

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
29th August 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Saint Margaret's

People of the Parish

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday
30th August 9.00am Mass
Saint Mary's

Thanksgiving (KR)(SI)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.30am Mass
Saint Joseph's

James Finny (Sick)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday
31st August

Saint Aidan, Bishop & the Saints of Lindisfarne

Tuesday
1st September

Feria *(World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)*

Wednesday
2nd September

12noon Mass
Saint Joseph's

Amanda Jennings (LD)

Feria

Thursday
3rd September

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR

Friday
4th September

10.00am Funeral
Saint Margaret's

Requiem Mass for Mrs Dorothy Watt

6.00pm Mass
Saint Joseph's

Matthew Blades (LD)

Saint Cuthbert, Bishop

Saturday
5th September

9.15am Mass
Saint Joseph's

Siobhan Dowling (PI)

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin

5.30pm Vigil Mass
Saint Margaret's

People of the Parish

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday
6th September

9.00am Mass
Saint Mary's

Colin & Joshua Gent (RIP)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.30am Mass
Saint Joseph's

MDM (SI)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Christine Lisle, Dorothy Watt. + *Requiescant in Pace* +

A **warm welcome** if you are a visitor to the parish this weekend or if you have recently moved into the parish, please kindly introduce yourself to Fr Timothy at the end of Holy Mass, thank you.

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.

The **Terminally Ill Adults** (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons seeking to legalise assisted suicide when MPs vote on 11th September, so please consider contacting your MP once again – more details: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> Please also take a card from the back of church and pray that life will be cherished.

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 ordinarily each Saturday at Saint Joseph's after the 9.15am Mass and at Saint Margaret's at 5.00pm, 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.

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

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 if you wish to request a certain date or church - please be kind enough to write clearly and include a telephone number, thank you. Please note, we have received very few new Mass requests thus far!

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 is a parishioner and professor of theology, he encourages us to read '**Biblical notion of Grace**': <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Approved-July-2026-Voice.pdf> & https://youtu.be/_rgdAtOZiDw Luca is also the author of the YouTube channel "**The Way of the Word**": <https://www.youtube.com/@LucaSettimo-7>



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

May I once again express my sincere thanks to all parishioners for your gracious and generous welcome, everyone has been so very kind and patient; it is my privilege and pleasure to be your priest.

In this Sunday's second reading from S Paul's epistle to the Romans, we are called to be transformed by the renewal of our minds; in other words, we are to be guided by the goodness of God so that our actions may actualise and embody what is the very heart of God in Christ. From my experience, a reasonable attempt to endeavour to live out S Paul's instruction may begin by simply sitting in silence at the beginning and end of each day before we begin our prayers (cf. Psalm 46). By being still in the peace of 'godly' silence, we allow ourselves five or ten minutes each day to listen and reflect on what the Lord requires of us in the life of faith as we endeavour to be faithful when we act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (cf. Micah 6:8). May our dear minds be renewed by Him who first loved us.

Have a safe and happy week and all best wishes in the gladness of peace, God bless, Fr Timothy.