

St Mary & St Romuald Parish Yarm

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil
6:00pm

Sunday Morning
9:30am

(Sunday Mass is live-streamed on
Zoom and Facebook.)

Monday to Friday
10am

Holydays
6:00pm

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 9:30-10am

COORDINATORS & ORGANISERS

PARISH COUNCIL:	Fr Neil (Chair)
FINANCE COMMITTEE (Chair):	John Redhead 01642 892949
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY:	Anne Redhead 01642 892949
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PARISH WEBSITE:	peter.mcguire008@ntlworld.com
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SACRAMENT PREPARATION

For further information on preparation programmes please contact Fr Neil. Baptism application forms are at the back of church.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St Mary & St Romuald is a Catholic Christian community, commissioned by Baptism, nourished by Word and Eucharist, and empowered by the Holy Spirit in bearing witness to our faith in Jesus Christ as we strive to live by his gospel in loving service of one another and of our neighbour, building up his kingdom to the greater glory of God.

The church is open for private prayer every day from after Mass until around 4pm.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please register with us – forms are at the back of church.

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES, CELEBRATIONS & INTENTIONS

Sun 21st	Christ the King 9:30am The People of the Parish
Mon 22nd	St Cecilia 10am Hanton family/friends
Tues 23rd	10am Hanton family/friends
Wed 24th	(no Mass)
Thurs 25th	(no Mass)
Fri 26th	10am J. Tyrie
Sat 27th	Vigil Mass 6pm Holy Souls
Sun 28th	First Sunday of Advent (Year C) 9:30am The People of the Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Daniel 7 v 13-14

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Second Reading: Apoc/Rev'n 1 v 5-8

'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!*

Gospel: John 18 v 33-37

'Mine is not a kingdom of this world.'

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy or sacrament preparation classes for the time being.

Please remember the sick and housebound of the parish in your prayers.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of parishioners who have died.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

This week I banked **£677.40** (2 weeks) – thank you – and thank you to those with standing orders.

There is a **SUNDAY CUPPA**, safely socially distanced, in the Parish Hall after the 9:30 Mass every Sunday.

Christ the King

(Year B)

November 21st, 2021

Please switch mobiles off in church.



MASS THIS WEEK

Please note that, with apologies, there will be no Mass this Wednesday and Thursday.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A selection of cards is now available from the Piety Stall. Please do not handle any items you are not planning to purchase.

"IT IS RIGHT AND JUST"

In the exchange before the Preface, I'm sure I keep hearing the response "It is right and fitting" which in 2000 was changed to "It is right and just" (to which the priest responds in the words of the Preface "It is truly right and just"). It seems to be gathering momentum so I thought I would point out the change of 21 years ago so that we are all 'singing from the same hymn sheet' as it were!

SOCIAL DISTANCING

In addition to wearing face masks one other important measure we have going for us here in church is social distancing. Our church windows no longer open and so we can't provide any cross-ventilation, but in any case what is the point of making a church comfortable temperature-wise and then leaving doors and windows open to the winter weather? So I would ask everyone, please, to sit as socially distanced as possible from other people and not to gather together toward the back of church when seating at the front is empty, or to sit even 1½ metres from someone when it isn't necessary because unoccupied seating is available.

THE YEWE TREES

I was going to gauge the opinion of parishioners with regard to possibly doing something radical about the two yew trees either side of the church gate, given the mess that is caused each year by the berries. However an initial approach to Stockton Council – given that we are situated in a Conservation Area – has shown that we wouldn't get permission to cut them down (despite the danger to children of poisonous berries) and so my only option may be to have them cut back (as opposed to cut down) so that they are more manageable and the berry problem considerably reduced.