



Sunday 5 January – YEAR A - YEAR OF ST MATTHEW – Divine Office Week 2

<> SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS <>

10.30 am Mass – Gladys Kerwin <> 6.30 pm Mass – Priest's Intention



Mon		NO MASS	
Tue	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9.40am Morning Prayer Mass at 10.00am and 7.00pm	
Wed	St Raymond of Peñafort, Priest	9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9.40am Morning Prayer, 10.00am Mass	
Thu		9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9.40am Morning Prayer, 10.00am Mass	<i>Elsy Paul RIP</i>
Fri		9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9.40am Morning Prayer, 10.00am Mass	<i>Laura McGuigan RIP</i>
Sat		9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9.40am Morning Prayer, 10.00am Mass	<i>Austin Timson</i>

Dear Parishioners, From my heart, I thank each one of you for the beautiful Christmas cards, cakes, gifts, sweets, your kind wishes and prayers, and also for the generous Christmas offerings given to me. Your love, thoughtfulness, and generosity truly touched my heart and made this Christmas very special for me. I am deeply grateful for your constant support, affection, and prayers. May the Infant Jesus bless you and your families abundantly with peace, good health, and joy throughout the coming year. Please remember that you are always in my prayers. With gratitude and blessings. *Fr. Jose Michael*

THOUGHT FROM THICKET – Fourth of January 2026

“The kings at the manger represent seekers from all lands and peoples. Grace led them before they ever belonged to the external church. There lived in them a pure longing for truth that did not stop at the boundaries of native doctrines and traditions.”

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(St Edith Stein)

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Frank and Rosa would like to thank all St George's parishioners who kindly took part in the, **HCPT group 560 Christmas/New Year hamper raffle**. Your donations were very much appreciated. All proceeds from this charity raffle event go to HCPT group 560, Life Changing Pilgrimage To Lourdes. **The winning raffle number was, Blue 126 - 130, Hélène Brown**. As a result of the kindness and generosity of those who donated to the raffle, the total amount raised was **£400**.

FAIRTRADE- Thank you to all who supported the Fairtrade stalls before Christmas. Goods to the value of £360 were bought - £270 after morning Mass and £90 after evening Mass. **Over this year goods to the value of £2976 have been bought – a fine effort by St George's Parishioners. Thank you.**

> **NEXT STALL NEXT SUNDAY AT BOTH MASSES.**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY POPPY APPEAL: The sum of **£166.30** was raised by the parishioners during the 2025 appeal. Grateful thanks to all who contributed to this total..

CARECENT: Thank you to all who responded to the pre-Christmas appeal for items for Carecent. Items can always be left at the back of church for Carecent and the primary school breakfast club. Large **non-perishable items** eg clothing and blankets for Carecent can be left at the **Vangarde Management Suite**, close to Prezzo, Specsavers etc. Ring first to check the opening times: 01904 238309; Mobile: 07715 216011. **Unwanted furniture** for those in need can be collected by York Community Furniture Store: 01904 426444.

MASS FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY, FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Every **second Sunday of the month**, Chapel of the Bar Convent, 3.00pm. Doors open at 2.30pm. Followed by refreshments.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR CATECHISTS: Hosted by the Adult Formation Team on **Saturday 31st January, 10.30am-3.00pm** in the **parish hall of Our Lady's Catholic Church, York**. Refreshments will be provided, and participants are asked to bring their own lunch. This day will offer time for **teaching, discussion, reflection, and encouragement**, exploring both the importance of catechesis and the role of the catechist. Participants will also have the opportunity to reflect on their own journey of faith, share experiences, and consider what future formation and training might be most helpful. The day is open to all who are already serving as catechists. However, if you are interested in becoming a catechist, please speak to Fr Jo Michael and you will be welcome to attend. To book a place please contact Nicola at adultformation@rcdmidd.org.uk.

ANNUAL MARY WARD ECUMENICAL SERVICE: St Thomas' Church Osbaldwick on Sunday 25 January 2026 at 4pm. The homily will be given by Rt Revd Dr Flora Winfield, Bishop of Selby. Tea available after the service. The service will be live-streamed on St Thomas's website. Any queries – contact Jonathon Heslop: citrustsecretary@barconvent.co.uk

GIFT AID: For tax payers £1 donated becomes £1.25. For more information please speak to Seamus O'Neil. *Many thanks to all who already donate in this way.*

WELCOME TO ALL: If you are visiting York, we hope you enjoy your time here. If you are 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.