#### **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 supressed in his country. Anyhow one of the things he has said is "an atheist is someone who cannot be patient enough

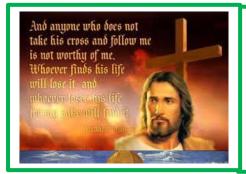
with God". I'm beginning to think that there may be traces of atheism in me! Life as you will appreciate is full of frustrations and heartaches. In this life, there's no such a thing as a clear cut, pure joy; rather everything comes with shadow. We do in fact live inside a certain valley of tears. We are made by God for happiness but sheer happiness never seems to come our way. Carlo Carretto, after spending more han 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* 

#### VISITORS TO ST GEORGE'S CHURCH: WELCOME!

We are happy to say that the church is open on Saturdays from 10am to noon for private prayer. Please come in and share the peace of this place.



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Sunday 30 August 2020

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year A/Office Week 2

Readings this Sunday: Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27 Next Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Mass Intentions: Sunday Parish Community; Wednesday Manuel Camara

**THIS WEEK** 

Mon: St Aidan

Tue: Wed:

Thur: St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor

Fri: St Cuthbert

Sat:

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!



#### PARISH NEWS AND INFORMATION

<u>BULLETIN</u>: Please email bulletin items, names of recently dead, anniversaries to <u>bulletin@stgeorgeschurch-york.uk</u> 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

<u>COLLECTIONS/GIFT AID</u>: Several people who normally use the gift aid envelopes have requested to move to standing order. If you contact Ann Middleton on 07885134115 or <u>ann-middleton@btconnect.com</u> 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).

<u>THE SVP MEETINGS</u>: Members are maintaining contact with our sick and housebound via the telephone. Should you encounter anybody whom the SVP may be able to assist, please contact Steve Holder via Canon Jerry.

<u>CAFOD VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u>: Join CAFOD on Sundays at 10am for a live children's liturgy. A recording is available to watch later. You have to sign up at CAFOD's website to join in at https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy

**PRAYING WITH THE SUNDAY READINGS:** St Beuno's Outreach in North Wales produces materials each week to pray with the Sunday readings. Find out more at either of these websites

https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/

https://www.pathwaystogod.org/my-prayer-life/sunday

**FAIR TRADE STALL:** For those of you who are missing St George's Fair Trade Stall and who wish to support farmers in the developing world, our suppliers, Fairer World, York will deliver goods free of charge. See their website www.fairerworldyork.co.uk

#### **OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR MASS AND PRIVATE PRAYER**

The church will be open 10.00-12.00 on Saturdays for the time being Full details will be put on the church website, St George's Facebook and WhatsApp group, and on the church noticeboard outside.

If you feel you could volunteer to help steward at Masses or at prayer sessions, please email your contact details, and what you could offer in terms of time, to the bulletin email address: it will then be passed on to Dave Harper, who is drawing up the rotas.

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

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

Here are the links for September – just type the one you want into your browser.

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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/UCY2FMKcf74iHMsb4i77H4GA/

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.

### **WE NEED YOUR NEWS!!**

August is quiet at the best of times – and these are not the best of times. There are few event 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!