

The Parish of Saint Joseph, Stokesley

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Stokesley

Saint Mary the Virgin Roman Catholic Chapel, Crathorne

Saint Margaret Clitherow Catholic Church, Great Ayton

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday 19 th September	5.30pm Vigil Mass Saint Margaret's	<i>Geoffrey Humpleby (A)</i> TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 20 th September	9.00am Mass Saint Mary's	<i>People of the Parish</i> TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	10.30am Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>In Thanksgiving (SI)</i> TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Monday 21 st September	9.15am Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>Ernestina Meszaros (A)</i> S MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
Tuesday 22 nd September	9.15am Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>Priest's Intention</i> Feria
Wednesday 23 rd September	12noon Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>Priest's Intention</i> S Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Thursday 24 th September		OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Friday 25 th September	9.15am Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>Delia Terry (LD)</i> Feria
Saturday 26 th September	9.15am Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>Priest's Intention</i> Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
	5.30pm Vigil Mass Saint Margaret's	<i>People of the Parish</i> TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 27 th September	9.00am Mass Saint Mary's	<i>Revd Ronald Metcalfe (LD)</i> TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	10.30am Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>Deceased Members of the Vincentian Family (RIP)</i> TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for their dear families:

Michael Scott, Brian Thompson, Delia Terry.
+ *Requiescant in Pace* +

A **warm welcome** if you are a visitor to the parish or if you have moved into the area, please introduce yourself to Fr Timothy at the end of Mass.

Any **safeguarding** concerns in the parish can be confidentially conveyed via e-mail to the Parish Safeguarding Representatives:
psrstjosephandmargaretclitherow@rcdmidd.org.uk

Any **loose change** can be left in bowls in all churches and will be given directly to the Head Teacher at Sacred Heart School, Middlesbrough to pay for school meals for asylum seeker children.

Mass cards may be signed at the end of any Mass.

Any adults wishing to become Catholics (RCIA) or any parents seeking **First Sacraments** for their children please see Fr Timothy.

If you would like to learn about the work of the **SVP** please attend a Zoom session on: 12th October at 11.00am, 13th October at 7.00pm or 14th October at 4.00pm. Please e-mail presidentc13@svp.org.uk with your preference. (See September's *Voice* p.11)

Please bring your red **Missio** boxes to any church porch during October. Last year our Parish generously donated £1,292.09 towards Missio. Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities which maybe poor or in need. Thank you.

If any parishioner would like to request a **visit** from Fr Timothy for any reason, please make contact via e-mail or by telephone in the first instance.

Hambleton Food Bank welcomes donations of non-perishable food which may be left in the porches of any churches in the parish, thank you.

Confessions are heard ordinarily each Saturday at Saint Joseph's after the 9.15am Mass and at 5.00pm at Saint Margaret's at, or may be arranged by contacting Fr Timothy directly please, thank you.

Ken Harrison kindly looks after the **church halls** at Saint Margaret's and Saint Joseph's; any enquiries or bookings should be made by please telephoning Ken on 07808 877191.

If you would like to have a **Mass offered**, please give your offering envelope to Fr Timothy and make your requests known well in advance.

The ***Fabulosa*** event on 8th September raised £6140 for Maggie's Cancer Care Centre – thank you.

Please may all parishioners complete a new **parish census** form by October 1st 2026, and hand it in an envelope to Fr Timothy or post it through the Presbytery letterbox (available from the back of each church or kindly e-mail the completed form to stjosephstokesley@rcdmidd.org.uk). Thank you.

Luca Settimo encourages us to read '**Biblical notion of Salvation**': https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Middlesbrough_May_26_Final-Proof.pdf & <https://youtu.be/JOkBSatva9M>

Please kindly click:
<https://donate.mydona.com/st-josephs-stokesley> or scan the QR code to make an online donation to the Parish, thank you.



In the Acts of the Apostles (20:35) we are reminded that happiness is only ever truly experienced when we give rather than receive. Volunteering by undertaking charitable work is a wonderful example of how we may live out the Risen Life of Christ; indeed, St Augustine of Hippo stated that, "The supreme happiness of life consists in the love of God." To love God then, is to love our neighbour as we love ourselves, especially in the sacrificial pursuit of being kind in and through charitable acts or corporal acts of mercy (cf. Matthew 25). Saint Augustine argued that earthly achievements and pleasures cannot provide true and lasting happiness, as they are subject to temporal change and loss. To be truly happy then is to abide within and experience the eternal love of God in service of our neighbour by living love.

Sincere good wishes and prayers for the coming week, God bless, Fr Timothy.