ST. LEONARD'S

Church Cleaning - On **Saturday 6th December** from **9.15 am** we'll be cleaning the church ready for Christmas. Please come along and share in this important task as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' Nativity. Please contact Sue Westmacott (01653 628035 susanwestmacott@gmail.com) for more information.

***Parish Gift Weekend (29/30 Nov)** - Envelopes are available in church, or if you wish to make a donation directly to our Parish Account, these are our bank details: **Account Name: DIOCESE OF MIDDLESBROUGH, Sort Code: 20-56-90 Account Number: 40003840**

Thanks for your donations – the fund will remain open for a couple of weeks.

Parish Lottery – If you wish to join the Parish Lottery, forms are available in church and from Anne Pegg and should be returned to Anne, so a lottery number can be allocated.

ST. JOSEPH'S

***Francis Malcolm Gough RIP** - Francis died on Wednesday 19th November and his Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 16th December - 11.30am at East Riding Crematorium for the committal, 1pm Funeral Mass at St. Joseph's RC Church, Pickering, followed by refreshments at 2pm at Pickering Recreation Club. We send our condolences and the promise of our prayer to his family and friends.

***Reflections after Mass/CWAC on Tuesdays during Advent** – 'At St Joseph's we invite all from both parishes to take time out in the pre Christmas commercial rush and join us after Tuesday Mass/CWAC for half an hour reflection based around the Advent candles.

W/b 7th December (2nd Sunday of Advent)

After the CWAC (1.30pm this week) on the 9th December, so the start time will be at approx. 2pm.

W/b 14th December (3rd Sunday of Advent)

The reflection will be on Monday 15th at 9.30am instead of the Tuesday, as there is a Funeral Mass for Frank Gough on Tuesday 16th December. Any queries please ask Kitty or Anne-Marie.'

***Lectio Divina** will resume in January. More information to follow.

***Coffee, Cake and Chat** will be after Mass on the **14th December**.

Private Prayer - The Church will be open for private prayer on the following days/times; Monday afternoon at 2 pm and Wednesday morning at 11 am.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

York - If you or a loved one is going into hospital and would like a visit and Holy Communion, please do let us know in advance or contact Sue Ellis the acting Catholic Lay Chaplain; either on her mobile 07748 108253 or via the Chaplains' Office Number 01904 725579 (under GDPR we no longer routinely access details of Catholic patients). In case of urgency, please ask the nursing staff or switchboard to page the on-call Catholic Chaplain. A Catholic Priest is on-call 24/7 in case of emergency. **Scarborough** The Catholic Chaplain can be contacted on 01723 360358.

Malton Please contact Father Tim (01653 692128) or Sue Westmacott (01653 628035)

If you are contacting us about someone else, you must have their permission.

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ST LEONARD & ST MARY'S Malton

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Pastoral Team St. Joseph's: Paul Robb, Anne-Marie Whincup, Jackie Shepherd, Kitty Turner, Amanda Howard, Philip Quinlan, Una Stewart

Second Sunday of Advent – 7th December 2025

"Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight" Matthew 3:3

MASSES THIS WEEK

MASS AT ST. LEONARD'S:

SATURDAY AT 6.30pm; SUNDAY AT 9.00am.

MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S:

SUNDAY AT 11.00am

We welcome Canon Michael Ryan and Fr Kevin Trehy to our Parishes this Weekend

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

A Prayer for Peace in the World

Lord, send your Holy Spirit down upon the earth, the Spirit that conquers division, the Spirit that leads to freedom, the Spirit that overcomes war, Lord of time and of eternity, Give our world the peace, which only you can give. Amen

Our Lady, Queen of Peace. Pray for us and the whole world.

