

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. Thank you.
- **Advent** – The season of Advent begins this Sunday, 30th November. A time of spiritually preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ. The Advent Walk with Me Books are available at St Josephs priced at £1.00 each. We only have a limited supply. Advent Calendars are free.
- **Christmas Fayre** – The Christmas Fayre 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 Fayre in the hall. Thank you for the donations that have been coming in. Please continue donating bottles and tombola prizes. I am sure closer to the day we will be asking for cakes to be made for the cake stall. The Christmas raffle tickets are available in the church porches after all Masses these next few weekends. 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 Fayre, 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 three rehearsals at the Parish Church: Sunday 23 November 3.00-4.30pm, Wednesday 10 December 6.00-7.30pm, Sunday 14 December 4.00-5.30pm. All are welcome.
- **Christmas Mass Times** – This will also be in a Christmas card from the Parish, but these are the main times.

24th December	Christmas Eve – 5.30pm (Mass suitable for children and families at St Joseph's Stokesley).
	Christmas Eve – 8pm Mass – St Joseph's Stokesley
25th December	Christmas Day – 9am Mass – St Mary's Crathorne
	Christmas Day – 10am Mass – St Margaret Clitherow Great Ayton
	Christmas Day – 10.30am Mass – St Joseph's Stokesley
26th December	Boxing Day – 10am Mass – St Joseph's Stokesley
27th December	St John the Evangelist – 9.15am Mass – St Joseph's Stokesley
	Vigil of Holy Family – 5.30pm Mass – St Margaret Clitherow Great Ayton
28th December	The Holy Family – 9am Mass – St Mary's Crathorne
	The Holy Family - 10.30am Mass – St Joseph's Stokesley
- **Welcome to Father Charles Bassey** – Welcome to Father Charles Bassey who arrives as our new Assistant Priest, on Saturday 29th November. I am sure you will all make him very welcome.

Advent is a time to listen to the gentle voice of Jesus speaking to us... are we able to listen, to take time to prepare well for Christmas?

God Bless Monsignor Gerard.