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 14th November	5.30pm Vigil Mass Saint Margaret's	*Jose Luis (LD)* **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Sunday 15th November	9.00am Mass Saint Mary's	*People of the Parish* **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
	11:00 Mass Saint Joseph's	*Month of the Holy Souls: November Dead List (RIP)* **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Monday 16th November	9.15am Mass Saint Joseph's	*Month of the Holy Souls: November Dead List (RIP)* S Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop
Tuesday 17th November	9.15am Mass Saint Joseph's	*Month of the Holy Souls: November Dead List (RIP)* S Hilda of Whitby, Abbess
Wednesday 18th November	12noon Mass Saint Joseph's	*Month of the Holy Souls: November Dead List (RIP)* Dedication of the Basilicas of S Peter & S Paul
Thursday 19th November		Feria
Friday 20th November	6.00pm Mass Saint Joseph's	*Month of the Holy Souls: November Dead List (RIP)* Feria
Saturday 21st November	9.15am Mass Saint Joseph's	*Month of the Holy Souls: November Dead List (RIP)* The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	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**

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 are heard ordinarily each Saturday 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 please, thank you.

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 will be 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. Thank you for your generosity.

Fundraising **jewellery sale** at Saint Mary's after Mass, 15th and 22nd November – Mike Toogood will sell fundraising craft jewellery, which includes crucifixes, Saint Christopher medallions, silver chains etc. Proceeds to be donated to the Parish.

Save the date! **Parish Nativity Play** and **Christingle** followed by seasonal refreshments, raffle, stalls and entertainment on Sunday, 20th December at 4.00pm at Saint Joseph's, Stokesley. All children wishing to participate in the Nativity Play please attend a short meeting after the 11:00 Mass on 15th November.

Parish **Christmas cards** 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

We all have good friends, and the other day I was talking with one of my dear friends and she said, "There's more people trying to stab one in the back these days rather than put an arm around one's shoulder." My immediate response was to agree but as I drove home, I thought that this has not always been the case. Our present-day sense of entitlement, coupled with our own dissatisfaction and pride, can make for a cruel cocktail of seeking to do harm to others without being able to attend to our own shortcomings. Whilst we've always tended to see the log in the eye of another before seeing it in our own eye (cf. Matthew 7:3-5), it is much more evident these days that compassion is being replaced with cruelty for many people think they have to stab each other in the back in order to succeed, prove a point or simply to be malicious. This Sunday's Gospel considers the need for us to be faithful in ordinary or little things in the hope of experiencing the Kingdom of Heaven. The little kind acts, words of encouragement or charitable thoughts are all ways in which we can be faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Church. May God, in His infinite love and mercy, grant to us arms and hearts that offer kindness. In this month of the Holy Souls when we pray for the faithful departed, when we also come to die, may we hear the Lord say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant." (cf. Matthew 25:21). Let us together seek to be charitable and kind; all best wishes and prayers, Fr Timothy.