

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

2nd Sunday of Advent

8 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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Mass Times this Week

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
Monday 9	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
Tuesday 10	Feria
Wednesday 11	Feria
9:30am	Mass: <i>John Simpson RIP</i>
11:00am	Boot Shop Carol Service at Easingwold Parish Church
Thursday 12	St Jane de Chantal, Mem
6:30pm	Mass: <i>Barker, O'Brien and Nolan Families, RIP</i>
Friday 13	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr, Mem
9:30am	Mass: <i>Jane Reilly RIP</i>
10:10am	SVP Meeting in the Priory
Saturday 14	St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor, Mem
11:45am	Rosary in Church
12 Noon	Reconciliation (Confession)
5:45pm	Vigil Mass: <i>Parish</i>
Sunday 15	3rd Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday
10:00am	Mass: <i>John Simpson RIP</i>
10:50am	Coffee after Mass – all welcome

More on the Christmas Jolly

Remember to keep the evening of Thursday,
19 December free for our Christmas Party after Mass!

Wine and soft drinks will be provided, as will some nibbles; but if you have your own favourite party fare to share, that would be very welcome, so if you are feeling generous.....!

We'll be singing Christmas Carols (hopefully accompanied!) and there will also be a raffle, at which a very high-quality whisky will be the first prize, and we also have a few more bottles to be won. Again, if you would like to donate some more prizes, that would be even more fun. Raffle Tickets are available from the Ushers' table, at £1 per ticket.

Looking forward to seeing you on the night,
God bless,

Fr James.

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

To live without risk is to risk not living

Pope Pius XII

Music this Week

Entrance: 239 On Jordan's Bank

Creed: Nicene

Offertory: 201 My God, accept my heart this day

Mystery of Faith: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again

Communion: 216 O come, O come Emmanuel

Recessional: 264 Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Advent and Christmas

Christmas Flowers: there will be a second collection next week to fund the Christmas flower display.

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

Changes to the Offertory Collection

There can often be a very long gap at the Sunday Masses after the bidding prayers while the collection is being taken, so to shorten it, I thought we might try the following on an *ad experimentum* basis:

Would the Ushers please bring forward the bread and wine straight after the bidding prayers. They would then collect the collection plates from a stool on the sanctuary and take the collection while the Offertory is in progress (either with or without singing).

Please bring up the collection then in the usual way and give the plates to the server. Once this is done, the priest will say the *Orate Fratres* (ie the "Pray Brothers and Sisters...") and Mass continues.

Thank you so much for giving this a try,

Middlesbrough Year Books 2020

These are available in the Porch for £1, which goes in the "Papers" slot. Benedictine Year Books should arrive soon.

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.

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.

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.

Upcoming Events – See Posters

December

- Wed 18 1:30pm Requiem Mass for Tom Hopperton
- 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

Middlesbrough Food Bank

Next delivery – 6 January 2020

Thank you for the wonderful response to the Christmas Appeal and special thanks to Rob Thompson for driving his car up too! All donations were gratefully received by Soroush and the volunteers... but...Please keep on shopping for the MFB and perhaps save unwanted goodies for the January delivery. For more information or if you'd like to help, please ring us on 01653 628755. God bless. Eve and David Cragg James

Thank you from us to Terry McMahon, who takes our offerings up to Ampleforth to be included with their delivery to Middlesbrough.

Easingwold Food Bank

Please be aware that although our donations go to Middlesbrough, there is a Food Bank in Easingwold who use our outbuildings to store their supplies. If you or someone you know has need of their services, please contact them in confidence on 0772 44 44 750

Offertory Collections and Charities:

- Thank you for your generous offertory collections last week of £469.48

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, INFIRM AND HOUSEBOUND:

Sally Agar, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, 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, Graeme Knott, Tom Hopperton and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time: John Anthony Cundall, Joseph Gill and Norah Scutts.