

# St John the Evangelist

# 3rd Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday

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## Mass Times this Week:

- Saturday 12 St Jane de Chantal, Mem  
Mass: *Deceased members of Barker and O'Brien Families*
- Sunday 13 3rd Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday  
10:00am Mass: *Parish*  
3:00pm Carol Service for people with Dementia on the Diocesan YouTube Channel
- Monday 14 St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor, Mem
- Tuesday 15 Feria
- Wednesday 16 Feria  
09:30am Mass: *Colette Watson RIP*
- Thursday 17 Feria  
Mass: *EBC*
- Friday 18 Feria  
09:30am Mass: *Colette Watson RIP*
- Saturday 19 Feria  
Mass: *Dead of the EBC*
- Sunday 20 4th Sunday of Advent  
10:00am Mass: *Parish*

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Dear Everyone,

As you have probably been expecting, Christmas this year cannot be quite the same as we would have liked. We have been pondering the best thing to do, so this is just to let you know that the following arrangements will be in place:

### CHRISTMAS EVE

No children's crib service.

**Mass at 8pm.** With this Mass comes a plea: the church has to be made ready for Mass next morning; I shall do my best to do all the wiping down which has to happen to make the church safe for the second Mass, but if two or three people would like to volunteer to help me, that would be wonderful. I realise that nobody wants to spend a short time on Christmas Eve swabbing down benches, but please do have a think and see if you may be able to help!

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass at 10am

Thank you, and God bless,

Fr James.

**Prayer to St Michael:** Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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### **Thought for the Week**

“Too many people get credit for being good, when they are only being passive. They are too often praised for being broadminded when they are so broadminded they can never make up their minds about anything.” Fulton J. Sheen

### **Christmas Flowers**

There will be a plate for donations towards Christmas Flowers. We aren't really at a stage to reintroduce the regular flower rota, but we would definitely like to see flowers on the altar for Christmas.

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS ASKED FOR!**

Please pray hard for us at Ampleforth at the moment. You will know that the School has been forbidden to recruit new pupils; we are certainly appealing against this, but your prayers would help us enormously. God's will *should* always be done, but alas in our fallen civilization this does not always happen!

**This coming Monday and Tuesday, the Community has its Annual Conventual Chapter, so I shall be there for those two days. Please pray for us all, that we may discern the will of God and what is the right way forward for the Community and all its works in general, over and above the difficulties mentioned above. Information and Useful Links**

- Please let Kathryn have your email for the bulletin
- Search for our closed group on Facebook
- Please see our website for a list of on-line resources, including churches who are live-streaming Mass, and Magnificat's offer for free on-line access during this troubled time.
- Catholic Universe and Catholic Times: can be delivered to you weekly: 3 months for £22.00 or 12 months for £80.00. See [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call 0161 820 5722
- For editions of all the catholic papers you can also go on [www.ChurchPaper.co.uk](http://www.ChurchPaper.co.uk).

### **Eggs: Free until further notice**

Please take what you need from the Porch, many thanks to Trish and Jane. You are still welcome to donate to the Poor Box if you wish, but there is no obligation.

### **Middlesbrough Food Bank**

In the run up to Christmas they urgently need cash donations, or there are arrangements with some suppliers such as Tesco where you can get food delivered to them. [Middlesbrough.foodbank.org.uk](http://Middlesbrough.foodbank.org.uk)

On 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 we also have our Abbatial Election, Abbot Cuthbert's term of office being about to expire. Every abbatial election is crucial, but this one possibly even more so, so please remember us all in your prayers in that regard.

You may be assured of my and our prayers for you all too, in this (I keep saying it, but it *is* true!) wonderful parish of St John the Evangelist in Easingwold.

God bless you all – and don't forget to make the most of this privileged season of Advent!

Fr James.

PS: Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; although there won't be Mass that day, remember what a truly loving Mother we have in Our Lady!!

### **Missio**

There are some calendars available in the porch

### **Christmas Cards in the Porch**

As usual, these can be left for others to collect, on the proviso that any still left in there by the end of January will go into Kathryn's crafting collection...

## **St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)**

The SVP nationally has been working hard to meet needs in parishes and communities. In this difficult situation they have arranged for some Zoom sessions for anyone interested in learning more about what they do. Please collect a leaflet from the Porch, or contact Kathryn. We do have a local branch, and if you would like more information about that please ring Pauline on 823675

## **UK Government COVID-19 Winter Plan**

Following the announcement from the Government we will be able to return to COVID secure Mass from Thursday, so Wednesday will be the last private prayer session. There is no need to book for the Friday Mass, there is room for those who regularly attend and one or two more. Sunday Mass needs to be booked, please can you email if you have not already done so.

With regards to Christmas Masses, we should be able to have a vigil Mass on Christmas Eve in addition to Mass on Christmas Day. We will prioritise places for those people who have been coming to Mass during lockdown, followed by those people who attended before lockdown started. If there are any spaces after that they will be available for those people who usually come at Christmas. Please email your preference for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to Kathryn.

## **Messages from Charities**

- Right to Life: A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. To email your MP: [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk)
- “Survive” is a York-based charity providing support to those who have survived child sexual abuse, rape or sexual assault: [survive-northyorks.org.uk](http://survive-northyorks.org.uk)
- The YoYo Trust (York Youth) has been given resources to support Christian ministry in schools outside of York: [yoyotrust.org.uk](http://yoyotrust.org.uk)
- St. Elisabeth Convent Online Christmas Market: Christmas ornaments; wooden toys; Nativity sets; Russian matryoshka dolls etc. <https://catalog.obitel-minsk.com/christmas-market>

## **Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings**

- The collection last week raised £188.00 thank you very much.
- We have raised £93.51 through Easyfundraising over the last quarter: thank you to those who are using the scheme. Please see Kathryn if you would like more information.

## **Advent Resources: Please contact Kathryn for links and details.**

- Churches Together: “Watching and Waiting”: There is a booklet available if you are interested, and some Zoom sessions being run. Next is on 8 December at 7pm.
- Catholic Vocation Projects course for young Adults (18-35): “Compass in Advent”. Fridays, 7pm. *Our lives are being turned upside down due to COVID-19. Join us to reflect on characters in the Christmas story whose lives were also radically changed, and how God is speaking to us today.*
- CAFOD have a variety of Advent resources including Advent prayer cards, reflections, and an online carol service guide. Please see [cafod.org.uk/parishes](http://cafod.org.uk/parishes)

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*the Sick, Infirm and Housebound:* Sally Agar, Mattie Burke, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, Jenny Cook, David Craig, Col Charles Crossland, Paul Gallagher, Pat Grotrian, Catherine Harmer, Mary-Rose Harrison, Pauline Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Derrick Johnson, Gerry Kelly, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, Marie Podgorski, Teresa Catherine Powers, Stephen Sangster, Ron Waite and Sophie Williams; *those who have died recently:* Philip Scrope and Colette Watson *and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* Philip Appleyard, Mary Brown, Chris Cviic, Martin Crane and John Mark Lawrie