

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 January 2020 (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 25	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle, Feast
9:00am	Prayer Breakfast at Morning Coffee
11:45am	Rosary in Church
12:00pm	Reconciliation (Confession)
5:45pm	Vigil Mass: <i>Parish</i>
Sunday 26	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00am	Mass: <i>Christine Broughton RIP</i>
10:50am	Coffee after Mass – all welcome
Monday 27	Ss Timothy & Titus, bishops (disciples of St Paul), Mem
Tuesday 28	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor, Mem
Wednesday 29	Feria
9:30am	Mass: <i>Health of Community, Schools and Parishes</i>
Thursday 30	St John Bosco, Priest, Mem
6:30pm	Mass: <i>The Abbot</i>
Friday 31	St Alban Roe, Priest & All Martyrs of our Congregation, Feast
9:30am	Mass: <i>Fr Leo Chamberlain RIP</i>
Saturday 1	Feria
11:45am	Rosary in Church
12:00pm	Reconciliation (Confession)
5:45pm	Vigil Mass: <i>Parish</i>
Sunday 2	The Presentation of the Lord, Feast
10:00am	Mass: <i>Vocations</i>
10:50am	Coffee after Mass – all welcome

Forming a Choir

For some time we have been blessed with excellent cantors for Sunday morning Masses; now we seem to have even more people in the parish with fine voices, and I was rather hoping that the cantors (I apologise: they are reading this for the first time, but please read on....) and a number of other members of the congregation may be interested in forming a small choir to support the music at the 10.00am Mass. No one in the choir would have to sing solo (except those who would like to). If you are at all interested, please let Fr James know, and we can arrange a meeting to get things started! Thank you!

Thought for the Week

Our world no longer hears God because it is constantly speaking, at a devastating speed and volume, in order to say nothing.

Cardinal Robert Sarah

Summer Fayre: 4 July 2020

We have run very successful Fayres in the past, and it has been suggested we hold one this summer. Please can you have a think about what you could contribute, and we will schedule a meeting in due course. The idea is that it would be from 12-4pm with a barbecue, stalls etc.

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.

First Communions and Confirmations 2020

Please let Fr James have the names of candidates for First Communion (7+) and Confirmation (14+).

Parish Website

Terry Browne would be happy to receive items you feel appropriate to put on our website. They can be given to Kathryn, either as hard copy or electronically.

Eucharistic Ministers

A number of people have spoken to Father James about becoming Eucharistic Ministers. Could those who have, please write a very short letter officially applying for the role? Thank you, Fr James

New Sunday Evening Service

Now that Tom Hopperton's Benediction candelabra have arrived, it makes it possible to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament more regularly and with greater honour. I am therefore hoping to introduce, on Sunday Evenings, Vespers (ie Evening Prayer of the Church, the same prayers and psalms said by all clergy and an ever-increasing number of lay people throughout the world) before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, followed by sung Benediction.

We have a number of relevant office books with the texts for Evening Prayer, but if the demand is great - which I hope it will be - these books can easily be bought.

There is a short questionnaire at the back of the church, asking you who are interested in coming along to say which time of the Sunday late afternoon/evening you would prefer, so please give this a little thought and be sure to fill the questionnaire in next week. Remember: Our Lord may well be calling even YOU to come and worship Him in an extra way! God bless you all,
Fr James.

Upcoming Events – See Posters

February

- Fri 7: 10:10 SVP Meeting in the Priory
- Tue 11: 7:30pm Christian Men's group in the George
- Wed 26 Ash Wednesday

March

- Fri 6 World Day of Prayer
- Sat 7 2pm Spring Clean in Meeting Room
- 7-8 ACN Appeal
- Tue 10 7:30pm York City Church: Care for the Family Event "Left to their own devices?" about raising children in the digital age.
- Sat 14 9am Prayer Breakfast at Morning Coffee
- 10-5pm: Charity Fair in Hall, in aid of animals affected by the bush fires in Australia

July

- Sat 4 Summer Fayre in the Priory Garden

Christian Men's Group

This is an ecumenical group which meets regularly to learn more about each other's traditions and explore the Faith. I have been invited to attend the next session and give a talk on who we are, how we came to be here and how we see ourselves in today's society.

The meetings take place in the George Hotel, in room off the restaurant; the next one will be on Tuesday 11 February, beginning at 7.30pm, so if any of the men of the parish would like to come along and give support that would be great!

Thank you, and God bless,

Fr James.

Spring Clean: Saturday 7 March – Volunteers needed

A suggestion at the Parish Forum was to ask for volunteers to come to the Priory for a couple of hours and overhaul the Meeting Room, ie, what was Fr Leo's room. As many hands make light work, the hope is that the room could be deep cleaned in a shortish period of time. A Saturday seems the obvious suggestion, please could you let Kathryn know of availability and we will come up with a plan of action.

United Churches in Easingwold

- Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 25 January 2020: Coffee from 8.45am; Prayers 9.00am til 9.45am In the "Morning Coffee, Afternoon Tea" café on Long Street. We are being called together in fellowship and agreement to pray for one another and for the community "In unity God will grow his church". If you need more information, contact Rev Lottie Cranfield 01347 824399.
- 'Come and See', this is an initiative that the Anglican Bishops have been doing over a number of years, where teams come into the area and join with us in ministry in the community. This year they are going to be in the York Diocese and in and around Easingwold on 12th to 15th March. So it would be fitting to have the next prayer breakfast on 14th March.

Fr James' Appointment to solemnize Marriages

Until now, any marriages that take place in our Church have required the presence of the NYCC Registrar. However, following a slightly lengthy process, Fr James has now been appointed a "Responsible Authorised Person" by the General Register Office. We hope this will make arranging marriages much more straightforward.

Parish Forum:

Minutes are available this week, and have been circulated by email. Hard copies are available in the porch.

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.

Offertory Collections and Charities:

- Thank you for your generous offertory collections last week of £426.10

Food Banks

- Middlesbrough: The Next delivery is 3 February 2020

Thank you for the generous response to the appeal for unwanted Christmas goodies and special thanks to Rob Thompson for doing the delivery this time! All donations were gratefully received, as ever, but...Please keep on shopping for the MFB as the need is great! Urgently needed are: Long life juice and milk, bottles of squash, tins of meat, veg, potatoes, and tinned meals such as macaroni cheese. For more information or if you'd like to help, see the parish website or ring us on 01653 628755. God bless.

- 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

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 Hubby, 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
those whose Anniversaries occur about this time: Patrick Alfred Burgess, Harold Callaghan, Tom Holton, Josephine Alice Miller and Esther Mary Catherine Waghorn.