Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist
- Wednesday 29th April – Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin
- Monday 4th May – Feast of English Martyrs
- Thursday, 14th May, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 13th May at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Maltby, and Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Balby at 9.30am on Thursday, 14th May.
- Sunday, 24th May, the Solemnity of Pentecost & the conclusion of Eastertide. First Holy Communion Mass at St. Mary's Church, Edlington at 1.00pm.
- Sunday, 31st May – Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity (Roche Abbey).
- Sunday, 7 June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.
- Friday, 12 June, the Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Visitation of the Centenary Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady - and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will be coming to St Marie's Cathedral on Friday 24th – Saturday 25th April. The statue will be processed in at the 12:30pm Mass on Friday 24th April, and there will be the Rosary and other devotions in the afternoon as well as a Fatima film and talk in Houldon Hall, followed by the 5:30pm Mass. The film will be shown on the morning of Saturday 25th April, with Mass at 12:30pm and devotions in the afternoon, and the visit will conclude with a Holy Hour and Benediction from 3:30 – 4:30pm. All are very welcome to come along.

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give Monthly – On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help. "So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored." Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you will be aware, the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed me Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough and of the Diocese of Hallam, in addition to my ministry as the Bishop of Leeds.

In entrusting me with this responsibility, the Holy Father has also invited the faithful of the dioceses of Middlesbrough, Hallam and Leeds to undertake an important task: to explore the possibility of how our three dioceses can work together in close collaboration with a view to a possible future union as one diocesan family, so that we may be better placed to carry forward the mission of the Church in our region. As well as the consultation meetings taking place across our dioceses, there is also an opportunity for all of the clergy, religious and lay faithful in all three dioceses to contribute to this consultation, either individually or as a parish group, by completing the online questionnaire.

I encourage the faithful within our dioceses to devote time and prayerful reflection upon these questions before offering a response, so that the Holy Spirit may guide us through this important process of consultation and discernment. To assist in this, prayer resources and a presentation have been made available below to help ensure that this period of reflection is fruitful. I kindly ask that responses be submitted through the online questionnaire no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026.

The link to the questionnaire can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/fDJRiRxJ25>

Please click below to access:

- [Consultation Presentation](#)
- [Format for Prayers](#)
- [Consultation Participant Notes](#)

Thank you for the time and prayer you can offer to this important task, which has been entrusted to us by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV. With every blessing and the assurance of my prayers, I remain,

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcus".

Bishop of Leeds

Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough

Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Hallam

Responses to Prayers of the Faithful.

Reader: Lord, hear us;

All: and be with us always.

Next Weekend – 25th/26th April - there will be a second collection for **Priests' Training Fund**. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – this Monday, 20th April, our children on the first Holy Communion programme will experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please pray for them and their families as they make their final preparations for this personal encounter with God's mercy.

Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse – This year's service for survivors of abuse will be held on Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7:00pm at Holy Spirit Church, 2 Stonelow Road, Dronfield S18 2EP (Chesterfield Deanery). Refreshments will be served after the service.

Bank Details – If anyone wishes to send a one off donation directly to the church bank accounts or set up a standing order, here are the **HSBC Bank** details:-

St. Mary's Church Edlington, Sort code 40-41-07 Account 01094149.

Sacred Heart Church Balby, Sort code 40-41-07 Account 51094122.

Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 - Bookings are now being taken! 26th June to 2nd July. The cost is £1010. For bookings see www.tangney-tours.com/hallam , or call 01732 886666. For further information call 01302 247910 or 07724 650066 or email lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com

We Pray for the Sick of our Parishes, especially Trish Taylor, Angela Pollitt, Lourda Weston, Vivien Murphy, Maureen Jones, Margaret Spark, Edwina Law, Mary Davies, Julie Eccles, Catherine Coughlan, Sean Murphy, Doris Fleming, Beatrice Smalley, Marie Brookes, Marina Langton, Susan Silman, James McCormick, Margaret Dundas, the Keeton family and Scarlett and for those who have no-one to pray for them.

Lord, hear us; ...

We Pray For Those Who Have Died Recently:

And Those Whose Anniversaries Occur At This Time:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...