

Thought for the month

God is light and there is no darkness in Him at all.

St John the Evangelist (1 John 1:5)

Standing Orders and Gift Aid

Thank you for Standing Orders received last month of £1,835.

You do not have to be a taxpayer to have a weekly envelope or standing order, but if you are there is the advantage of our being able to reclaim 25p per £1. Kathryn has details.

Burning Palms for Ash Wednesday

Please could you bring any palm crosses from previous years in to the Office. We will try and make our own ashes this year.

Please pray for:

those with Anniversaries this month:

Patrick Alfred Burgess, Harold Callaghan, Pauline Charnock,
Jean De Groot, James Drewitt, Bevil Freeman-Grenville,
Margaret Mary George, Tom Holton, Patrick Maughan,
Alice Mary Maxwell-Stuart, Fr Walter Maxwell-Stuart OSB,
David Edward Melling, Mary Frances Teresa Melling,
Josephine Alice Miller, Martin Vincent Mulderrig,
Michael Anthony Nelson, Catherine Ann Poulter,
Betty Savill, Julian Paul Scholes, Carmel Margaret Smith,
Stefan Swiderski, Esther Mary Catherine Waghorn, Jack Walsh,
Madeleine Carol Waterworth

the sick, infirm and housebound:

New additions to the sick list and recent deaths will continue to be listed in the weekly bulletin.

St John the Evangelist

January 2024

Fr George Corrie OSB

Fr Edgar Miller

Parish Administrator: Kathryn Lynam

Assistants: Emma Harrison and William Scrope

Regular Office Hours: Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 - 12:30pm

Friday 9:30-3:30pm.

Please make an appointment to be sure of speaking to one of us.

*The Church should be open each weekday morning, except in
School Holidays.*

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York Hospital Chaplain: Sue Ellis 07748 108253

Regular Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm Confessions

5:45pm Mass

Sunday 10:00am Mass

Wednesday 10:30am Mass

Friday 10:30am Mass followed by Exposition

Refreshments after Sunday Mass – All are Welcome

Coffee, tea and juice are available after Sunday Mass.

Please help yourself to herbs from by the Kitchen Door:

We have sage, bay and rosemary.

January Events

18-25		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sat 20	10:30am	CTAE Quiet Morning in our Church
Sun 21	3:00pm	CTAE service for Week of Prayer in Methodist Church.
29-31		<i>Youngsters in Faith</i> – Guided retreat by Fr Bede at Ampleforth Abbey. See poster in the Porch for more retreats through the year.

Christmas Thanks

Thank you to all who were involved in making Christmas so special. In particular, we thank the children and their parents, who have helped to prepare the Crib over the Sundays of Advent in preparation for the Mass on Christmas Night. It has helped to bring forward the artistic and creative talents of a number of parishioners. The Crib will remain at the front of the church until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2 February. The donations box for contributions to “Friends of the Holy Land” which will support the most needy families in and around Bethlehem, as mentioned at the Christmas Masses, will remain there, too, until that date. You will be interested to know that 179 attended the two Christmas Masses. This compares with the average number of 105 over the weekend.

First Communions and Confirmations

- Parents of children who are in Year 4 or above and would like them to be prepared for First Holy Communion, please make yourselves known to Fr George before the end of January.
- Any young person who is thirteen or older could be included in a Confirmation Group. Please see Fr George as above.

Middlesbrough Food Bank: thank you for your generous giving
The final delivery of the Christmas Appeal included a special appeal made at St Benedict's Primary School which had chosen the MFB as their charity for the term resulted in a fantastic result!

Overall totals: Food - 440.3kg; Cash - £340; Cheques - £410

A very big thank you to all! Love and God bless, from Eve and David

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January

“You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself...”

- On Saturday 20 Jan Fr George will lead a Quiet Morning in our Church from 10:30am until 12:30pm. This will involve a short reflection, followed by silent prayer before coffee and discussion. Volunteers are needed to serve coffee.
- At 3:00pm on Sunday 21 Jan there will be the main Service, this year in the Methodist Chapel led by the Community Church.

The Universe Catholic Weekly Online and Printed Newspaper

“There is always a need for us Catholics to be able to know what is going on, especially in that key relationship between our faith and our world.” - Archbishop Vincent Nichols

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Message from CAFOD

Thank you for your support and prayers this year. We are truly grateful for every prayer, every donation and every signature in support of our campaigns.

It has been a difficult year for many, not least for those caught up in the devastating conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory and other conflicts throughout the world but together, we continue on our Advent journey to the manger to welcome Christ once again.

In the words of Kayode Akintola, Head of CAFOD in Africa,

*If the God of the universe was born in a dirty, messy manger,
amid conflict and injustice and oppression,
there is no mess or brokenness in the world or in our lives
that God is not willing to step into.*

We trust in God's promises of restoration of the world.

*We stand in hope, peace, joy and love to ground us
as we offer our lives, following God's path
toward justice and righteousness in the world.*

Thank you for standing with us.