

PAWS FOR THOUGHT

During the “lockdown”, The Sisters at Thicket Priory sent me a lovely challenging article by a priest called Fr Thomas Halik, a Czech writer. That got me hooked on him. He spent most of his life without a church as it was severely suppressed in his country. Anyhow one of the things he has said is “an atheist is someone who cannot be patient enough with God”. I’m beginning to think that there may be traces of atheism in me! Life as you will appreciate is full of frustrations and heartaches. In this life, there’s no such a thing as a clear cut, pure joy; rather everything comes with shadow. We do in fact live inside a certain valley of tears. We are made by God for happiness but sheer happiness never seems to come our way. Carlo Carretto, after spending more than 20 years in solitude as a monk in the Sahara, was asked what did you hear God saying to the world? His answer: God is asking us to wait, to be patient! Nature needs time to unfold, a rose needs time to bloom everything needs time. Nothing can be rushed, no matter how great our impatience or how great our discomfort. That’s how God deals with us and I can’t wait due to atheism!

All blessings, Anam & Jerry

ARCHIE: Help is needed for a first-year politics student at York University who is leaving home for the first time on Sep 28 - and is a wheelchair user. Archie is going to miss his mum, and his regular cups of tea! We are seeking a friendly, chatty person of any age who is willing to go to his room at Campus West twice a week - or even, some mornings too - and make Archie a cup of tea, clean up his room, change his bedsheets once a week and do his washing and ironing. We’d love it if they could bring him a home cooked meal on a Sat or Sunday, when he doesn't get hot food from college. Hours would be to suit, and it's paid via a payroll from our local council. Archie is quirky, with a sense of humour and fierce independence. But he is scared of leaving London, and we want a friendly face who will be a go-to if he has a problem. Our budget is £100 a week, for ten hours, to suit you. For more details please email amandacable23@yahoo.co.uk or text 07747 847 841. **Many thanks Amanda Cable - Archie's mum**



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Sunday 23 August 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year A/Office Week 1

Readings this Sunday: Isaiah 22: 19-23; Romans 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27

Mass Intentions: Sunday Parish Community; Wednesday Manuel Camara

THIS WEEK

Mon: **FEAST: St Bartholomew, Apostle**

Tue: St Louis

Wed: Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest

Thur: St Monica

Fri: St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Sat: Passion of St John the Baptist

**CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED. PLEASE CONTACT
FR JERRY (PHONE NO. AND EMAIL ABOVE)**

Covid-19 Pandemic

Guidance on public liturgies and church activities changes from time to time. There is more information on the Diocesan Website. The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended.

Mass is live-streamed on Sundays from many churches, including our own. They are listed on the diocesan website (where you can also read the Catholic Voice). Mass from St George's can be seen on YouTube and facebook.

You must wear a mask in church from now on, to conform to government guidelines. Thank you.

Fr Jerry and Deacon Antonio pleased to see us back!



BULLETIN: Please email bulletin items, names of recently dead, anniversaries to bulletin@stgeorgeschurch-york.uk or post them through the Rectory letter box on Wednesday mornings, clearly marked BULLETIN.

Mass Intentions should be sent to Fr Jerry.

If you would like to receive the bulletin by email please email
bulletin@stgeorgeschurch-york.uk

COLLECTIONS/GIFT AID: Several people who normally use the gift aid envelopes have requested to move to standing order. If you contact Ann Middleton on 07885134115 or ann-middleton@btconnect.com she will forward the necessary form. Otherwise, gift aid envelopes can be put through the rectory letter box, as can cash (preferably in a bag/envelope).

Now the church is open for private prayer and Mass

. . . .“Would you be willing to volunteer as a Welcomer for Mass or Private Prayer session?

It’s typically about an hour of your time and although we have a good pool of people, we always need more, particularly with schools returning and some parents returning to work after the holidays.

Full instruction is given and you will always be part of a team of 2 or 3 welcomers on the day.

Please respond to admin@stgeorgeschurch-york.org.uk if you can help”

“Our live streaming of Mass on Facebook and recordings on You Tube have proved popular and we have had some great feedback. In order to continue the recordings we need more volunteers who can ‘be behind the camera’ at Mass. It’s really straightforward and full instruction is given. Please email us at admin@stgeorgeschurch-york.org.uk if you can help.”

WE NEED YOUR NEWS!!

August is quiet at the best of times – and these are not the best of times. There are few events to publicise, so old news is still here, as it’s better than a blank space!! But if you have any news/photos to share, the bulletineers would be delighted to see them! News of our young people (or older ones!) who are working/studying away from York would be particularly welcome... Please help! Send info to the bulletin email address.. Thank you!

HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS *No need to print and bring the ticket with you to Mass*

Sunday 23rd <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/115749555035>

Wednesday 26th <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/115763831737>

Sunday 30th <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/115750688425>

Or you can ring 07885 134 115 to book by telephone

If you are willing to read at Mass please indicate this on the booking site



Computer problems have delayed uploading to the website, too late for registering for Sunday Mass 23 August for which many, many apologies.

In response to feedback received, we are trialling a ‘Household Bubble’ ticket for Sunday Masses. This is made available for households of between 3 and 5 people who commit to all sit in the same bench at Mass.

St George’s Church now has its own You Tube page on the internet. We’ve found that this is the best way to store and publish video recordings of our Masses. To find St George’s page on You Tube just search ‘St Georges Church York’ on You Tube or follow the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY2FMKcf74iHMs4i77H4GA/>

If you are thinking of attending Mass for the first time after lockdown, we’ve created a short video clip on the following link that describes a few guidelines:

<https://youtu.be/J6ZdsYZraBk>

If you press the ‘Subscribe’ button on our You Tube page you will get a notification each time a new video is added.