

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST GEORGE'S (may be subject to change)

I'm sure you'll be aware that the Omicron variant is generating a lot of uncertainty about arrangements for Christmas this year, which is why I wanted to share our current thinking on Christmas arrangements at St George's. Of course, these arrangements could change if government guidance changes, so we will keep you updated via our website, weekly bulletin and our Facebook page. *Fr Jerry*

Christmas Eve	24 Dec	Confessions	10.00am—11.00am	
		Crib Service	4.00pm	
		Vigil Mass	7.00pm	
Christmas Day	2 Dec	Mass	9.30 am	
Sunday	26 Dec	Mass	10.30am	Holy Family
Monday	27 Dec	<u>NO MASS</u>		St John the Evangelist
Tuesday	28 Dec	Mass	10.00am	Holy Innocents
Wednesday	29 Dec	<u>NO MASS</u>		St Thomas of Canterbury, Bp M
Saturday	1 Jan	Mass	10.00am	Mary, Mother of God
			10.30-11.00am	Confessions on request
Sunday	2 Jan	Mass	10.30 am/6.30 pm	
Wednesday	5 Jan	Mass	10.00am	
Thursday	6 Jan	Mass	10.00am	Epiphany 

- *No need to book. Church open 30 mins beforehand*
- *Parking not available as used by paying contract customers*
- *Follow guidance of welcomers, to keep all safe*
- *Please wear mask in church.*
- *Congregational singing hopefully re-introduced at Vigil*
- *Don't attend if you have any covid-type symptoms*
- *As traditional, Christmas collections go to the priest - envelopes available.*

Please do not attend if you or any of your bubble have symptoms of Covid-19 or other infectious conditions - you may wish to do a lateral flow test before attending.

As is traditional, the Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day collections go to our Parish Priest, Canon Jerry. Envelopes will be available at the back of Church – please give generously.



TWO WEEK BULLETIN

SUNDAY 19 December 2021 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C - Office Week 4

Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

SATURDAY 25 December 2021 - CHRISTMAS DAY – Office: Christmas Octave Week

Usual Mass times: Sunday 10.30am/6.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am, Saturday 10.00am

No booking needed for any Masses

Confessions first Saturday of the month, 10.30-11.30 in the Sacristy
(at other times on request - ring Fr Jerry to make an appointment)

READINGS TODAY: Micah 5,1-4; Hebrews 10,5-10; Luke 1,39-45

READINGS CHRISTMAS EVE: Isaiah 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

READINGS CHRISTMAS DAY: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1: 1-18

This week: Tuesday 12 noon Requiem Mass for PAT BRISBANE

May Pat's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace



CRIB SERVICE

Christmas Eve at 4pm at St George's Church

Everyone is welcome to a short service for babies, toddlers, children and their families and friends to celebrate the Nativity around our crib.

Please tell any family and friends!



PLEASE send Mass requests, plus details of Recently Dead and Anniversaries etc, to Canon Jerry using the Rectory door letterbox next to the church.

Please send items for the bulletin to: bulletin@stgeorgeschurch-york.uk

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December rota for Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist

Today 19 December

Readers

10.30 am Mass

1st Elizabeth
2nd Ines

Readers

6.30pm Mass

1st Chris
2nd Penny

Ministers of the Eucharist

6.30 pm Mass

Liam



Friday 24 December 7.00pm Christmas Eve

Readers: 1st Dee S 2nd Chris T Eucharistic Minister (on stand-by): Chris P

Saturday 25 December 9.30am Christmas Day

Readers: 1st Kevin W 2nd Ann-Marie R Eucharistic Minister (on stand-by): Elizabeth H

Sunday 26 December 10.30am Feast of the Holy Family

Readers: 1st Elva A 2nd Ines G Eucharistic Minister (on stand-by): Richard I

No one can be certain of their plans at the moment but if you know that you will not be at the Mass for which you are on the rota, just let me know. Penny

ADVENT SCRIPTURE PRAYER GROUP: Via Zoom on Wednesday 22nd December at 7.30pm.

Please email kathleeniggulden@gmail.com to join. All are welcome. More details on the parish website (News) and Facebook.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sundays at 10.30am Mass, for school age children (who haven't made their First Holy Communion) to listen to and pray with the Gospel reading.

To join the team of volunteers, speak to Carla Willis, Ines Gracias, Katy Thorpe or Katy Iggulden. We can arrange a DBS check. More details on the parish website and Facebook.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022: The first meeting of the First Holy Communion programme will take place on Saturday 22nd January from 11.00-12.00.

- Children should attend with their parents/carers.
- Please use the side door in to the Sacristy (the one that has a flight of stairs running to it) – not the door to the front of the church or the door of the house.
- During this session we'll provide parents/carers with the schedule for the programme and other key information. We'll also issue the children with their books and commence their lessons.

WEEKLY OFFERING TO ST GEORGE'S PARISH: 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. You can get a copy of the parish's bank account details from Seamus O'Neill, Ann Middleton or Steve Holder if you would like to set up a Standing Order or make a one-off donation. You can also use your debit card rather than cash to make your weekly contributions or one-off donations to church, using the contactless machine at the back of church. Thank you for your continued generous donations to the parish.



FAIRTRADE AT ST GEORGE'S EVERY SUNDAY AFTER 10.00AM MASS: We have a good selection of Christmas cards which can now be bought from the stall. Other Fairtrade goods are available - either refer to the Price List at the back of church (copies may be taken away) or view on St George's Facebook page. Please order these goods using the Order Forms provided and pay with exact money (cash only please) on collection of goods. Thank you for supporting producers in the developing world. *Frances and Dennis*

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP): St George's SVP members are maintaining contact 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 (Holder).

CURRENT AND ASPIRING ALTAR SERVERS – WHERE ARE YOU?: Steve (Holder) would love to hear from you – email the bulletin address or put a note through the Rectory door.

NEW DIARIES are available from the back of church, near the Mass cards.

THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS CALLED BY THE POPE: The 'coordinators' from our parish are **Katy Iggulden (representing the school); Marika Gatt; Marcel Gatt, Damian Rooney.** As well as speaking to our coordinators you can contact the Pope yourself with your views. *Please send your letter to: His Holiness Pope Francis, 00120 Vatican City*

THE SYNODAL JOURNEY: Every Catholic diocese throughout the world is invited to be involved in this journey. It is a journey of listening and mutual discernment whereas a parish we meet, listen and discern. Our initial conversations to begin with will be based on our experience of living our faith. Having listened to peoples' faith experience the process will move to the wider themes of communion, participation and mission. Celebrating synod means walking on the same path, walking together, clerical and lay. Parishioners are asked to come and walk with all those who make up the Church community. It is not a matter of telling the Pope or others what you want, it is rather a matter of participation in a process and allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to us.



**WARMEST CHRISTMAS WISHES AND
EVERY BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR
AHEAD**

**from Julia and all the team at
ST BEDE'S PASTORAL CENTRE, YORK**