

DECEMBER 2017

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

READERS

3 December

10.30am R Thompson, I Gracias, Sr Ann, G Barker
6.30pm

J Stones, B Lingwood

10 December

10.30am R Thompson, P Hickson, E Hardcastle, C O'Connor
6.30pm

P Brisbane, P Cox
H Mozley

17 December

10.30am G Barker
6.30pm Gill Conroy

J Rule, G Haddock

Christmas Masses:

Saturday 23 Dec (Vigil Mass for Sunday morning)

6.30pm G Conroy

C Nicholls

Sunday 24 Dec

10.30am Sr Ann, E Hardcastle
8.00pm C O'Connor

I Gracias, B Lingwood
G Haddock, P Brisbane

Monday 25 Dec

9.30am G Conroy, Sr Ann

J Stones, S Holder

31 December

10.30am C O'Connor
6.30pm

*He has bowed the heavens
and taken up His abode in the Virgin;
As it is written, He comes to be born
in our flesh in the cave of Bethlehem;
He who gives life to children in the womb
Himself becomes a child.
Let us all go forth to meet Him,
our hearts filled with fervour and joy!
(First Day of the Christmas Prefeast, Orthodox Liturgy)*

VISITORS TO ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

*Welcome to you all and thank you for joining us for Mass. We hope you enjoy your stay in York and your visit to our parish! Please join us for coffee in the Sacristy after 10.30 Mass on Sunday. We'd love to see you! Also, if you are making a donation, we'd be really grateful if you would use a Gift Aid envelope from the table at the back of the church. For every £1 you donate we can then claim back 25p from the Inland Revenue. **Many thanks for your support.***



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Year B)

3 December 2017 (Office Week 1)

Sunday Mass 10.30am: In Thanksgiving (AM)

6.30pm: People of the Parish

10.30am: Children's Liturgy of the Word

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; II St Peter 3: 8-14;
Mark 1: 1-8

Unless announced otherwise, service times are:

Tuesday-Saturday: Morning Prayer 9.15 am, Mass 9.30am

Exposition & Confessions: Saturday mornings after Mass until 11.00am

FEAST:

INTENTIONS

Monday No Mass

November List

Tuesday

Special Intention Sacred Heart

Wednesday St Nicholas, Bp

Judith Westerdale/J Mujar

Thursday St Ambrose, Bp, Dr

Violet M Granger

**Friday Solemnity: Immaculate
Conception of Our Lady**

Mike Donoghue

Saturday

Special Intention

*Stars are available in the Lady Chapel for people to write the names of
their deceased loved ones to go on the Advent Tree*

Lately dead:

Anniversary:

**Masses received for: Special Intention to the Sacred Heart,
In Thanksgiving (2)**

PARISH NEWS AND INFORMATION

Journey in Faith: Tuesday 6.30pm Rectory. The format of this is changing to meet the different needs and availability of participants. All still Welcome. **At the moment we are studying the General Instruction to the Roman Missal if anyone would like to join us.** Meetings last about an hour and would be of interest to 'established' Catholics, as well as those who are new to, or thinking about joining, the Church.

First Holy Communion Programme: This Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Sacristy.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fridays 10.15am-6.00pm in the Corpus Christi Carmelites' chapel for peace and reconciliation.

Children's Liturgy: We are looking to increase the number of people involved with the children's liturgy on a Sunday morning. Thank you to those who have volunteered. More welcome! Please see Canon Alan, Carla Willis or Ines Gracias, if interested.

Involvement in the parish: Anyone who wishes to be more involved in the parish in any way, from opening up to Eucharistic Ministry and anything in between please see Canon Alan.

Calling all musicians who attend Sunday evening Mass: Offers of help with the music are always welcome.

The parish SVP thank you all for your support and generosity at the recent appeal. **£1,030** was raised.

Remembrance Sunday Display: Will those parishioners who wish to have their paper work etc returned to them please ask Brian Lingwood or Terry Garvey.

Christmas cards, Catholic Diaries and the 10 Minute Diary are now on sale at the back of church next to St Anthony. Please put payment into the box marked 'Piety Stall'.

Fairtrade Stall: Very many thanks to everybody who supported the Fairtrade Stall last Sunday. Goods to the value of **£129** were sold. **There will be a Christmas Stall on Sunday 10 December after 10.30am Mass.**

The Ecumenical Bible Study Group has finished its study of the Letter to the Hebrews. A further short course is being planned for 2018.

From the Bishop - urgent and important: Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic Schools from allowing Catholic children to attend. They have acknowledged the policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic Schools.

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ST GEORGE'S CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 20 December at 6.30pm. It is a lovely occasion for friends, family and visitors to our church, with an opportunity to chat over refreshments afterwards.

York Carmelite Spirituality Group: 'Mary in the Carmelite Tradition' on Saturday 9 December from 9.30am to 1.00pm at Our Lady's Acomb. Liturgical prayer, discussion, meditation - all parts of the day are optional. Please bring a packed lunch. Information: 01904 411521; email communications@carmelite.org

Newman Circle: Meetings at Bar Convent 7.30pm, tea/coffee 7.00pm. Members £1, non-members £2. Students free.

Monday 11 December: Dr. Chris Maunder, York St John University

Apparitions of Mary today: Popular and Official Theologies in Tension

For further information please contact Judith Smeaton: tel.01904 704525 judith.smeaton@btinternet.com

York Ecumenical Justice and Peace Group: Next meeting 11 Dec at 7.30pm in St Bede's, Blossom Street. We shall be holding a discussion on Universal Credit, introduction by Stephen Pittam from York Human Rights City.

Middlesbrough Diocese LGBT + Ministry: Inaugural Mass at 4.00pm in the Bar Convent Chapel on 10 Dec. Followed by tea, coffee and mince pies and discussion as to the future of this new outreach.

LOURDES WITH HCPT: Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) is a charity offering pilgrimage holidays, to Lourdes in the south of France. The York based HCPT group (group 122) is looking for new helpers (especially females) to join the group and care for the children. If you are interested, please contact Claire Shanks: group122@hcpt.org.uk for further information

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES IN AND AROUND YORK:

Monday 4 Dec 7.30pm York Minster: **All Saints RC School Advent Service - Streams of Love**

Friday 8 Dec 7.30pm Our Lady, Acomb: **'Tis the Season - songs and readings.** Tickets £8 on door, includes mulled wine and a mince pie.

Saturday 9 Dec 4.00pm St Lawrence's Church: **York Musical Society/York Brass Quintet: selection of classics and popular favourites.** Tickets on door £10, concessions £5, under 12s free. Retiring collection for ARC Light. Refreshments afterwards.

Saturday 9 Dec 10-4 at Bar Convent: **Arts and Crafts Christmas Market**

Sunday 10 Dec 7.30pm Ampleforth Abbey: **Handel's Messiah.** Tickets £5-£20.