

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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PARISH WEBSITE:	peter.mcguire008@ntlworld.com
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HEALTH & SAFETY:	Andy Jones 07765 506144
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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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES, CELEBRATIONS & INTENTIONS

Sun 9th	The Baptism of Our Lord 9:30am The People of the Parish
Mon 10th	1st Week of Ordinary Time (Year II) 10am Hugh & Kathleen Kelly
Tues 11th	10am Pat Cornfield
Wed 12th	St Aelred 10am (no intention)
Thurs 13th	10am Christie Molloy
Fri 14th	10am (no intention)
Sat 15th	Vigil Mass 6pm (no intention)
Sun 16th	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time 9:30am The People of the Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 40 v 1-5 & 9-11

A voice in the wilderness cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord'.

Response to the Psalm:

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Second Reading: Titus 2 v 11-14 and 3 v 4-7

He saved us by means of the cleansing water of rebirth.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

Gospel: Luke 3 v 15-16 & 21-22

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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

Because of the risk posed by the Omicron variant, the "Sunday Cuppa" is temporarily discontinued.

The Baptism of Our Lord

(Year C)

January 9th, 2022

Please switch
mobiles
off in
church.



HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

Those of you who have bought a copy of the Diocesan Year Book may have noticed that in the Ordo (the calendar section) all the usual holydays of obligation are marked as such. I can only assume that when the books were being edited the publishers assumed that life would be back to normal by now whereas it isn't. Consequently the Sunday and holyday obligations remain suspended and will continue to be as long as social distancing requirements in church have to be applied.

COVID REMINDERS

*The reason the church doors aren't open until around 15mins before Mass is so that people aren't gathered in church any longer than is necessary – especially in light of the Omicron variant.

*That is also the reason why you are asked to leave straight after Mass and not stand talking in church (which, of course, we shouldn't be doing anyway out of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament).

*People are tending to sit unnecessarily close to others - please try to occupy seats away from everyone else as a first option.

*Face masks and social distancing continue to be our best defences at this time – also being vaccinated (which I have asked everyone to be in order to come to Mass).

*And, of course, we continue not to exchange a sign of peace nor to receive communion from the chalice.