

St Mary and St Joseph Church

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6th December 2020

2nd 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.

Masses this week

Saturday 5th December at 7.00pm

Sunday 6th December at 9.30am

Tuesday 8th December at 6.30pm Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday 10th December at 6.30pm of Advent

Mass Intentions received: Holy Souls, Mark Robinson RIP, Yorkshire Brethren

For 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 this and next weekends' Masses please let the stewards know which Christmas Mass you wish to go to and your contact details as well as anyone coming with you. Please say whether the people you are with are in your social bubble or not. If you prefer you could email pocklingtoncatholicchurch@rcdmidd.org.uk or telephone 01759 303126 by 15th December at the latest.

On Christmas Eve the 6.30pm Mass (6pm Carols in the background on CD) is already near to the capacity for social distancing, so it is now necessary to put on a second Vigil Mass at 8.30pm (Carols on CD at 8pm). Christmas Day Mass is at 9.30am (CD Carols at 9am).

A plan for a seating arrangement in the Church at all three Masses will be drawn up so that people will know where to sit.

Diocesan Year Book 2021 in the Church Porch. Price £1

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.

Preaching of John the Baptist



**God Bless
all
Parishioners,
Fr James**