

St John the Evangelist

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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16 January 2022 (Year C)

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Mass Times this Week:

- Saturday 15 SS Maurus & Placid, Disciples of St Benedict
White Flower Appeal this weekend
5:45pm Mass: *John Kay RIP*
- Sunday 16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Peace Day
10:00am Mass: *Mary Melling RIP*
- Monday 17 St Antony of Egypt, Abbot
- Tuesday 18 Feria
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Wednesday 19 Feria
- Thursday 20 Ss Fabian, pope, & Sebastian, martyrs,
- Friday 21 St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
- Saturday 22 Feria
5:45pm Mass: *Jean de Groot RIP*
- Sunday 23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00am Mass: *Parish*

World Peace Sunday

This Sunday, 16 January, is Peace Sunday and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.

The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peace-making? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about?

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media.

Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>.

Thought for the Week

Indeed, Man wishes to be happy even when he so lives as to make happiness impossible!

St Augustine

Middlesbrough Food Bank

Thank you for your recent offerings. Next delivery by Sunday 6 February.

Do please remember that we also collect for the Easingwold Food Bank, which helps a large number of families even in our own "prosperous" town and surrounding area.

COVID Alert

Please be aware that two parishioners have recently tested positive.

Appeal for empty sweet tubs/biscuit tins

A request from All Saints School: if you have any to spare, please tell Mary Atkin-Johnson.

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.

White Flower Appeal 2022

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) is holding its appeal this weekend. SPUC's Mission is to save the lives of unborn babies and to protect women from abortion. Every new life is a wonderful gift from God and every baby is loved and cherished by God from the first moment of his or her existence. SPUC works to build a society which fully reflects this unconditional love that God has for everyone of us.

Tragically the threats facing unborn children in our country today are very great. Since the Abortion Act was passed in 1967 nearly ten million precious babies have lost their lives as a result of abortion. And millions of women, and men too, have been deeply wounded.

In March 2020 the government introduced "home abortion" under the coronavirus regulations. This means that abortion pills can be taken at home to induce abortion. This has led to more innocent babies losing their lives. And there are serious dangers for women too. These drugs, which can lead to serious medical complications, are taken without the supervision of health professionals. According to an independent poll which SPUC commissioned, the majority of GPs are worried about this.

Moving abortion into the home makes women much more vulnerable to coercion from abusive partners and family members. 87% of GPs are concerned about women being at risk of being coerced into an unwanted abortion, through this form of domestic abuse. This is a huge blind spot in our public debate: how can abortion be about choice when so many women experience coercion?

Public consultations have been held in England, Scotland and Wales on making "home abortion" permanent. SPUC has fought this by doing what we do best, mobilising pro-life men and women up and down our country to put pressure on politicians to protect mothers and babies. We are awaiting the results of the consultation.

Another group under pressure are our wonderful pro-life young people who are under increasing attack at universities. Pro-life students at the Universities of Oxford and Exeter have experienced violent intimidation and attempts have been made to suppress their right to speak about pro-life issues.

You can protect our right to speak about abortion by signing the postcard (on the ushers' table), as a part of our petition in support of the right of all of us to speak up about abortion. We can't defend mothers and babies if our voices are silenced. Please fill in your postcard today, and post it to SPUC. We will gather them together and present them to N° 10 on your behalf.

Please could you also support SPUC's work by giving as generously as you can to the White Flower collection today. Every donation, of whatever size, will help to save babies' lives. There are many babies, children and adults alive today because of your generous support for SPUC in past years. Let's keep going until every baby is safe. Thank you!

Confessions

Please remember that, just at the moment, we are unable to provide the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will let you know as soon as we are able to resume this essential Sacrament.

Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings

- Last Sunday's collection raised £254. Thank you very much.
- There is a second collection this week for the SPUC's White Flower Appeal

Upcoming Events

January

- Fri 28 11:00am Requiem Mass for Mary Melling

February

- Wed 2 1:00pm SVP meeting in the Priory.
Zoom Meeting ID: 656 389 1749 Passcode: Trainingi
- Sun 6 4:00pm Evensong to mark the 70th anniversary of the Queen's Accession at the Parish Church - service to be taken by the Bishop of Selby

SVP and CWL Contacts

- St. Vincent de Paul (SVP): Pauline Willcox 823675
- Catholic Women's League (CWL): Susan Harrand 823219

Middlesbrough Yearbook - £1

These are available in the Porch. You maybe interested to know that the cover has a photo of William's Uncle, Peter Scrope.

Please help yourself to the following free items

- Herbs from the herb garden outside the kitchen door
- Selection of mirror tiles in Parish Office

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Infirm and Housebound: Rita Ashbridge, Mary Capaldi, David Craig, Hilary Dutton, Paul Gallagher, Mary-Rose Harrison, and Gerry Kelly;

the Sick: Jenny Cook, Simon Cunniffe, Marcin Ellingham, Barbara Fox, Murray Grant, Brian Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Sarah Hodgkinson, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, baby Malachi James Mtui, Krystyna Najgrodzka, Vincent O'Donnell, Teresa Catherine Powers, Val Ross, Tilly (Middlesbrough) and Anne Waggott;

those who have died recently: Mary Melling and Brian Pennington;

those whose Anniversaries occur about this time: Beryl Ryan, Martin Vincent Mulderrig.

Rotas: More help is needed, please speak to Kathryn if you think you can help

- Kathryn has sent out the rotas for 2022 but, if you have not received one and you expected it, please let us know.
- Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and housebound: You do not have to be especially "holy", but a Catholic *in good standing* who has a deep reverence and love for the Blessed Sacrament, and a love and care for the people to whom you will be administering it.

	Steward(s)	Reader	Coffee	Flowers
Sat 15 Jan	David Embleton	Julian Fowell		
Sun 16 Jan	Mary Clare	Eugenie Fomekong	Sheila H & Wilkinsons	Dorothea McMahan
Sat 22 Jan	Fulfords	John Willcox		
Sun 23 Jan	Sam Moodycliffe	Jenny Tomalin Reeves	Jill S and Jenny H	Trish & Jane