

# St Mary & St Romuald Parish

## Yarm

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Parish Priest  
**Fr Neil McNicholas**



### 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 HALL RESERVATIONS: (not available for hire for the time being)	
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### SACRAMENT PREPARATION

For further information on preparation programmes please contact Fr Neil. Baptism and matrimony application forms are in the rack 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

<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30am The People of the Parish
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b>	of Eastertide 10am Peter Hanton
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b>	of Eastertide 10am For peace in Ukraine
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup></b>	of Eastertide 10am (no intention)
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>(no Mass today)</b>
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	of Eastertide 10am (no intention)
<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> 6:00pm (no intention)
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30am The People of the Parish

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Acts 13 v 14 & 43-52  
"I have made you a light for the nations."

**Response to the Psalm:**

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 7 v 9 & 14-17  
The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep  
and my own know me.*

**Gospel:** John 10 v 27-30

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice.

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

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

## SUNDAY CUPPA

There is a cuppa in the hall after the 9:30 Mass.

## THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

To give using your device at home, please use the  
following link and follow the on-screen instructions:

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-mary-st-romuald-church>

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

(Year C)

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Please  
switch  
mobiles  
off in  
church.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Today is "World Day of Prayer for Vocations"

## THE "100 CLUB" DRAW

The winners for April were: 1<sup>st</sup> £100 **No.71**; 2<sup>nd</sup> £75 **No.1**; 3<sup>rd</sup> £50 **No.73**. Congratulations to our winners!

## SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection basket at the back of church today for donations to the "Priests' Training Fund", or you can give via the digital collection plate if you would prefer by selecting the on-screen "Priests' Training Fund" option.

## APOLOGIES

With apologies, for safety reasons there will be no Mass this Thursday and the church will be closed to facilitate pruning work being carried out on the two yew trees either side of the church gate.

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Joan Hughes' funeral will be a Requiem Mass on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 12noon followed by cremation at Stockton.

## ELECTRICITY CHARGES

We have just been informed by the company (IFM) that manages the diocese's electricity contract with British Gas that parishes can expect their costs to increase from an average of £1210 a year to an average of £2800 – which, I'm afraid, parishioners will also have to pay in addition to their own increased domestic charges. IFM hasn't said anything yet about the cost of gas supplies. These increases may require a review of our hiring charges for the hall and especially after the summer when both lighting and heating have to be on.

## "YARM CHURCHES"

This past week a number of us met together to get the wheels of "Yarm Churches" back in motion after the long Covid break. As Rev Ramsden said "It was lovely to meet again after such a long time and we shared a continuing desire to be ecumenical in our outlook and actions, but also recognised that our churches have all changed as a result of Covid and that there is perhaps less energy around and that we feel the challenge of trying to re-build church life with, at the moment, fewer active volunteers and fewer people in general."

One of the first things we agreed to promote in our various churches was the ecumenical prayer group that meets at St Mary Magdalene church at 10:15am on the first Wednesday of the month (following their 9:30 communion service). With hopefully a greater post-Covid attendance in mind, all are welcome.