

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 and welcome, join us for refreshments after our Mass.

- **Mass Intentions** – Please send in your Mass intentions for December and Christmas.
- **Non-Perishable donations of food and toiletries** – Thank you for your generous donations towards food parcels from all our Churches. We would appreciate more donations of pasta, cereals, vegetables, fruit, soup, pasta sauce, tea, coffee, beans, spaghetti hoops and similar, tuna, jam, marmalade, toiletries, toilet rolls, biscuits and treats. The recipients are very grateful. Please leave donations in the Church porches.
Delivery of Non-Perishables donations of food – This is on Wednesday 17th December. Please donate by Sunday 14th December. Thank you.
- **Advent** – Advent Walk with Me Books are £1.00 each.
- **Christmas Fair** – The Christmas Fair this year is on Saturday, 13th December, from 10am at St Joseph's Church, starting with a children's nativity story in the church, with carols and songs along with a special visit by Father Christmas and some sparkling Christmas classics from Oscar, Jack and Isla, followed by the Christmas Fair in the hall. Thank you for the donations that have been coming in. Please continue donating bottles and tombola prizes. From Friday we are asking for cakes to be made for the Cake Stall, these can be delivered to the presbytery or to the hall on the day. There are still some Christmas raffle tickets available in the church porches after all Masses this weekend. Please return counter foils and payments in the envelope provided to any church porch. Many thanks.
- **Friday 12th December** – The hall will be open to those that need to set up stalls for the Christmas Fair, any additional help would be gratefully received. Any cakes arriving, if they are well covered, they can also arrive on Friday 12th December. Many thanks.
- **Churches Together Service of Lessons and Carols** – The Churches Together Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at the Parish Church at 6pm on Sunday 14th December. If anyone would like to be part of the choir at this service, there will be rehearsals at the Parish Church: Wednesday 10 December 6.00-7.30pm and Sunday 14 December 4.00-5.30pm. Also on Monday 15th December, at 7pm there will be carols along with a Brass Band on the High Street near the Christmas Tree. All are welcome.
- **SPUC Christmas Cards** – Many thanks to all who bought the cards to support the work of SPUC. We raised £235.00 in total. Many thanks for all those who made extra donations.
- **Dementia Friendly Carol Service** – The Dementia Friendly Carol Service will be held at the Cathedral on Monday, 8th December, at 2pm, followed by festive refreshments in the Cathedral Hall with music and fun.
- **Diocese of Middlesbrough Yearbook 2026** – This is now available with all Mass Times at all the parishes in the Diocese. The cost is £1.00. Also, the December issue of the Catholic Voice is available.
- **Christmas Flowers** – Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for all Christmas flowers in all our churches.

- **Parish Christmas Card** – There will be a Parish Christmas card available with Mass times next weekend.

God Bless Monsignor Gerard & Fr. Charles