



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. WILLIAM OF YORK

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Mass times

Saturdays 10.30am , 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday - Friday 9.30am Mass

Eucharistic Devotion after Mass on Fridays during Advent

Reconciliations - Saturdays 11-12 noon

Any time during Advent by contacting Fr. Habte in advance.

Advent Penitential service on Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

18 DECEMBER 2022

Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

Dear Parishioners

Today we come to the last Sunday of the Advent season, but the liturgical calendar gives us a full week from the Fourth Sunday of Advent in preparation of the great feast of our Lord's nativity. Perhaps for some of us, we may like to ponder on our preparation and if it has been inadequate, make use of this final week.

As we prepare to welcome the Prince of peace into our hearts, let us make sure that this advent season and the Lord's year that we just started in Advent be a time that brings peace into our lives, let it be a time not only of giving and receiving gifts but a time of true peace in our lives, that transforms our lives and enables us to share that gift with others. Thank you for all your care and love expressed through your generous prayers and gifts for those who are less fortunate. Thank you to all who have so generously donated to the collections of our Gift Sunday and Advent Homeless collection.

I wish all parishioners a fruitful Advent reflection and encounter with the Lord.

Fr Habte



TODAY'S READINGS -

Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Liz

As is usual on the 4th Sunday of Advent the Gospel passage relates how Jesus was born. Being pregnant before marriage brought dishonour to the husband. However Joseph was a thoughtful man and had planned not to publicly dishonour Mary. Enter the Angel Gabriel and everything is turned on its head! Joseph was clearly a man of faith and did what was asked of him and adopted Jesus as his son. Had he not followed the instructions of the angel I wonder what history would have been like? God clearly chose Mary and Joseph to be parents of Jesus as they had a strong faith along with personality traits able to nurture and teach him in readiness for his public ministry. As parents we are asked to share our faith with our children and prepare them for life as an adult. God chooses us as the parents for our specific children. This is especially true for parents of children with a disability as well as other life situations. LB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Isaiah 52.7-10, Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18

SECOND COLLECTIONS DURING ADVENT WILL BE FOR THE HOMELESS

Please give generously! THANK YOU.

ADVENT PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE - TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

Advent is a good time to take advantage of the Sacrament of Penance, either at the Saturday 11:00pm- 12:00 noon parish confession times, or any time during advent by contacting Fr. Habte in advance. We will also be holding a parish Penitential service on Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please take a Christmas card so that you and your family have the Mass times at hand over the Christmas season. You can also find the Christmas card also on the website and Facebook page and by following this link [Christmas Card](#)
There will be four masses over Christmas: Christmas Eve 6.00pm & Midnight and Christmas Day 9.30am & 11.30am

- The Christmas Day 9.30am Mass will be specifically dedicated for families. Children will be involved in leading and animating the liturgy.
- Midnight Mass and 11.30am Mass on Christmas day will be live streamed.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO FR HABTE

The offering at all Christmas Masses is your personal offering to Fr Habte. Father Habte thanks you in anticipation for your generosity. Please use the red envelopes provided and Gift Aid where possible as the parish will benefit. Donations may also be given via the Contactless device in the Narthex, by scanning the QR code, via the secure link on our webpage [DONATE WITH DONA](#)



or directly to our parish bank account details below:-

- NatWest Bank, Sort Code 60-50-01, Account number 79124437
- Account name RCAS Forest Hill
- Reference - Your surname/Gift Aid no/Christmas Offering

If you will be away at Christmas, please use the red envelope and put it through the letter box of the presbytery whenever you can. Many thanks

OFFERINGS AT THE MANGER

This year, we shall be collecting for the work of the Catholic Children's society, supporting disadvantaged children and families in need within our schools and parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can be.

12th FOREST HILL (St William of York) Scout Group 50th Anniversary

Thank you to everyone who came to help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary and for helping us make all those memories on route.

If you would like to get involved with Scouting in the parish, please drop me a message. We look forward to meeting you. If you missed out on our anniversary badge, we still have a limited number available for £2 each – please get in touch.



With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Antonietta ahesketh@12thswoyscouts.org

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Intentions for Advent and Christmas Time:

Migrants and Refugees, especially on Migrants' Day, Friday 3rd December.
Expectant Mothers, especially on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

2023 CALENDAR AVAILABLE

The handy-sized Missio wall-calendar is available in the narthex in good time for next year – so please take one home. The picture on the front shows Sr Mary in Sri Lanka with a group of children in a project that Missio supports to enable them to go to school and playgroups. More details are in the calendar, which displays a full month at a time. Missio again thanks the parish for their generous donation for World Mission Sunday appeal amounting to over £600.

MASS ATTENDEES

26/27 Nov - 297 3/4 Dec - 417 10/11 Dec- 251

PARISH DIARY

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| Saturday 17 Dec 4pm | Carol Service Refreshments | Church School Hall |
| Sunday 18 Dec 5pm | Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Church |
| Tuesday 20 Dec 7.30pm | Advent Penitential Service | Church |
| Wednesday 21 Dec 8pm | Singing Practice | Church |
| Friday 23 Dec 10.00am | Eucharistic Adoration | Church |
| Saturday 24 Dec 9.15am | Instrumentalists | Church |

Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers

Saturday 17 December 2022

18:00 Deceased Priests of the Parish (FM)

Sunday 18 December 2022

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Joe & Maureen Reynolds RIP

Monday 19 December 2022 - Feria

09:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Tuesday 20 December 2022 - Feria

09:30 Dr Antoinette Peters RIP 5th Anniversary

Wednesday 21 December 2022 - Feria

09:30 Mary Anne Thompson (FM) **(live-streamed)**

Thursday 22 December 2022 - Feria

09:30 Gertrude Thompson (FM)

Friday 23 December 2022 - Feria

09:30 Mercy Ibini Birthday blessings

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday 24 December 2022 - Feria

10:30 John Thompson (FM)

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (A)

First Christmas Mass of the Nativity

Saturday 24 December 2022

18:00 Peter Hann RIP 3rd Anniversary

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 25 December 2022

Midnight For the Parishioners **(live-streamed)**

09:30 Family Mass

Adrian McGurran RIP

11:30 Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP 3rd Anniversary **(live-streamed)**

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

Reconciliations - Saturday 11-12 noon

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