St George RC Church York

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Divine Office Week 1

Sunday 29 November	**10.30am Mass** Holy Souls ***Children's Liturgy of the Word 10.30am*** **6.30pm Mass** Holy Souls
Monday 30 November FEAST *St Andrew, Apostle,* *Patron of Scotland*	**12noon Mass** Holy Souls
Tuesday 1 December	**8.45am Morning Prayer** **9.00am Mass** Private Intention
Wednesday 2 December	**8.45am Morning Prayer** **9.00am Mass** Martin Molloy
Thursday 3 December *St Francis Xavier* *Day of Special Prayer for Migrants and Refugees*	**8.45am Morning Prayer** **9.00am Mass** Steve Holder's Intention
Friday 4 December *St John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*	***No Morning Prayer or Mass***
Saturday 5 December	**8.40am Rosary for Vocations** **9.00am Mass** Ursula Mackley **Mass followed by Exposition**

Confessions - Saturdays after 9.00am Mass (9.40am-10.15am approx);
Sundays 10.00am-10.30am; 6.00pm-6.30pm and after both Masses.
After weekday Masses by arrangement by contacting Mgr Gerard.
I realise that many are unable to come on Saturdays or weekdays so I hope this helps. ***Mgr Gerard***

Saturday's Rosary begins at 8.40am

THOUGHT FROM THICKET – 29 November- First Sunday of Advent

"The holy time of Advent is here . . . . Let us empty our soul so He can come forth in it and communicate the eternal life that is its own; And then, in the silence of prayer, let us listen to Him, for He is the "Source" who speaks within us and who has said: 'He who sent me is true, and I tell all I have heard from Him'.
(St Elizabeth of the Trinity)
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ADVENT – the word comes from the Latin word for coming. We're awaiting the coming of Jesus Christ. We're awaiting the wonder, the miracle of God becoming flesh; the Son of God being born of a woman; the Word who came to live a sinless life in a sinful world.

We're awaiting in expectant wonder, this is the cry of Advent in the midst of a world that seems to have lost much of its ability to wonder, ponder or stand in awe. Seemingly we've seen it all. Often we're too busy for moments of amazement.

I see the Christmas markets in York are now open, and all the shops are full of Christmas cheer in preparation for the season of Christmas.

Are we ready for a season of wonder? Will you join the caravan to Bethlehem in preparing once again to receive and welcome the Child who welcomes you?

We prepare in Advent by going to confession and coming to Mass and making sure that we put a crib up as well as Christmas trees and the tinsel! ***Enjoy this Advent season. Mgr Gerard.***

FAIRTRADE STALL TODAY: Christmas items available including Christmas cards, Christmas chocolates, Advent calendars, Palestinian soaps and dates, socks, baubles, dolls, earrings, small gifts and wrapping paper. A small range of the usual items will be available but not on display – please ask. *Sincere apologies to everyone who was expecting a full range of Christmas items last Sunday. Despite this, goods to the value of £286 were bought - £238 at morning Mass and £48 at evening Mass. Very many thanks.*

TEA/COFFEE this Sunday and every two weeks after our Sunday morning Mass. It is a good time to chat and meet new people; all proceeds go to help the children in St George's School. Thank you to the volunteers who are willing to support and help.

AN APPEAL FOR SPANISH SPEAKING PARISHIONERS TO BEFRIEND AT MASS THE GONZALES FAMILY FROM EL SALVADOR: Un llamado a todos los feligreses que hablan español.

¿Estarían dispuestos a crear lazos de amistad y brindar apoyo en la misa a la familia Gonzales que recientemente llegó desde El Salvador, y a quienes damos la bienvenida? Si desean apoyar, favor de contactar a las personas a la entrada de la iglesia, o a Monseñor Gerard.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW): This is a special part of the Mass for children aged 3-8 years who leave the main assembly before the scripture readings to hear, understand and respond to the Sunday gospel in a way suited to their age, re-joining the congregation during the Presentation of the Gifts. The CLOW team warmly welcomes more young children to join the sessions.

GIFT AID: Many thanks to all who Gift Aid their financial donations to St George's. This means that every £1.00 donated becomes £1.25. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to know more about Gift Aid please speak to Seamus O'Neil.

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTIONS: Thank you for your donations for Carecent and our Primary School and thanks to the volunteers who deliver them. Large items for Carecent *eg* blankets, clothing can be left at Carecent, Central Methodist Church, St Saviourgate 8.30am-10.45am, Mon-Sat but ring Carecent first: 01904 624244.

ST BEDE'S PASTORAL CENTRE: For information about St Bede's Autumn Programme email fiona@stbedes/org.uk, 21 Blossom St, York YO24 1AQ; 01904 464900. *Full details of the courses are available pinned to the notice board at the back of church.*

CHRISTMAS AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Friday 18 December 7.00pm Carols and Readings St George's, jointly with St Denys Church
Followed by refreshments – donations of mince pies will be gratefully received

Christmas Eve	5.00pm Mass suitable for children and families
	8.00pm Solemn Christmas Eve Mass
Christmas Day	9.30am Mass of the Day

PARISH CONTACTS

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WELCOME - if you are a visitor or a guest of a family, we are pleased to have you join us today. Also, if you are new in the area, please let us know by speaking to Mgr Gerard or to one of the welcomers.

God Bless - *Mgr Gerard*

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