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 21st November	5.30pm Vigil Mass Saint Margaret's	*Peter Fulton (90th Birthday Anniversary)* **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
Sunday 22nd November	9.00am Mass Saint Mary's	*Month of the Holy Souls: November Dead List (RIP)* **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
	11:00 Mass Saint Joseph's	*People of the Parish* **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
Monday 23rd November		S Columban, Abbot
Tuesday 24th November		Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday 25th November	12noon Mass Saint Joseph's	*Month of the Holy Souls: November Dead List (RIP)* S Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
Thursday 26th November		Feria
Friday 27th November	6.00pm Mass Saint Joseph's	*Month of the Holy Souls: November Dead List (RIP)* Feria
Saturday 28th November	9.15am Mass Saint Joseph's	*Month of the Holy Souls: November Dead List (RIP)* Votive Mass of Our Lady
	5.30pm Vigil Mass Saint Margaret's	*Sr Katherine Frost FCJ (LD)* **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Sunday 29th November	9.00am Mass Saint Mary's	*Month of the Holy Souls: November Dead List (RIP)* **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
	11:00 Mass Saint Joseph's	*People of the Parish* **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

+ Requiescat 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.

Please kindly take the newly formatted weekly **newsletters** home and reflect on the Sunday lectionary and the reflections offered, thank you.

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

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.

Please leave in the church porches non-perishable items to help the work of **Hambleton Foodshare**.

Please contact Ken on 07808 877191 regarding the **church halls** at Saint Margaret's or Saint Joseph's.

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 please. We receive very few requests for midweek Masses, thank you.

Confessions - Saturdays at Saint Joseph's after the 9.15am Mass and at 5.00pm at Saint Margaret's, or may be arranged by contacting Fr Timothy directly.

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

Logos will meet on Wednesday, 2nd December from 10:30 – 11:45 in Saint Joseph's Hall where we shall reflect on the subject of anger with the aid of refreshments, good company and informed debate.

Any **loose change** may be left in bowls in all churches and will help pay for school meals for asylum seeker children at Sacred Heart School.

Parish Christmas raffle tickets available to buy after all weekend Masses until 13th December, with the draw taking place following the Nativity play and Christingle on 20th December, in the church hall at Saint Joseph's. Thank you for all the wonderful prizes donated so far. Ticket stubs and payment can be left in the envelopes provided at the back of each church. Also, donations of chocolates, chocolate biscuits and bottles of alcohol for the tombola and raffle stalls will be gratefully received and may be left in the porch of Saint Joseph's church. Thank you.

Fundraising **jewellery sale** at Saint Mary's after Mass, 22nd November. All proceeds for the Parish.

Nativity Play and **Christingle** followed by seasonal refreshments, raffle, stalls and entertainment on Sunday, 20th December at 4.00pm at Saint Joseph's.

Parish **Christmas cards** depicting the painting above Saint Mary's Altar are now on sale (£5 for 10) and can be purchased from the church porches.

Please scan the QR code to donate to your parish or kindly click here: https://donate.mydona.com/st-josephs-stokesley

This Sunday we shall celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe when Jesus, as the Son of Man, is presented as King and Judge at the end of time. We feel uneasy thinking that we shall judged when we shall die because all of us have made mistakes, some quite serious, even if such mortal sins have only be known to God in Confession. But this weekend's Gospel also looks to the second coming of Christ, and it encourages us to look beyond who we are and what we've done – it calls us recognise Christ as King of all peoples and nations, for the entire world belongs to Him. As the faithful baptised people of God, our duty and mission goes beyond showing simply love and mercy because we are kingly, prophetic and priestly people. To be a Catholic in 2026 means that we are to faithfully bear witness to the hope that we all treasure, true life in Christ. At Mass we often say this form of the 'mystery of faith', "We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again" – the mystery of faith is our hope to behold Christ when He shall come again to judge the living and the dead. Today is the day to prepare for Christ's second coming, not just reflecting on whether we are good or good Catholics but to 'gather up' all peoples and nations so that they too can become faithful, even in the midst of any distance and separation. If Jesus Christ is the King of the entire universe (which He is!) then surely all that exists, and every person, shall hopefully be united to Him!

Happy Solemnity! All best wishes and prayers, Fr Timothy.