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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 29th NOVEMBER, 2026

Collections: 22.11.26: Offertory Env. £127.00, Loose Plate £135.60, Standing orders £623.88.
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		MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat 28th November	SMC	05.45 pm	**EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS)**
		06.00 pm	Vigil Mass **HOLY SOULS**
Sun 29th November	SMC	08.40 am	**MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS)**
		09.00 am*	Mass **MAUREEN SAVILLE**
	SP	11.00 am*	Mass **GLADYS HEALY**
Mon 30th November	SMC	06.30 pm	Adoration
		07.00 pm	Mass **ST ANDREW, APOSTLE, PATRON OF SCOTLAND, FEAST: HOLY SOULS**
Tues 1st December	SMC	09.30 am	Mass
Wed 2nd December	SP	09.30 am	Adoration
		10.00 am	Mass
Thurs 3rd December	SMC	09.30 am	Mass
Fri 4th December	SMC	08.30 am	**First Friday Adoration**
		09.30 am*	Mass
Sat 5th December	SMC	10.30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation

***[All are invited for Tea/Coffee after Mass on Fridays & Sundays]**



The Second Coming of Christ

Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

Sick & Housebound: Catherine Conlin, Doreen Lancaster, Grace Mortimer, Kathleen Naylor, Kathy Gillard, Mark & Dinah Tyska, Malcolm Rowan, Peter Minns, Mia Grainger, Sandra Rowan, Stephen Wright, Fr Kevin Trehy, Joe Campbell, Bob Parr.

Anniversaries: Millicent Layfield, Margaret Batty, Stella Fallon, Patrick McArdle, Joseph James, Patricia Long, John Geraghty, Jane Worthington-Firn, Frank Solomon, Brian Batty, Maureen Twissell, John Nicholls.

Evening Prayer (Vespers) & Morning (Lauds): I am pleased to invite everyone to join us for Evening and Morning prayer before weekend Mass.

November (Holy Souls): Traditionally, envelopes are available at the back of the church for November Masses for the Holy Souls. Names of your deceased relatives and friends should be placed in the appropriate envelopes with your Mass offering and given to Fr. Nicholas. Our Memory Book will be open during the whole of November.

Anniversary Blessing: On behalf of all parishioners, I extend my warmest congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday, wedding, or anniversary this month. We will offer you a special blessing today immediately after the prayer following Communion, in honour of these special occasions.

Funeral Details for Simon Crouch (Sue Whitaker's husband) – All welcome to all or any part of the funeral; ***Tuesday 1st December*** at 6.45 pm – Simon's body received into York Oratory, Duncombe Place. ***Wed 2nd December*** at 10.00 am – Solemn Requiem Mass at York Oratory followed by burial at Haxby & Wigginton Cemetery. Afterwards a reception will be held at the Milner Hotel, York. More information about the funeral can be found at https://simoncrouch.muchloved.com/ where donations can be made in Simon's memory to his chosen charities. A plate will also available on Wednesday morning for cash donations. If you would like to attend the reception, for catering purposes please let Sue know on suemwhitaker@icloud.com

SVP Appeal – St Wilfrid's Primary School: Our annual collection to help families in our parish school during the Christmas season, takes place next weekend ***5th & 6th December***. We all appreciate how families are struggling at the present time, so please give what you can. Members will be collecting cash donations after both Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

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Carol Singing: Our yearly Carol singing in **Ivy Lodge** care home will be on ***Friday 11th December at 2p***m. If you are free, please come and sing. We need you! Thank you. Shirley Bamford.

End-of-Year Evaluation: As the year draws to a close, please take a few minutes to provide an honest evaluation of our parish by responding to the following questions:

- In what areas has our parish improved?
- In what areas are we falling short?
- What steps could we take to improve?

Please feel free to include any additional comments. Submit your responses to Pauline Goudy, our PPC secretary, at yorkshireyo32@gmail.com. Thank you.

Vision Statement: Dear parishioners, we are pleased to share our finalised vision statement for the next ten years: **'Transformed by Christ in the Eucharist, we are a compassionate Catholic community welcoming all, deepening our faith, and serving our neighbours with love.'** I would like to express my profound gratitude to each of you for your valuable ideas and prayers. We pray that the Holy Spirit, who has guided us thus far, will continue to guide and support us as we bring this vision to fruition in our parish.

Thank You: to everyone for your continued support and donations to the food share.

Traditional Christmas Fayre: ***Saturday 28th November 2026 10am – 12 noon,*** Haxby Memorial Hall. Always an enjoyable occasion. Please remind friends and family. All the usual stalls plus refreshments. All this year's proceeds will be donated to 'SASH' which provides emergency accommodation for young people in York. Thank you for your wonderful support. (SASH = Safe and Sound Homes.)

Day of Reflection for Catechists: ***Saturday 31st January:*** The Adult Formation Team invites all catechists to a day of teaching, discussion, reflection, and encouragement at Our Lady's Catholic Church, York, 10.30am–3pm. Bring a packed lunch; refreshments provided. To book: adultformation@rcdmidd.org.uk

Haxby Improvement Project: The engagement will share our proposals for the existing York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority funding, and initial ideas to create a 5-10 year plan of projects for Haxby. We want to listen and work with the community to deliver improvements during 2027 and beyond. Join in the conversation. Come and chat to the team at the remaining event on ***Saturday 5th December*** from 10 am to 3 pm at Haxby Memorial Hall Craft Fair.

Press release: www.york.gov.uk/news/article/1980/have-your-say-on-haxby-improvements. Find out more about the projects at www.york.gov.uk/Haxby

Main call to action > complete a survey and tell us how you feel about the proposals and tell us your ideas: www.surveymonkey.com/r/haxbyimprovementsscheme

Paper copies of the survey are available at Haxby Explore library and City of York Council West Offices

- Share on social media
- Linked In
- Facebook City of York Council
- Instagram

The Survey closes on ***9th December***. The survey findings will help refine the proposals and ideas further projects. Please do get in touch if you have any specific queries. Regeneration Team, City of York Council.

New Episcopal Appointment: On Saturday 10th October, the Holy See announced that His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Right Reverend Bishop Timothy Menezes, currently Auxiliary Bishop in Birmingham, as Bishop of Brentwood. Please keep Bishop Menezes in your prayers as he approaches his Installation on **3rd December 2026**.

Prayer intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV for November 2026: For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

VENITE AD ME – CONSIDERATIONS ON THE TRANSMISSION OF THE FAITH IN AN EPOCHAL CHANGE: The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has recently published Venite Ad Me – Considerations on the Transmission of the Faith in an Epochal Change. The document can be read at: https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_ddf_doc_20261022_venite-ad-me_en.html

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Kathleen O'Kelly & Teresa Callan psrstmargaretclitherow@rcdmidd.org.uk

Items for publication are most welcome and should reach stmargaretclitherow@rcdmidd.org.uk on **Monday 30th November** for inclusion in the next edition.

Church is open daily until 3pm for private prayer, come with an open heart and spend some time with the Lord.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK