

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

1st Sunday of Advent

1 December 2019 (Year A)

Parish Administrator: Kathryn Lynam; **Assistants:** Emma Harrison and William Scrope
Office Hours: Tuesday (busy), Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm; Friday 9:30-3:30pm.

Under normal circumstances the Church itself should be open 9:00am -3:00pm on a weekday.
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Please pray for the eternal happiness of
The Very Reverend Dom Leo Chamberlain



Monk of Ampleforth Abbey, who died peacefully in the Monastery Infirmary on 23rd November 2019.

Fr Leo served the Community and College as a teacher and Housemaster, as the Headmaster from January 1993 to December 2003, as Master of St Benet's Hall between 2004 and 2007 and from 2008 to 2018 as parish priest of St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Easingwold.

Funeral arrangements

Thursday 5 December

- 18.00 Reception of Fr Leo's body into the Abbey Church followed by Vespers for the Dead
- 20.15 The Dirge (Vigil for the Dead) in the Abbey Church

Friday 6 December

- 07.30 Lauds for the Dead in the Abbey Church
- 08.45 Little Hour in the Abbey Church
- 11.30 Solemn Sung Funeral Mass in the Abbey Church followed by burial in the Abbey Vault

We will arrange for a coach to go to the Funeral Mass from outside Church, please sign up on the sheet if you would like to take advantage of this.

Prayer to St Michael

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Thought for the Week

There are only two kinds of men: the righteous who think they are sinners and the sinners who think they are righteous. (Blaise Pascal: French Mathematician and Philosopher)

Community Bible Study, Easingwold

Everyone is welcome on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00am at Kurt's Bar in the Galtres Centre. There are some cards in the porch with more information.

Welcoming the Light - Advent Day Retreat

Saturday 7th December 2019, St Cuthbert's The Old Convent, Wigton, CA7 9HU. www.coretlumenchristi.org
Email: scuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org Tel: 016973 45623 or 07588 159341

Mass Times this Week

Saturday 30	St Andrew, Apostle, Feast 11:45am Rosary in Church 12 Noon Reconciliation (Confession) 5:45pm Vigil Mass: <i>Christine Broughton RIP</i>
Sunday 1	1st Sunday of Advent 10:00am Mass: <i>Annie Holton, RIP; Dorothy Sewart RIP</i> 10:50am Coffee after Mass – all welcome 7:30pm Carol Service in the Abbey Church, raising funds for Lourdes Pilgrimage
Monday 2	Feria
Tuesday 3	St Francis Xavier, Priest, Mem
Wednesday 4	St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor, Mem 9:30am Mass: <i>Deceased members of the SVP: in particular Eileen Cheshire, Clare Grant, Margaret Hewitt and John Rawcliffe</i>
Thursday 5	Feria 6:30pm Mass: <i>John Simpson RIP</i>
Friday 6	St Nicholas, Bishop, Mem 10:20am Coach leaves for the Abbey 11:30am Requiem Mass for Fr Leo 14:30pm Coach departs the Abbey
Saturday 7	St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor, Mem 11:45am Rosary in Church 12 Noon Reconciliation (Confession) 5:45pm Vigil Mass: <i>Fr Leo Chamberlain RIP</i>
Sunday 8	2nd Sunday of Advent 10:00am Mass: <i>Margaret Hewitt RIP</i> 10:50am Coffee after Mass – all welcome

No Music this Week

Upcoming Events – See Posters

December

- Wed 11 11:00am Boot Shop Carol Service at Easingwold Parish Church
- Fri 13 10:10 SVP Meeting in the Priory
- Sun 22 6:30pm Joint Churches Carol Service, Easingwold Parish Church
- Tue 24 4:30pm: Crib Service for children
- 8:00pm: First Mass of Christmas
- Wed 25 10:00am: Day Mass of Christmas

January 2020

- Sun 12 10:30 Methodist Annual Covenant Service
- 18-25 January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Food Bank News for Middlesbrough Food Bank Supporters

Thank you for your generosity which meant a good delivery to the food bank. Present shortages are in tins of cooked ham and pork and orange juice. Next delivery is on Monday 2 December, for Christmas, so please give as generously as you can, including selection packs for children (and adults!)

Please continue to support the MFB as much as you can, and remember, donations of cash are much-needed, too and are always welcome! For further information please consult the MFB website or ring 01653 628755.

Christmas Jolly: Important date for your diary:

Thursday 19 December, 7:15pm onwards.

I thought it would be fun for us all to have a Christmas Party on that Thursday evening after Mass. We hope to have mulled wine, un-mulled wine, mince-pies, sausage rolls and other festive snacks in the Church Hall. We may also have someone to play the piano so we can sing Christmas Carols (I mean: *Christmas carols.....!*)!

I do hope you will all be able to come and just relax and have an enjoyable evening. If you would like to bring something to eat - or even drink - that would be even better. Remember: the Christmas Jolly will only be *really* jolly if *you* are there, so please do your best!

We already have kind donations of bottles for a raffle, including an exceptionally fine Whiskey worth several hundred pounds. Please can you drop off any other donations and we will have raffle tickets for sale at weekend Masses.

Thank you and God bless,

Fr James.

Advent and Christmas

▪ Sunday 22 December:

6:30pm: Joint Churches Carol Service at the Parish Church

▪ Tuesday 24 December:

4:30pm: Crib Service for children

8:00pm: First Mass of Christmas

▪ Wednesday 25 December:

10:00am: Day Mass of Christmas

Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Children's Books are now available from the Piety Stall

Egg Sales in the porch: £1 per half-dozen (in Poor Box)

Many thanks to Trish and Jane. All proceeds support the Little Sisters of the Poor in Leeds.

Rotas for 2020

The Rotas for 2020, have been circulated. They do have some parishioners who are called upon every other week. If you attend Mass regularly and are not on a rota, do please think about how you could contribute. More volunteers means duties come round less often. Please see Fr James.

Offertory Collections and Charities:

▪ Thank you for your generous offertory collections last week of £416.10

On-Line Fundraising – see Kathryn

▪ Easyfundraising have paid us £31.85 for this quarter, which is a percentage of what you have raised with your online shopping. Thank you to all who do this!

▪ If you shop on Amazon, they have the option to donate to the charity of your choice. Unfortunately, they only accept registered charities and don't acknowledge our Parish as a sub-section of Ampleforth Abbey Trust. However, if you start at the Easyfundraising site you can use their portal to go through to Amazon and, in that way, still contribute to St John the Evangelist.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, INFIRM AND HOUSEBOUND:

It is very important to pray for those who are ill and housebound but, due to the length of the list, we felt it was time to revise it. Do please keep Fr James advised of current names to be included in the list

Sally Agar, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, Fr Leo, Jenny Cook, Veronica Ellerby, Paul Gallagher, Pat Grotrian, Graham Harrand, Marta Hatfield, Eunice Huby, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Commander Matthew Kiernan, Kay Moss, and Marie Podgorski

Those who have died recently: Fr Leo Chamberlain OSB, Jack Windust, John Simpson *and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* Elizabeth Abbott, Josephine Buck, Dorothy May Callaghan, Dorothy Coleman, Angela Rita Field, John Fletcher, Mary Gill, Marjorie Jackson, Freddie McGuinness, Dorothy Stewart and Agnes Williams.