

**PARISHIONERS CAN ATTEND MASS AGAIN *but* BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.**

**HOW TO BOOK** - You can book from the Facebook 'BOOK NOW' button or by using the links below.

**Or you can book by telephone: 07885 134 115**

**It is lovely to see parishioners again and  
to join Canon Jerry in the celebration of Holy Mass**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

As Canon reminds us in his Facebook message this week – Christmas brings us new hope and new beginnings. We are therefore delighted to announce that

**Booking for Christmas Masses will open at 12 noon on Wednesday 2 December.**

**There will be three Christmas Masses. Here are the booking links:**

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 5.00pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/128782942247>

Christmas Morning Mass 9.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/128793965217>

Sunday 27 December (Feast of the Holy Family) 10.30am:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/128794324291>

In order to give all parishioners the opportunity to attend Mass over Christmas, we kindly request that you book for only **one** of the three Masses.

Admittance will be by pre-booking only, as for safety reasons we cannot accommodate 'walk-ins' on the day.

You can book a 'bubble' for Mass – 3-5 people from the same household sitting in the same pew.

St George's Church now has its own You Tube page on the internet. To find St George's page on You Tube just search 'St Georges Church York' or follow the link:

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

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

**Cafod's Children's Liturgy:** Sundays live at 10am or watch later. Great for families to watch together!

Register online for link <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>



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**Sunday 20 December 2020**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Year B/Office Week 4

**Sunday Mass 10.30am; Wednesday Mass 9.30am**

Readings this Sunday: II Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14-16; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

Next Sunday: Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday: People of the Parish; Wednesday: Priest's Intention**

**This Week**

**Mon: St. Peter Canisius**

**Tues:**

**Wed: Mass 9.30am St John of Kety, Priest**

**Thurs Vigil Mass 5.00 pm**

**Fri: Christmas Day. Mass 9.30 am**

**Sat:**

**CONFESSION is available. Please ring or email Fr Jerry.**

**Church open again  
for Mass!**



**The church is open for private prayer on  
Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon.**

**The obligation to attend Mass remains  
suspended.**

**To conform to government guidelines please  
wear a face mask in church.**

**FR JERRY HAS MOVED TO 102 LAWRENCE STREET YO10 3EB**

**The Rectory telephone number (01904 623728) diverts to his new address**

**BULLETIN:** Please email bulletin items, names of recently dead, anniversaries to [bulletin@stgeorgeschurch-york.uk](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@stgeorgeschurch-york.uk)

**ST GEORGE'S SVP:** Over the last few weeks, The Conference has had donated £900.00 (some anonymously). We had already decided that as the school had 11 needy families that we would support the 17 children from those families, the staff are going to select presents, clothing, study needs and small gifts, but not money, which will be given out nearer Christmas. After discussion with the head teacher, Mrs Statham and agreed by the conference, this has now happened and vouchers have been given to the school. We as a conference will continue to supply these vouchers until the Covid restrictions are eased.

We will of course, where possible, continue to support those we know and visit with a Christmas gift and any other needs that arise. If you are aware of anyone we might be able to help please contact me via Canon Jerry. The SVP now hold Zoom meetings every other Thursday.

*SVP President, Steve*

**MARY'S MEALS:** So much can be asked of us at this time of year. It may be hard to always say yes. Mary said yes to being the Mother of Jesus and as a young, unmarried girl this must have been a terrifying moment for her. Yet her 'yes' brought Jesus into the world and changed lives forever. Throughout this year of many challenges, thanks to our generous supporters, Mary's Meals has continued to say yes to feeding desperately hungry children with a daily meal in a place of education. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide **43,000 hungry children** in Bong County, Liberia, with a life-changing meal at school. **From 2<sup>nd</sup> November until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**, donations made to our Double The Love campaign will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Please consider setting a place at our [Big Family Christmas dinner table](#) or buying a Christmas gift card on our [website](#). More information on how to support us can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove).

*Thank you*

**PAWS FOR THOUGHT:** This time of year, we are very much focused on John the Baptist. John is an amazing man. He is quite obviously excited by who is following him. He does not begin in the Temple but in the desert by the Jordan. Who is coming and the message he brings cannot be contained in buildings. The wilderness is a good place for John to start. When you are in the wilderness you are more open to ask questions. John does not want us to become followers of his "Someone is come after me, and I am not worthy to undo his sandal strap." He is the one to follow. John the Baptist has much to teach those in the desert about how to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Reflect on him this week, he has a special place in Advent.

*Best Wishes, Anam & Jerry*

#### **ST GEORGE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL – MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Hello lovely parishioners. Please spread the word to all prospective parents looking for next year's school places by the deadline January 2021. I AM allowed to show parents round!! Just one parent with a mask and social distancing etc. No children can visit. **BUT I made the film for the children and it's now on the front page of the school website.** Please tell everyone that St George's school has CHRIST and LOVE at its centre.

**THANK YOU.** ♥♥♥♥♥ *Do look on the school website and watch the film.*



**All the people at our school have been very busy making Christmas special....** The headteacher says, "We had to do things differently this year, so we organised an outdoor tree instead of one in the hall. One of our parents made the stable. We held an advent celebration from 17:00-20:30 on Wednesday 2nd December and parents were invited to view from the

path outside school. We played carols on our CD player. Each lantern represents a child or adult at school decorated by each person to represent hope, joy, peace and LOVE. All come together in one heart, representing our St George's family. It was absolutely beautiful!

The crib will remain in place until January, and is visible from the road.

Please go... look... and enjoy!

**THE BAR CONVENT AT CHRISTMAS:** Look on the Bar Convent website for full details of their display of Angels, under 'Upcoming Events'.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH:** If you would like to receive this at home, post-free, please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you.

**SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS: £22.00 or 12 Months: £80.00.**

Envelopes for Christmas collection (Fr Jerry) are at the back of church, near to the sanitiser. They can be put into the collection box at any time. Donations can also be made directly to the church bank account. 20-56-90 sort code. 30007447 account number. Suggestion reference either Christmas or Canon Jerry so I can allocate it.