

# St Mary and St Joseph Church

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15th November

**Thirty Third Sunday of the Year**

## Primary School:

St Mary & St Joseph, Maxwell Road, Pocklington, YO42 2JN tel: 01759 303287.

**Secondary School:** All Saints, Mill Mount, York. Tel: 01904 647877.

**Hospitals:** If you go into hospital and would like the priest to visit in case of emergency some useful numbers are: York Hospitals 01904 631313, Hull Royal Infirmary 01482 329100 and Castle Hill 01482 847763. Please ask the receptionist or ward clerk to page the Catholic Chaplain.

**Our Church is closed until 2<sup>nd</sup> December except for Funerals and Private Prayer. The Four usual times for Masses are replaced by Individual Prayer ie Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30pm, Saturdays 7pm, and Sundays 9.30am. The Church will be open half an hour beforehand on all these days.**

**Private Masses** will be said during November for the Holy Souls (not open to the Public).

**Mass Intentions received:** Holy Souls, Joseph and Ruby Foxcroft RIP.  
**For Individual Prayer** Please arrive at the Church door off the car park and not the Union Street entrance which will be closed. Parishioners will be welcomed by a steward who will ask you for your name and contact details (for Track and Trace if necessary). He/she will direct you to the hand sanitisers and guide you to your seat. Face Coverings to be worn.

**Christmas Cards in aid of Bethlehem Care and Hospice** are now available in the Church Hall. Cost £3.50 for 10 Cards, of which £1 will be given to the Parish. Many thanks to Fiona Goodhart for arranging this.

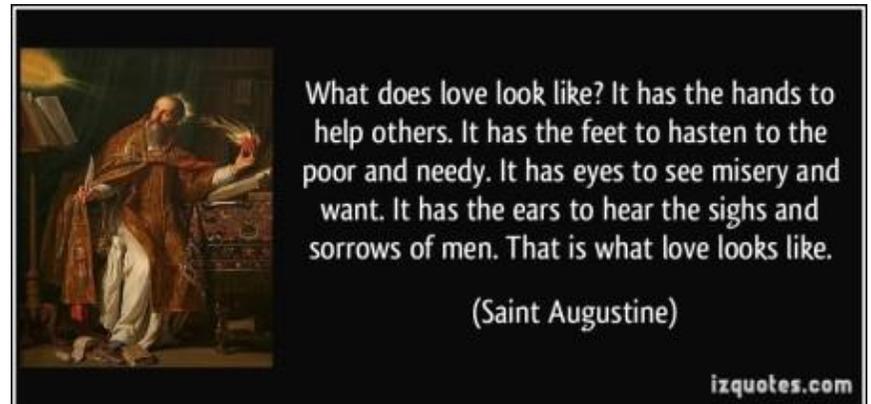
**November Month of the Holy Souls** If you would like a private Mass to be said for your loved ones, please pick up a brown envelope beside the

Offertory basket on your way out of Church, insert the list the names of the Holy Souls to be prayed for, and place your brown envelope in the basket in front of the altar.

**The Restoration** of the wrought iron gates and iron structure supporting Our Lady's Statue at the front begins in November. Rust has set in to most emblems on the gates, and nearly all are now beyond repair and have to be replaced. The repair costs to the gates and "iron bridge" alone are in excess of £3000 (the gates have to be removed to a forge in Elvington). Any cheques, small or large, gratefully received.

**World Day of Prayer for the Poor** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November

The Pope calls on people to keep their gaze fixed on the poor, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, and warns against succumbing to a "whirlwind of indifference". Pope Francis praises the way that so many "outstretched hands" have been offered to those in need: through doctors, nurses and carers, of course, but also through administrators, pharmacists, priests, volunteers and other essential workers, and he states that generosity to the suffering and afflicted is a condition for a fully human life. The pandemic has opened our eyes both to the goodness of the saints "next door" and to a renewed sense that we need each other and have a responsibility for each other and for the world. Pope Francis concludes that "until we revive our sense of responsibility for our neighbour and for every person, grave economic, financial and political crises will continue."



*God Bless all Parishioners, Fr James*

