



This is the third edition of our Parish newsletter, designed to keep you in touch with activities in our parish. We welcome your input, so please let us have your comments and contributions. Contact details:

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This newsletter is also available on the parish website www.knaresborough.co.uk/stmaryrcchurch

Parish pilgrimage to Osmotherley

We are planning a parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace in Osmotherley on Saturday 8th September.

Father George will concelebrate Mass at the Lady Chapel. We will then have a picnic at a suitable location in or around the Shrine.



Built in the late fifteenth century the Lady Chapel stands close to a Holy Spring and steps down to the Carthusian priory of Mount Grace in the woods below.

Unroofed and deserted after the dissolution,

John Wesley records preaching at the Catholic Chapel in Osmotherley and visiting the ruined chapel on the hill-top in the 1750s.

The ruin returned to Catholic hands in 1952 and the chapel was restored by the Scrope and Eldon families. It reopened as a pilgrimage centre in 1961. Today a monastery has been established in the Old Hall by the monks of

Ampleforth and Mass is celebrated regularly in the restored chapel. The festival of Our Lady's Birthday,

September 8 is once again a main day of devotion as it was in penal times.

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SPOTLIGHT on Parish Youth

It's great to see so many children taking advantage of the Children's Liturgy that our dedicated team provide at our Sunday morning Mass. Therefore, it seems a shame that we start to lose contact with

provide for them. The response to this 'consultation', particularly the discussions with the Year 6 class at St Mary's School, has been encouraging and has filled us with enthusiasm!



many of these children as they become teenagers. Previously, the Sunday evening Mass was seen as the Mass that specifically catered for our youth and enjoyed a great deal of success. However, people and time move on and, sadly, this is no longer the case.

The Parish Council has been looking for some time for a way to re-engage with our youth, and recently the go-ahead was given for us to ask this group exactly what they would like us to

It is now our intention to start up a Youth Club for those aged 11-14. This Youth Club will be held every fortnight after Mass on a Sunday evening - we'll start with this provision and see where we go from there!

Hopefully, you too will be excited by the idea of our parish actively engaging with our young people again. Please keep an eye out in the bulletin as we may well be asking for donations of equipment in the not too distant future. Finally, please remember our efforts in your prayers.

The Rule of St Benedict

In Chapter 1, St Benedict defines the four kinds of monks. There are no grey areas; he leaves us in no doubt which kinds meet with his approval! The rule is written for the first group, the Cenobites.

Rule. Chapter 1

It is well known that there are four kinds of monks. The first kind is that of Cenobites, that is, the monastic, who live under a rule and an Abbot.

The second kind is that of Anchorites, or Hermits, that is, of those who, no longer in the first fervour of their conversion, but taught by long monastic practice and the help of many brethren, have already learned to fight against the devil; and going forth from the rank of their brethren well trained for single combat in the desert, they are able, with the help of God, to cope single-handed without the help of others, against the vices of the flesh and evil thoughts.

But a third and most vile class of monks is that of Sarabaites, who have been tried by no rule under the hand of a master, as gold

is tried in the fire (cf Prov 27:21); but, soft as lead, and still keeping faith with the world by their works, they are known to belie God by their tonsure. Living in twos and threes, or even singly, without a shepherd, enclosed, not in the Lord's sheepfold, but in their own, the gratification of their desires is law unto them; because what they choose to do they call holy, but what they dislike they hold to be unlawful.

But the fourth class of monks is that called Landlopers, who keep going their whole life long from one province to another, staying three or four days at a time in different cells as guests. Always roving and never settled, they indulge their passions and the cravings of their appetite, and are in every way worse than the Sarabaites. It is better to pass all these over in silence than to speak of their most wretched life.

Therefore, passing these over, let us go on with the help of God to lay down a rule for that most valiant kind of monks, the Cenobites.

There were three men standing at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter came out to meet them and asked, "What would you like to hear your relatives and friends say at your funeral?"

The first man answered, "I am a renowned doctor, and I would love to hear someone say how I had been instrumental in saving people's lives and giving them a second chance."

The second man replied, "I am a family man and a school teacher. I would like to hear someone say what a great husband and father I was and that I made a difference in some young people's lives."

The third man replied, "Wow guys, those are all really great things, but I guess if I had the chance I would rather hear someone say, 'Look! He's moving!'"

Parish Barbecue Saturday 14th July



**Tickets on sale now!!
See weekly bulletin**

Contact Database

Over the years the population of the parish has changed, with the natural movement of people to and from Knaresborough and the surrounding area. Of our current parishioners we can safely say that no reliable record exists!

We plan to establish a contact database for three reasons:

- So that Father George has a means of contacting parishioners
- Communication of news and events
- In case of need, e.g. requests to visit the sick.

This is not a census. We will only seek contact information:

- Names of family & household members
- Address and phone no
- E-mail address

In the near future we will leave forms and bios in the pews for a period of 3 or 4 weeks and also hope to set up a web form or e-mail link on the parish website.

Could You Open Doors?



Opening Doors for Disabled People is a scheme in which volunteers help provide greater independence for people with a physical or sensory impairment by accompanying them on social and leisure activities. These outings are on a one-to-one basis and cover a variety of everyday things such as shopping, going for a walk, or a trip to the theatre or cinema.

Can you spare 2-3 hours a month, or more, at a time that suits you?

Phone Rachel MacKenzie on **01423 526991** for an informal chat.

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The bible by kids....

Children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments:

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.

The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals.

Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

Moses led the hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.

The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.