

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

The Presentation of the Lord, Feast

2 February 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 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
	Candlemas and blessing of candles
10:00am	Mass: <i>David Bowring RIP</i>
10:50am	Coffee after Mass – all welcome
Monday 3	Feria
Tuesday 4	Feria
Wednesday 5	St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, Mem
9:30am	Mass: <i>EBC</i>
Thursday 6	St Paul Miki, & Companions, Martyrs, Mem
6:30pm	Mass: <i>Ben Jackson RIP</i>
Friday 7	Feria
9:30am	Mass: <i>Veronica Ellerby RIP</i>
	10:10 SVP Meeting in the Priory
Saturday 8	Feria
11:45am	Rosary in Church
12 Noon	Reconciliation (Confession)
5:45pm	Vigil Mass: <i>Dead of the EBC</i>
Sunday 9	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00am	Mass: <i>Parish</i>
10:50am	Coffee after Mass – all welcome

Thought for the Week

The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

New Sunday Evening Service

Thank you to those who have already completed their questionnaire re the timings of this service. There are still some available 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.

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

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.

Forming a Choir

There has been a highly encouraging response to my request for volunteers to form a Church Choir, and many thanks to all those who have come forward already. We do, however, need more people, so please, if you would like to join, give your name as soon as possible to Fr James.

There are certainly some with lovely voices who have not yet come forward: don't be shy - and apart from anything else, it should prove to be a great social occasion!

We propose having an initial informal meeting over coffee after Mass on Sunday 23rd February, but don't worry if you are already booked: just make sure I have your name.

Thank you,
Fr James.

Works to the Priory

Since the discussions at the Parish Forum about the state of the Meeting Room and other rooms in the Priory, several parishioners have worked very hard to arrange new carpets, decorators, and even a new dishwasher in the Hall. We are very grateful to all those involved. We no longer require a Spring Clean as had been suggested, but want to thank all those who said they would come along to help.

Fr James: solemnization of 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.

Summer Fayre: 4 July 2020

There is a tick list in the porch which we hope people will sign to give us an idea of what we can do. 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.

Upcoming Events – See Posters

February

- Tue 11: 7:30pm Christian Men's group in the George
- Wed 26 Ash Wednesday
- Fri 28 Lent Lunch by the CWL in our Hall

March

- Fri 6 World Day of Prayer
- 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

Food Banks

- Middlesbrough: The Next delivery is on 3 February 2020

Thank you for the generous response to the appeal for unwanted Christmas goodies. All donations were gratefully received, as ever, but...Please keep on shopping for the MFB as the need is great! Long life juice and milk, bottles of squash, tins of meat, veg, potatoes, and tinned meals such as macaroni cheese.

- Easingwold

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

- Eggs £1 per half-dozen (in Poor Box, to support Little Sisters of the Poor). Many thanks to Trish and Jane.

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.

Offertory Collections and Charities:

- Thank you for your generous offertory collections last week of £449.04
- From this week, the lovely decorated SVP box will be at the back. They would be most grateful for your small change.

First Communions and Confirmations 2020

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

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 and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time: Freda Helen Andrews, Bevil Freeman-Grenville Greville Freeman-Grenville, Pam Scott, Denis Slocombe, and Carmel Margaret Smith.