

St John the Evangelist 3rd Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday

Fr James Callaghan OSB

15 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 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
Monday 16	Feria
Tuesday 17	Feria
Wednesday 18	Feria
1:30pm	<i>Requiem Mass Tom Hopperton</i>
Thursday 19	Feria
6:30pm	Mass: <i>Eileen Cheshire RIP</i>
7:15pm	Christmas Jolly in the Hall
Friday 20	Feria
9:30am	Mass: <i>David Myers RIP</i>
Saturday 21	Feria
11:45am	Rosary in Church
12 Noon	Reconciliation (Confession)
5:45pm	Vigil Mass: <i>John Simpson RIP</i>
Sunday 22	4th Sunday of Advent
10:00am	Mass: <i>Clare Grant RIP</i>
10:50am	Coffee after Mass – all welcome
6:30pm	Joint Churches Carol Service, Easingwold Parish Church

Christmas Jolly 7:15pm Thurs 19 December

Please join us 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 thanks to John Kirman 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 Thursday,
God bless, Fr James

Middlesbrough Year Books 2020

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

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.

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, Fr James.

Thought for the Week

When we Christians behave badly, or fail to behave well, we are making Christianity unbelievable to the outside world."

CS Lewis "Mere Christianity" (1952)

Rotas for 2020: Please also check Christmas duties

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.

Upcoming Events – See Posters

December

- 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

Advent and Christmas

- Christmas Flowers: there will be a second collection this week to fund the Christmas flower display.
- Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Children's Books are now available from the Piety Stall
- Tuesday 24 December:
 - 4:30pm: Crib Service for children
 - 8:00pm: First Mass of Christmas
- Wednesday 25 December:
 - 10:00am: Day Mass of Christmas

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 £467.80

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.

Middlesbrough Food Bank: Next delivery – 6 January 2020

Thank you for the wonderful response to the Christmas Appeal 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

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: Philip Appleyard, Mary Brown, Chris Cviic, Martin Crane, John Mark Laurie

