

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
GIFT AID:	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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	Nick Mitchinson 01642 298100 (Wk)
HEALTH & SAFETY:	Andy Jones 07765 506144
ST VINCENT de PAUL:	Margaret Clark 01642 782111

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES, CELEBRATIONS & INTENTIONS

Sun 2nd	Second Sunday of Christmas 9:30am The People of the Parish
Mon 3rd	of Christmastide 10am For peace and healing
Tues 4th	of Christmastide 10am (no intention)
Wed 5th	of Christmastide 10am (no intention)
Thurs 6th	The Epiphany (Solemnity) 10am (no intention)
Fri 7th	after the Epiphany 10am (no intention)
Sat 8th	Vigil Mass 6pm (no intention)
Sun 9th	The Baptism of Our Lord 9:30am The People of the Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 24 v 1-2 & 8-12
The wisdom of God has pitched her tent among the chosen people.

Response to the Psalm:

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1 v 3-6 & 15-18
He determined that we should become his adopted children through Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;
glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.*

Gospel: John 1 v 1-18
The Word was made flesh and lived among us. John appears as his witness.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Due to Covid restrictions the Children's Liturgy is suspended.

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 **£572.01** (2 weeks) – many thanks and to those who pay by standing order.

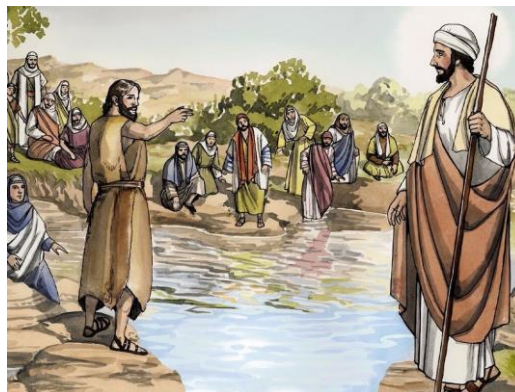
Until more is known about the risk posed by the Omicron variant the "Sunday Cuppa" is discontinued.

Second Sunday of Christmas

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January 2nd, 2022

Please switch mobiles off in church.



THANK YOU

Again just to thank everyone for their Christmas gifts and cards.

THE EPIPHANY

Thursday is the solemnity of The Epiphany and would ordinarily be a holy day of obligation, however the obligation remains suspended.

I'm sorry to have to mention that out of around 95 people at the two Christmas Masses only 7 commented on the reredos panels (and only about 3 or 4 more on the decoration of the church for our Christmas celebrations). It's very disappointing when people seem to come and to go and apparently don't notice all the preparation and effort that go into a special celebration like Christmas. In addition it has taken me over two years to have the reredos panels returned to our parish where they belong, but only those 7 people had anything to say about them – perhaps I shouldn't have bothered.

Last Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family, we had just 10 people at Mass, plus ministers/musicians/stewards, on Monday just 2. Talk about social distancing!