

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!

- **Non-Perishable donations of food and toiletries.** Thank you for supporting local families in our area, we have delivered fruit vegetables and nonperishable which have been much appreciated. Many Thanks for the donations.
- **Mass Intentions – Please send in your Mass intentions for January 2026.**
- **Christmas Fair – A BIG THANK YOU** – to you all who helped in putting together our stalls for this year's Christmas Fair. It is so pleasing to see all Churches coming together and working together. Thank you for your contribution to all the stalls. I hope you enjoyed the day. A big thank you to all the children and parents of the Nativity. Thank you to Oscar, Jack and Isla for the Christmas songs. I am delighted that the children will be re-enacting the Nativity on Christmas Eve at the 5.30pm Mass. If you intend to come to the 5.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve, we will start at 5.00pm with carols, and if you are bringing children to this Mass they are very welcome to come dressed as a Nativity character or even a Disney character. Also, at the 8.00pm Mass this will be a candle lit Mass and there will be carols from 7.30pm. This year we have a good selection of Masses at different times at all our three churches.
- **What have we raised** – Weight of the Cake £30.00, Bottle Stall £324.00, Tea & Coffee £63.60, Toy Stall £36.00, Flower Table Decorations £148.65, Raffle (included 2 x £5 donations) £827.00, Cake Stall £230.90, Tombola £481.00, Kids Stuff £68.00. In total, the Christmas Fair made £2209.15 and included in that is the Christmas Raffle which raised £817.00. The prize winners are on the Church notice board for all three churches. This is an amazing amount of money raised. Thank you and well done.
- **Thank You** – To all the helpers in our Churches who have been involved in all kinds of ministry, cleaning, flowers, Ministers of Holy Communion and reading, Christmas Trees and decorations, music and serving and the welcoming and hospitality. I am so grateful for all the work and support that you give to me as the Parish Priest.
- **Parish Christmas Card/Envelope** – For all our parishioners there is a Christmas card from the priests with all Mass times during this Christmas week. There is also a Christmas offering envelope for your gift to the priests at Christmas, and the collection taken in the baskets on Christmas Day will be given to the priests as well.
- **Day of Reflection for Catechists on Saturday 31st January, from 10.30am to 3.00pm at Our Lady's Catholic Church, York** – The day will include teaching, discussion, reflection, and encouragement, exploring the importance of catechesis and the role of the catechist. It's also an opportunity to reflect on your own journey of faith and share experiences with others. Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. To book a place, contact Nicola on adultformation@rcdmidd.org.uk

- **New Year Toast** – Please come and join us after Mass on New Years Day at St Joseph's for a few nibbles and a drink (toast) in the New Year!

Mgr. Gerard, Mgr. Dasey and Fr. Charles wish you all a Happy Christmas and a New Year full of Blessings.