## St John the Evangelist

# 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr James Callaghan OSB

30 January 2022 (Year C)

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#### **Mass Times this Week:**

Saturday 29 Feria

5:45pm Mass: Tom Holton

Sunday 30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00am Mass: *Mary Melling RIP* 

Monday 31 St Alban Roe, Priest & All Martyrs of our Congregation

Tuesday 1 Feria

Wednesday 2 The Presentation of the Lord 1:00pm SVP meeting in the Priory

Thursday 3 Feria Friday 4 Feria

Saturday 5 St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

5:45pm Mass:

Sunday 6 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass: Parish

4:00pm Evensong for the Queen's Jubilee at the Parish Church

## **COVID Guidance from Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales**

Extract from their briefing letter of 24 January 2022

Following the announcement by HM Government on 19th January that the measures put in place to mitigate against covid virus transmission as "Plan B" will be lifted in full on 27th January, the following guidance is offered. The material in this briefing has been agreed with Public Health officials and follows the regulations for England which take effect on 28th January 2022.

The main mitigation against serious health issues arising from covid infection is to be fully vaccinated; this means two doses plus a booster for anyone aged 16 or over.

Alongside this, it should be stressed that any people displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship in church. This is good practice for any transmissible illness. Medical advice should be sought as appropriate for those who are ill.

The main form of virus transmission is via personal oral or nasal aerosol. Those attending an act of worship may continue to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) whilst in the church building. Whilst there is no need for formal social distancing, those present should be sensitive to the needs of others. Good ventilation should be balanced against the need for heating, especially at this time.

It is clear from scientific evidence that transmission from surfaces (touch transmission) is now minimal. It is still good practice to sanitise hands on entry and exit of churches. Holy water stoups may be refilled but care should be seen that the water is changed regularly (at a minimum of once a week). Usual forms of church cleaning are sufficient.

For the time being, Holy Communion must continue to be given under one kind only - the Sacred Host. Congregational singing may continue with a general encouragement to wear face coverings.

Whilst this reduction of restrictions brings about a more normal way of living, the Covid-19 virus is still in circulation, and this should be in the mind of those participating in the life of the Church as time goes forward holding in balance the need for personal safety and taking responsibility for that safety.

#### **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.

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#### **All Saints Newsletter**

This has been posted on the Facebook site, but is so long it has not been printed out. However, if you would like a copy emailed to you, please let Kathryn know.

## Thought for the Week

The Eucharist is a fire that inflames us, that, like lions breathing fire, we may retire from the altar being made terrible to the devil. St John Chrysostom

### Please help yourself to the following free items

- · Herbs from the herb garden outside the kitchen door
- · Selection of mirror tiles in Parish Office

## Middlesbrough Yearbook - £1

These are available in the Porch. No sign of the Benedictine ones yet.

#### Appeal for empty sweet tubs/biscuit tins

A request from All Saints School: if you have any to spare, leave in the sacristy for collection.

## Message from CAFOD, who are looking for support in the following:

- In the parish where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work in the parish to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- In local schools where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience is necessary. Full support, resources and regular training is provided.
- Coordinating volunteers to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.
- Communications helping to update our social media channels online.
- Speaking at Mass we would particularly like to hear from young families who might help to share our work.

If you are interested and would like to know more about volunteering for CAFOD, please get in touch with our diocesan Coordinator, Carol Cross on: 07779 804253 or by email: <a href="mailto:ccross@cafod.org.uk">ccross@cafod.org.uk</a>

#### **Confessions**

Please remember that, just at the moment, we are unable to provide the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will let you know as soon as we are able to resume this essential Sacrament.

## Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings

· Last Sunday's collection raised £214.00 Thank you very much.

## Middlesbrough Food Bank

Thank you for your recent offerings. Next delivery by Sunday 6 February.

Do please remember that we also collect for the Easingwold Food Bank, which helps a large number of families even in our own "prosperous" town and surrounding area.

#### **SVP and CWL Contacts**

- · St. Vincent de Paul (SVP): Pauline Willcox 823675
- · Catholic Women's League (CWL): Susan Harrand 823219

#### **COVID Alert**

Please be aware that two parishioners have recently tested positive.

## **Upcoming Events**

#### **February**

• Wed 2 1:00pm SVP meeting in the Priory.

Zoom Meeting ID: 656 389 1749 Passcode: Trainingi

· Sat 12 8:45am Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at the New Inn (Morning Coffee)

#### March

· Fri 4 2:15pm World Day of Prayer in our church.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Infirm and Housebound: Rita Ashbridge, Mary Capaldi, David Craig, Hilary Dutton, Paul Gallagher, Mary-Rose Harrison, and Gerry Kelly;

the Sick: Jenny Cook, Simon Cunniffe, Marcin Ellingham, Barbara Fox, Charles Grant, Murray Grant, Brian Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Sarah Hodkinson, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, baby Malachi James Mtui, Krystyna Najgrodzka, Vincent O'Donnell, Teresa Catherine Powers, Val Ross, Tilly (Middlesbrough) and Anne Waggott;

those who have died recently: Sr Marie Gallagher and Mary Melling;

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

#### Rotas: More help is needed, please speak to Kathryn if you think you can help

Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and housebound: You do not have to be especially "holy", but a Catholic *in good standing* who has a deep reverence and love for the Blessed Sacrament, and a love and care for the people to whom you will be administering it.

		Steward(s)	Reader	Coffee	Flowers
Sat 2	29 Jan	Frams and Peter	Michael Fram		
Sun	30 Jan	Kathryn for Lizzie	Jill Simpson	Sheila Ward and Teresa Kinloss	Trish and Jane
Sat	5 Feb	David Embleton and Peter	Ted Melling		
Sun	6 Feb	Teresa Kinloss	Tony Lawton	Mollie and John McCabe	Anne Waggott