

PAWS FOR THOUGHT 2

I am sorry to have to tell you that Anam died on Friday last, the Feast of St George! Anam had been with me for 15 years and needless to say it broke my heart to have to take him to the vet. He had been such a faithful companion to me over the years. I remember so well the day I got him. He belonged to a litter of eight. Mary chose him for his markings, I chose him because he sipped some of Guinness! After I got him, I got Sciatica, so it turned out to be an ordeal even walking him. He was known all over the Diocese, people constantly asked after him. He ran away as a pup and a lady found him and brought him back to me, I don't know how she knew he was mine, I guess he led her home when all he wanted was freedom! His death brought back a lot of memories of Mary as she loved him, and he was with her when she died. This will be the last "PAWS", I'll have think of a new name as he was always beside when I put this together. I thank the Lord for him and for all he gave. Amen

All good wishes, Jerry

Day of the Lord

During the recent meeting of the Bishops' Conference we reflected on the experience of the last year and on the need to encourage parishioners to return with confidence to their parish churches for the celebration of Sunday Mass. While the lifting of the Sunday Obligation remains in place, it is important to emphasise the intrinsic value of our Sunday gathering for the celebration of Mass. I commend to you and those you serve in parish and chaplaincy communities the Reflection by the Bishops of England and Wales.

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, 8/9 May 2021

The diocese will be celebrating the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians on 8th/9th May. It offers Western Christians a moment to remember and give thanks for all we owe to the Eastern Churches, not least the first preaching of the Gospel, the monastic tradition, the different liturgical traditions and the witness of the Eastern Christians down the centuries, which has been, and still is, an inspiration to our Faith. Now, already an oppressed minority group in the Middle East, Eastern Christians face the added crisis of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

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

bulletin@stgeorgeschurch-york.uk

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.



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SUNDAY 2 MAY 2021 <> FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <> YEAR B <> Office Week 5

Sunday Mass 10.30am; Wednesday Mass 9.30am

Booking essential for all Masses – see following page for details

Mass Intentions: Sunday: The Parish Community; Wednesday:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kenneth Albert Hill and Dorothy Durkin

READINGS TODAY: Acts 9: 26-31; I John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8

NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 10,25-6,34-5,44-48; 1 John 4,4-10; John 15,9-17

This Week:

Monday: Ss. Philip and James, Apostles

Tuesday: The English Martyrs

Wednesday: 9.30am Mass

Friday: St John of Beverley

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, and at other times on request.

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

May Rosary Mission 2021

The Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham is about to launch their May 2021 Rosary Mission with the theme: Rosary Stronghold with the Holy Family - Protecting our Families and the Family of Nations. The letter from Mgr Moger can be found at: [May Rosary Mission 2021 Letter to Bishops1364613876.pdf](#)

Let us Dream - Easter Reflections

The Bishops' Conference Spirituality Committee, under the stewardship of Bishop Ralph Heskett, has produced a series of reflections based on the Holy Father's book 'Let us Dream' for individual and parish use.

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.**

To find St George's page on YouTube, follow the link below:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY2FMKcf74iHMs4i77H4GA/>

Booking links for May

- Wednesday 5 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151677327971>
- Sunday 9 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151679279809>
- Wednesday 12 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151677544619>
- Sunday 16 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151679741189>
- Wednesday 19 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151678134383>
- Sunday 23 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151680032059>
- Wednesday 26 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151678288845>
- Sunday 30 May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151680208587>

A copy of the Church Financial Summary for year ending 2019 is now available on display at the back of Church.
The equivalent for 2020 will be available later in the year.

TRAMWAYS CLUB DEVELOPMENT

We thought parishioners would be interested to know what is happening with the site opposite Church which houses the former Tramways Club. The developers have contacted us to say they have submitted a planning application for a residential development to be called "St George's Terrace". The full details are available by following this link: <http://www.stgeorgesterraceyork.co.uk/>
The website also includes a facility to send any comments directly to the developers.

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

CHURCH VOLUNTEERING: As we emerge slowly from lockdown, I have started to consider how we can re-engage volunteers for the various tasks required to support an active Church community. Please consider whether you are able to volunteer for any areas by completing the attached survey at this link:
<https://forms.gle/Xp9rUpPw2JE3jCDS8>

We will then get in touch with everyone who expresses an interest to discuss what's involved.

Many thanks

Canon Jerry

THE TABLET (*The International Catholic Weekly*) holds regular webinars on a variety of topics of current interest. For details of these and to register for any that interest you see the website: <https://www.thetablet.co.uk>events>

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

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.

If you have any information (photos/articles etc.) to share, please send it to the bulletin email address, and it will be passed on.

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SVP

With all the difficulties of Covid, St George's SVP members are maintaining contact (where possible) with their visits and offering food vouchers and financial help at our school. We have a need for new members to help with this important parish work. Please see Steve Holder if you feel you can help. Any emails to the bulletin email address will be passed on to Steve.

