

Paws for Thought

It's amazing what Covid-19 turns up! I read an article in The National Catholic Reporter, an American magazine, about Fr Hood. During lockdown he had time to study. Fr. Matthew Hood, who was ordained to the priesthood — some might say for the second time, but in reality, for the first time. Hood's world turned upside down Aug. 6, when the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a doctrinal note ruling that baptisms using an altered formula — specifically, those using the phrase, "We baptize you ..." instead of the church's ancient prayer, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" — are invalid.

Although the priest has long had an interest in the sacrament of baptism, it wasn't until he watched the video of his own baptism in April, during lockdown that alarm bells began to go off. The deacon who baptised him clearly said "We baptize you..." His father had a video of the baptism.

"When I heard the words, at first, I thought, 'That doesn't sound right,'" Hood recalled. So he reached out to a professor at the seminary, a canon lawyer and the archdiocesan chancellor.

At the time, there was no clarification from the Vatican, and given the church's longstanding practice of presuming validity of the sacraments unless shown otherwise, the four decided the priest was likely safe.

Later he was baptised, confirmed, received the Eucharist and was ordained a priest!

What about that for a turn up for the books? *All good wishes, Anam & Jerry*

DOMESTIC ABUSE: "Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse" is a booklet produced by the National Board of Catholic Women. It is a timely publication: you will have heard items on the news of concerns about the increasing rate of domestic abuse during lockdown. We all need to raise our awareness of this often hidden but devastating reality which is present, I suspect, in every one of our parish communities.

Our diocesan NBCW representative, Margaret Clark (margaretclark123@gmail.com), is happy to supply hard copies should you want one.

*Where
two or
three meet
in my name
I shall be
there with
them.*



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Sunday 6 September 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME -<-> Year A/Office Week 3

Readings this Sunday: Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20

Next Sunday: Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28: 7; Romans 14: 7-9 ; Matthew 18: 21-35

Mass Intentions: Sunday Parish Community; Wednesday Yorkshire Brethren

THIS WEEK

Mon:

Tue: FEAST: NATIVITY OF OUR LADY

Wed: St Peter Claver, Priest

Thur:

Fri:

Sat: Most Holy Name of Mary

**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

The bulletineers would be grateful for any news items/photos to freshen up the bulletin. News of young and old parishioners, starting university/jobs/moving away etc. No-one sends in anniversaries or recently dead as in the past. Please send such items to the bulletin address: 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).

THE SVP: Should you encounter anybody whom the SVP may be able to assist, please contact Steve Holder via Canon Jerry.

CAFOD VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Join CAFOD on Sundays at 10am for a live children's liturgy. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

PRAYING WITH THE SUNDAY READINGS: St Beuno's Outreach in North Wales -
<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. 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 the coming week.

Sunday 6th September: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/117272532301>

Wednesday 9th September <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/117275007705>

Sunday 13th September <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/117275328665>

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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.