

PAWS FOR THOUGHT

“John the Baptist wore a garment of camel hair, and he lived on locusts and wild honey—surely a non-establishment costume for a son of the priestly class. John is amazingly free from his own agenda, his own religious and cultural system, and also his own ego. “He must grow greater, I must grow smaller” (John 3:30), he says. John is able to point beyond himself. He sets the gold standard of pointing beyond himself and his own security or status—to the Mystery itself. Ministry cannot be a career decision, but an urgent vocation.

One can only conclude that Mark began in this way, not just because it was historically true, but because it mirrored his own journey. Some scholars today, especially with new information from the Gnostic Gospels, think that the anonymous man who “runs away naked” in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:50-52) is very likely Mark himself. He is quietly admitting that he also “deserted him” (verse 50) and ran from suffering and humiliation. His “nakedness” is not just his but ours, too.” **Fr Richard Rohr, Franciscan Priest**

Best wishes from Anam and Jerry

*Fr Rohr's Daily Meditations can be received free by email from
The Centre for Action and Meditation website - <https://cac.org>*

BULLETIN: Please email items, names of recently dead and 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 who offers them when he celebrates Mass privately each day.

If you would like to receive the bulletin each week by email please email
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SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2021 <> SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER <> YEAR B <> Office Week 2

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday Mass 10.30am; Wednesday Mass 9.30am

Booking essential for all Masses – see following page for details

Mass Intentions: Sundays: People of the Parish; Wednesday: Special Intention

RECENTLY DEAD: Fr Ross Thompson

READINGS TODAY: Acts 4: 32-35; I John 5: 1-6; John 20: 19-31

NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; I John 2: 1-5; Luke 24: 35-48

This Week . . . Tuesday: St Martin I, Pope and Martyr; **Wednesday: 9.30am Mass**

If you need Confession please ring Fr Jerry. Confessions will be on First Saturday of the Month 10.30 - 11.30 in church in the sacristy.

The church is open for private prayer on Saturdays, 10am-noon. To conform to government guidelines please wear a face mask in church.

The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended.

Some of the children from last year's Holy Communion programme are making their First Holy Communion at Parish Sunday Masses over several weeks.

Fr Jerry has agreed for just one child at each Mass.

*Please pray for all the children: **Fragrance, Dennis and Sam** who have made their First Communion and for **Oliver** making his First Communion today and **Patrik** next Sunday.*

Fr Jerry's address is 102 Lawrence Street YO10 3EB. Please use the Rectory telephone number – 01904 623728 – and Rectory address – 9 Peel Street YO1 9PZ for anything intended for Fr Jerry or St George's church - letters, donations, Mass Intentions etc.

HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS:- You can book from the Facebook 'BOOK NOW' button or by using the links shown in the adjacent box, **or you can book by telephone: 07885 134 115.**

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

To find St George's page on YouTube, follow the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY2FMKcf74iHMsb4i77H4GA/>

- Here's a link to Canon's weekly message to the parish that is available on the Church's You Tube Channel: <https://youtu.be/T6g-Ri1pE7o>
- Canon also recorded an important update recently on the waiving of the Sunday obligation to attend Mass in lockdown. Click this link to view: <https://youtu.be/WjgizmtMZBw>
- Why not press the 'Subscribe' button whilst on You Tube so as to keep in touch with any new items on St Georges You Tube Channel?

MASS LINKS FOR THE REST OF APRIL

Wed 14 April: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145856411453>

Sun 18 April: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145854788599>

Wed 21 April: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145856742443>

Sun 25 April: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145854977163>

Wed 28 April: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145857211847>

GIFT AID BOXES: New boxes of Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year can be collected from the table at the back of church.

If any parishioner would like to change their method of payment from the envelope system to a Standing Order, they can set it up using online banking or complete a Standing Order form and return it to their bank without the need to complete a new Gift Aid Declaration.

Gift Aid donations can be made to the parish's account number 30007447; sort code 20-56-90; account name: Diocese of Middlesbrough.

Thank you for your continued support of the Gift Aid Scheme at St George's.



EASTER SCRIPTURE PRAYER GROUP: Mondays 7.00pm via Zoom. A group will be meeting online to pray with the Sunday readings until Pentecost. Everyone is welcome, it is an informal group and no experience is necessary. If you would like more information or a link to the Zoom meeting please email admin@stgeorgeschurch-york.org.uk

WEBINARS AT THE TABLET (*The International Catholic Weekly*):

21 April, 6.00-7.15pm: **The Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor: Seeking God's Justice in a (not yet) Post-pandemic World**

15 April, 6.00-7.00pm: **Imagine facing torture and death for just five words – "I believe in Jesus Christ"**

For details of participants, further information and to register for The Tablet's webinars see the website: <https://www.thetablet.co.uk>events>

YORK ST JOHN UNIVERSITY ONLINE EVENTS:

27 April, 5.30-6.30pm: **Biden's first 100 days: What next for the US and Anglo-American Relations?**

26 April, 6.00pm: York Centre for Writing Poetry Series: **Q&A with Daisy Lafarge and Dr Rebecca Tamas**

28 April, 5.00pm: **The Archbishop of York's Inaugural Institute for Social Justice Lecture**

29 April, 6.00pm: **How to Get Published: Agents and Publishers Panel**

For details of participants, further information and to register email events@yorks.ac.uk or ring Events Team at York St John University: 01904 876654

A reminder about the very first Diocesan Caritas Newsletter (*flagged up a few weeks ago*), giving news about various initiatives around our diocese to alleviate poverty and need of various kinds, plus information about aspects of Catholic Social Teaching. The intention is to produce this newsletter 3 or 4 times a year. It contains good news, pure and simple, and it is hoped that parishes will feel able to support its dissemination.

It can be read on the Diocese of Middlesbrough website : <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/caritas-middlesbrough-publishes-first-newsletter/> and it is on the parish facebook page.

V Revd Canon John Lumley, Episcopal Vicar for Missionary Discipleship asks:
Please send us relevant articles and information: We welcome any information about the good work being carried out in or by your parish, your school, your community or by individuals in your locale which exemplify the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We plan our next edition for the Spring (perhaps April). Please, St. George's Parish and school – don't hide your lamp, let it shine!! Articles, pictures and information can be sent to the bulletin email address, if you wish, and the bulletineers will pass it on.

Many thanks for your support in advance.