

St John the Evangelist

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Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity

5 January 2020 (Year A)

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Mass Times this Week

Saturday 4	Feria
11:45am	Rosary in Church
12 Noon	Reconciliation (Confession)
5:45pm	Vigil Mass: <i>Len and Mary Brown RIP</i>
Sunday 5	Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity
10:00am	Mass: <i>Parish</i>
10:50am	Coffee after Mass – all welcome
Monday 6	Feria
Tuesday 7	Feria
Wednesday 8	Feria
9:30am	Mass: <i>Kathleen Sampson RIP</i>
Thursday 9	Feria
6:30pm	Mass: <i>Ann Stephenson RIP</i>
7:15	Parish Forum
Friday 10	Feria
9:30am	Mass: <i>Nino Capaldi RIP</i>
10:10	SVP Meeting in the Priory
Saturday 11	Feria
11:45am	Rosary in Church
12 Noon	Reconciliation (Confession)
5:45pm	Vigil Mass: <i>Parish</i>
Sunday 12	Baptism of the Lord, Feast
10:00am	Mass: <i>Fr Leo Chamberlain RIP</i>
10:50am	Coffee after Mass – all welcome
10:30	Methodist Annual Covenant Service

Thought for the New Year

...for the establishment of true peace in the world, justice must find its fulfillment in charity. ...Justice and love sometimes appear to be opposing forces. In fact they are but two faces of a single reality, two dimensions of human life needing to be mutually integrated....

For this reason I have often reminded Christians and all persons of good will that forgiveness is needed for solving the problems of individuals and peoples. There is no peace without forgiveness!

St John Paul II, World day of Peace, 2004

Rotas for 2020 have been circulated

Please note that some of the 10:00am ones have been reissued due to an error on the original batch. Some parishioners are called on 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.

The Gate of the Year

God Knows

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied: “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

So heart be still: what need our little life

Our human life to know, if God hath comprehension?

In all the dizzy strife of things both high and low,

God hideth His intention.

God knows. His will is best. The stretch of years

Which wind ahead, so dim to our imperfect vision,

Are clear to God. Our fears are premature; In Him,

All time hath full provision.

Then rest: until God moves to lift the veil

From our impatient eyes,

When, as the sweeter features

Of Life's stern face we hail, fair beyond all surmise

God's thought around His creatures

Our mind shall fill

I read out the opening last New Year and thought you might like to see the whole text. It was read out by King George VI in his Christmas Broadcast in 1939.

God bless you all and a Happy New Year,

Fr James

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

Upcoming Events – See Posters

January

- 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Food Banks

- Middlesbrough: The Next delivery is tomorrow, 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

- Easingwold

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

For Sale in the Porch

- Middlesbrough Year Books 2020 £1, which goes in the "Papers" slot.
- Benedictine Year Books – are £3.75 – money also in the "Papers" slot.
- Eggs £1 per half-dozen (in Poor Box, to support Little Sisters of the Poor). Many thanks to Trish and Jane.

Parish Forum: Thur 9 Jan at 7:15pm

If you have any items for the agenda, please can you let Mark de Groot or Kathryn know.

Offertory Collections and Charities:

- Thank you for your generous offertory collections last week of £552.95

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Sick, Infirm and Housebound: Sally Agar, Mattie Burke, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, Jenny Cook, Paul Gallagher, Pat Grotrian, Graham Harrand, Marta Hatfield, Eunice Huby, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Commander Matthew Kiernan, Kay Moss, Marie Podgorski and Sophie Williams; *those who have Died recently* Maureen Connelly, Veronica Ellerby, Sinead Tomalin-Reeves and Colin Webb; and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time: Pauline Charnock, Monica Veronica Fletcher and Betty Savill