

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 5 th September	5.30pm Vigil Mass Saint Margaret's	<i>People of the Parish</i> TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 6 th September	9.00am Mass Saint Mary's	<i>Colin & Joshua Gent (RIP)</i> TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	10.30am Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>MDM (SI)</i> TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Monday 7 th September	9.15am Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>Eileen O'Keeffe (PI)</i> Feria
Tuesday 8 th September	9.15am Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>Mary Meade (PI)</i> THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Wednesday 9 th September		Saint Peter Claver, Priest
Thursday 10 th September		Feria
Friday 11 th September	6.00pm Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>Helen (Sick)</i> Feria
Saturday 12 th September	9.15am Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>Priest's Intention</i> The Most Holy Name of Mary
	5.30pm Vigil Mass Saint Margaret's	<i>Dorothy Watt (LD)</i> TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 13 th September	9.00am Mass Saint Mary's	<i>DG (PI)</i> TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	10.30am Mass Saint Joseph's	<i>People of the Parish</i> TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Christine Lisle, Michael Scott. + *Requiescant in Pace* +

A **warm welcome** if you are a visitor to the parish this weekend or if you have recently moved into the parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Timothy at the end of Holy Mass, thank you.

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

Any **loose change** can be left in bowls in all churches and will be given directly to the Head Teacher at Sacred Heart School, Middlesbrough to pay for school meals for asylum seeker children.

The **Terminally Ill Adults** (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons seeking to legalise assisted suicide when MPs vote on 11th September, so please consider contacting your MP once again – more details: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> Please also take a card from the back of church and pray that life will be cherished.

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.

Hambleton Food Bank welcomes donations of non-perishable food which may be left in the porches of any churches in the parish, 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 at, or may be arranged by contacting Fr Timothy directly please, thank you.

Ken Harrison kindly looks after the **church halls** at Saint Margaret's and Saint Joseph's; any enquiries or bookings should be made by please telephoning Ken on 07808 877191.

Mass cards may be signed at the end of any Mass.

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 if you wish to request a certain date or church - please be kind enough to write clearly and include a telephone number, thank you. Please note, we have received very few new Mass requests thus far!

Please may all parishioners complete a new **parish census** form by October 1st 2026, and hand it in an envelope to Fr Timothy or post it through the Presbytery letterbox (available from the back of each church or kindly e-mail the completed form to stjosephstokesley@rcdmidd.org.uk). Thank you.

Luca Settimo is a parishioner and professor of theology, he encourages us to read '**Biblical notion of Righteousness**': https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Middlesbrough_Aug_26_Final-Proof-1.pdf & <https://youtu.be/GGPHjezZ4-o>
Luca is also the author of the YouTube channel "**The Way of the Word**": <https://www.youtube.com/@LucaSettimo-7>



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Psalm 103 reminds us that God will remember our kindness and the compassion we share. The words we speak, the thoughts we have and the actions we live out must be echoes of such loving-kindness and justice. Imbued by the prayers and patience that we offer, our lives are to become reflections of grace.

For example, the words we utter may cause pain to others, however intentional or not; words certainly have a power to hurt, especially when our tongues are loose, uncharitable or intent on causing harm. We should carefully think before we say anything and that is why 'godly reticence' is always to be advocated to avoid speaking words which lack kindness, humility and truth. This cautionary advice is expounded in the New Testament (cf. Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 4:6). Anger, disappointment, frustration, stress or lack of sleep are all common everyday factors which 'disable' our capacity to speak with kindness after the mind and heart of Christ. Let us then speak peaceably one to another.

All best wishes for the coming week, God bless, Fr Timothy.