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St. Mark's Parish Centre
53 Thornhill Road
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The Herald

MAY 2019

Friends,

It always seems premature to write those words whether for a newsletter or act of worship before Easter Day.

Yesterday was the day Notre-Dame Cathedral caught fire. There has been so many news reports and posts by people who have been shocked at the event as it happened. It looked as though this iconic historical building was about to be completely lost.

There was an outpouring of horror and despair as the building burned, although, today things have calmed as the news came out that only one of the windows was lost along with the roof which was in the process of being repaired. Relief at the news that the sacred items held within the building had been removed and were safe. This iconic building, has for years been a place of Christian worship, a place dedicated to God.

Some of the pictures emerging after the blaze, particularly of the cross still hanging in the sanctuary, is a powerful image that parallels the Easter story.



Of a cross empty after the death of Christ, shining out of the destruction all around it in the burned out

cathedral. A reminder that out of death comes new life. Millions of Euros have already been pledged to re-build the damaged areas of the cathedral.

Easter reminds us of our hope found in the resurrected Jesus and how life is springing up around us. Not just for a building, but for each one of us. I pray you will all find shoots of new life springing up in all sorts of amazing places in the coming year, but remember to not be afraid to let some things die if the time seems right - you never know what wonders will spring from them.

May you be surrounded by the joy and peace that Christ brings to each one of us in this Easter Season.

Blessings Jo

Golcar Lily Day

SATURDAY 11TH MAY 10.00 - 4.00

We are looking for donations of **SWEETS**, not chocolate for the Tombola at GLD. All donations gratefully received Your help in manning the stall would also be appreciated. Please bring in any Sunday morning or see a steward if able to help.

Many Thanks in advance

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st Helen McClintock
5th Janette Lloyd
14th Jenny Coupland
18th Liam Johnson
19th Sheila Armitage

A huge Thank You to all who donated and a special thank you to Freda's five former work colleagues. Twenty two new words Hymn books and three music books have now been donated and/or purchased in memory of Freda.

It has been decided that the Faith Lunch that was held on the fifth Sunday, when a month had five Sunday's, is now to be held EVERY month on the LAST Sunday in the month starting in MAY

SATURDAY 4th MAY at The Drop By Centre
It's on its way! Coming soon to the Drop By Centre A Scintillating Italian Coffee Morning With the Tastiest of Butties **BE THERE!**

All Welcome

WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE !

**COFFEE
&
BUTTIES**
*THE DROP BY CENTRE
SYCAMORE AVENUE*

SATURDAY 4TH MAY

9.30 AM – 11.45 AM

**LATTE * CAPPUCCINO
ESPRESSO * AMERICANO**
*QUALITY ITALIAN COFFEES &
BACON, SAUSAGE OR EGG BUTTIES
DONATIONS WELCOME
FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH*

**PARKWOOD METHODIST CHURCH
AT THE DROP BY CENTRE**

Diary for May 2019 All Parkwood Services and functions are now at St. Marks Parish Centre

Saturday 4th Parkwood Breakfast at the **DROP BY Centre, Sycamore Avenue. All Welcome**
Saturday 4th L V G Coffee Morning @ Longwood Mechanics 10.00 am to Noon
Sunday 5th **10.45 am All Age Service with Messy Church**
Sunday 12th **10.45 am Service led by Mrs Kath Beetlestone**
Sunday 19th **10.45 am Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown**
Sunday 26th **10.45 am Service led by Mrs Judith Robinson:- followed by FAITH LUNCH**

JUNE

Saturday 1st Parkwood Breakfast at the **DROP BY Centre, Sycamore Avenue. All Welcome**
Saturday 1st L V G Coffee Morning @ Longwood Mechanics 10.00 am to Noon
Sunday 2nd **10.45 am All Age Service with Messy Church**
Sunday 9th **Whit Walk 10.00^{am} from St. John's Church Golcar to St. Mark's Church Longwood**
Sunday 16th **10.45 am Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown**
Sunday 23rd **10.45 am Service led by Mr Philip McSweeney**
Sunday 30th **10.45 am Service led by Rev Jo Brown**