

St Mary and St Joseph Church

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29th November

1st Sunday of Advent Year B

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 Wednesday 2nd December except for Funerals and Private Prayer. The usual times for Masses are replaced by Individual Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until then.

Masses will resume this Thursday at 6.30pm and then Saturday at 7pm, Sunday at 9.30am and Tuesday 6.30pm. The Church will be open half an hour beforehand.

Mass Intentions received: .Holy Souls

For Individual Prayer and Masses 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.

The Restoration of the wrought iron gates and iron structure supporting Our Lady's Statue at the front is beginning soon. 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 gratefully received.

Christmas Masses. Bishop Terry has suggested a booking system could be introduced for the Christmas Masses, so at the weekend Masses on 5th/6th and 12th/13th Dec please let the stewards know whether you would like to go to the Christmas Eve Mass at 6.30pm or the Christmas Day Mass at 9.30am and give your contact details. Also, please give the names and contact details of people who will be coming with you and specify if they are not in your household or social bubble. Alternatively e mail, by December 15th, pocklingtoncatholicchurch@rcdmidd.org.uk or telephone 01759 303126 giving names and contact details and specify if any guests you may bring are not in your household or social bubble. A plan for a seating arrangement in the Church will then be drawn up.

Government Consultation on Faith Engagement

Catholics are asked to respond to an open consultation on the way Government engages with faith communities. The link to the online submission is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>

This call for evidence aims to collect views to underpin the Faith Engagement Review. This call for evidence opened on 13th November and will run for a period of 4 weeks closing at 11:45pm on 11 December 2020.

The Catholic Union with Catholic Voices are organising a webinar on "how the government should engage with faith groups" on Wednesday 2 December at 7pm. Colin Bloom, the Faith Engagement Adviser at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, will present and promote the government consultation on the issue. Link and registration: <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/events/independent-faith-review>



**God Bless
all Parishioners,
Fr James**