

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** – All Masses during November will be for the Holy Souls. Please take an envelope and add the names of your loved ones along with a donation. There will be a Book of Remembrance in all Churches with your loved ones' names in.
- **All Saints** – All Saints Day will be celebrated this year on Sunday 2nd November at our usual Sunday Mass times, including St Margaret Clitherow, Great Ayton.
- **Mass for All Souls** – The Mass for All Souls on Monday 3rd November will be celebrated at 9.15am and 6pm at St Joseph's, Stokesley.
- **Mass of Deceased Clergy** – The Mass of Deceased Clergy will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 5th November at 12 midday. Bishop Terry and the Cathedral Chapter will celebrate the Annual Mass for all priests of the diocese who have died. All are welcome.
- **November** – November is a month in the church year that we devote to praying for the Holy Souls. All our Masses are celebrated for the Holy Souls in purgatory. Praying and requesting Masses for the Holy Souls in a parish is a profound act of charity and communion. It reflects our belief in the unity of the Church – those on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven – and our responsibility to support one another spiritually. By offering prayers and Masses, we entrust the souls of the departed to God's mercy, asking that they may be purified and welcomed into eternal life. In a parish setting, this practice also strengthens the community's spiritual bond and reminds us of the sacred connection between the living and the dead and the enduring power of prayer. Please take your envelopes and hand them back as soon as possible.
- **SPUC Christmas Cards** – Fran Burns has confirmed that the Christmas Cards have arrived, and she will give them out on Sunday 2nd November. Could you please bring the correct monies.
- **Christmas Fayre** – The Christmas Fayre this year is on Saturday, 13th December from 10am at St Joseph's Church. There will be a bottle stall, cakes stall, face painting, tombola, a Christmas raffle, crafts and other stalls. Plus, a special visit by Fr. Christmas. If you have a suitable prize which you would like to donate, please bring to St Joseph's Church. Also, we need "boozy bottle", donations, craft items, etc. It is so important for ALL parishioners to donate goods and help in any way to make this a success. Please can you start bringing and donating these items to the presbytery at St Joseph's church. Many thanks.
- **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. Thank you.
- **Father Charles Bassey** – I am delighted to welcome towards the end of this month Fr Charles Bassey, who is originally from the Diocese of Uyo in Nigeria. He had been studying and working in and around Rome for the past few years, and his Bishop has allowed him to come and work in the Diocese of Middlesbrough for at least three years. His first year will be working with me and Mgr. Dasey in the parishes of Great Ayton, Stokesley and Crathorne. I am sure you will make him welcome.

God Bless Monsignor Gerard.