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SUNDAY MASS 10.30am and 6.30pm
Confessions after all Masses *in the Sacristy*
Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10.30am Mass
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SUNDAY 5 JANUARY – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR C
YEAR OF ST LUKE – DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2
10.30am Mass Gladys Vierwin <-> 6.30pm Mass People of the Parish



Tuesday	St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest	9.45am Morning Prayer; 10.00am Mass	<i>Ainsley Gabriel Fernaades</i>
Wednesday		9.45am Morning Prayer; 10.00am Mass	<i>David Perry</i>
Thursday		9.45am Morning Prayer; 10.00am Mass	<i>Hazel Wilkinson</i>
Friday		9.45am Morning Prayer; 10.00am Mass	<i>Laura McGuigan</i>
Saturday	Adoration 10.30am-11.30am	9.45am Morning Prayer; 10.00am Mass	

Masses received: **Patricia Margaret Vaughan Thompson** died on 23 December. Requiem Mass will take place on 20 January, time to be announced. *Please pray for the repose of her soul, may she rest in peace.*

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The New Year is a grace-filled reminder for all who seek divine intervention in their life challenges: we are not alone on this journey. God is with us. Just as the Israelites experienced the presence of Yahweh in all their trials during the Exodus, so too will He 'not fail you or forsake you', Our journey is a "Pilgrimage of Hope". Pope Francis invites us to celebrate this year as a Jubilee Year, a time to embark on a pilgrimage of hope. A jubilee year is set aside to encourage the faithful to undertake pilgrimages, repent for their sins, forgive others, and renew their focus on spiritual life. Originally celebrated every fifty years with the freeing of slaves and the forgiveness of debts, the first Christian Jubilee was instituted by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. Since then, the Church has designated each subsequent jubilee as a special year of grace and forgiveness, offering the faithful the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence.

As we begin this New Year with Jubilee perspective so also our church in its 175th year of witnessing faith in York, let us walk forward in the days ahead, fully trusting in God.

A THOUGHT FROM THICKET - 5 January (Epiphany)

"The Kings at the manger represent seekers from all lands and peoples. There lived in them a pure longing for truth that did not stop at the boundaries of native doctrines and traditions. Because God is truth and because he wants to be found by those who seek him with their whole hearts, sooner or later the star had to appear to show these wise men the way to truth." (St Edith Stein)

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FAIRTRADE STALL TODAY: The plan is to hold a stall at **three-weekly intervals** until the end of March. We will confirm the dates in advance. We hope to produce an 'Annual Report' shortly.

ST GEORGE'S SVP ANNUAL REPORT: A copy of the short report detailing the activities of our SVP group over the last year to September 2024 is available on the pin board at the back of church. If you would like a copy to take home, please contact Fr Jo Michael in the first instance.

RECYCLING AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH: Thank you for all the support we have had in 2024 for recycling. Please note that old plastic pens and markers are no longer being collected but please continue to bring in wires and flexes, aluminium foil and waste wax. ***Happy New Year to all our recyclers!***

COLLECTION OF UNWANTED LAPTOPS, COMPUTERS, MOBILE PHONES, AT BOTH MASSES ON 19 JANUARY 2025:

Do you have unwanted laptops, mobile phones or computers that you no longer need? Have you thought about donating them to a York based charity? We are planning another collection at both **Masses on Sunday 19 January**, where you can bring unwanted laptops and smart phones to morning or evening Mass at St George's for donation to the IT Reuse Charity www.itreuse.org.uk At the last collection, parishioners kindly donated 29 unwanted mobile phones and 5 laptops. These were subsequently cleaned of data, ready to be repurposed for those in need.

WELCOME TO ALL: If you are visiting York, we hope you enjoy your time here. If new to the parish or would like to be involved in parish activities please make yourself known to Fr Jo Michael or to our Welcomers on the door.