MASS TIMES

Saturday	6th	(St. Leonard's, 4pm) Reconciliation Service for First Communion Candidates
		(St. Leonard's, 6.30pm)
Sunday	7th	(St. Leonard's, 9.00am)
	7th	(St. Joseph's, 11.00am)
Tuesday	9th	(St. Joseph's, 1.30pm) Celebration of Word and Communion
Wednesday	10th	(St. Leonard's, 12noon) Celebration of Word and Communion
Saturday	13th	(St. Leonard's, 6.30pm)

***Responsorial Psalm** – *"In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever."*

TODAY

- *Coffee after Mass at St. Leonard's* - *Children's Liturgy during Mass at St. Leonard's*
- *Please return your Gift Weekend envelopes (St. Leonard's)*
- *Please take a copy of a Walk with Me booklet (St. Leonard's)*
- *Copies of The Catholic Voice and the new Diocesan Year Book (£3) are available to take*

SACRAMENTS

***Baptism Congratulations to** Wealth Oghenemena Watite John baptised at St. Leonard's on the 30th November. Prayerful good wishes to parents John and Oritsemodope, godparent Justina and family and friends.

Reverend Douglas McKittrick –
We continue to remember Douglas in our prayers as he approaches his Ordination into the Priesthood.

Confirmation Programme at St. Leonard's 2026 - Our Confirmation programme will begin after Christmas and Candidates celebrating Confirmation should normally be of Secondary School age. If your child wishes to start the programme, please get in touch with Lisa Gallon lgallon@btinternet.com or the Parish Office (stleonardsmalton@rcdmidd.org.uk) for the forms.

ADVENT ~ CHRISTMAS

***Reconciliation Services –** Reconciliation - On 13th/14th December Fr Bill Charlton will hear Confessions at St Leonard's on Saturday from 5.45 pm and at St Joseph's after the Sunday Mass.

***Christmas Flowers -** There will be a retiring collection in both parishes for Christmas flowers on the weekend of **13/14th December**. We will be decorating the church on Tuesday afternoon on the **23rd December.**

CAFOD

CAFOD: Fix the Food System: campaign update - In this Jubilee year our public campaigning has been on debt. We have also been working on our Fix the Food System campaign. Here is an update of progress made: · We have been supporting our sister organisation, Caritas Zambia, to delay the passing of legislation in Zambia, which would have restricted farmer's rights to access their own varieties of seeds. · We have been raising awareness with the World Bank of the negative impact their agriculture project in Zambia (Zambro) could have on farmer's rights. - We supported workshops in Kenya which have strengthened women farmer's voices and encouraged dialogue between farmers and key decision makers around the treaty imposed by restrictive seed legislation. · We've been engaging with FCDO and Defra regarding the UK government's position on UPOV91, a treaty that limits farmer's rights to save, exchange and use seeds. · We got a response from the UK Executive Director at the World Bank stating that the UK will use its seat on the World Bank Executive Board to encourage the Bank to scrutinise programmes that might interact inappropriately with international obligations or national sovereignty. This is a struggle, but progress has been made this Jubilee Year.

PASTORAL

Journey in Faith –
Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 11th December at 7 pm** in the Parish Centre. All are then welcome**.** Journey in Faith runs on Thursday evenings and is fortnightly. All are welcome to join us, parishioners of both parishes and those enquiring about the Catholic Church in both Malton and Pickering. Any queries, please contact Sue Westmacott (01653 628035 susanwestmacott@gmail.com) or ask Father Tim.

Rosary Prayer Group - If you would like the group to pray for a particular intention – please place that confidentially in the prayer box near the prayer board. The next Group Meeting will be on **Tuesday 9th December** at 6pm in Church.

***Explore Our Faith** meetings are normally held fortnightly at 10am on Thursday mornings. The next Explore our Faith will be on the **18th December**. All welcome from both parishes. For more information, contact Marion Cuthill - 01653 693063 or email marioncuthill@yahoo.co.uk.

Diocesan Outreach to the LGBT+ community – next one 14th December
On the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3pm in the Bar Convent Chapel in York, there is Mass in which a particular welcome is offered to people from the LGBT+ community. The door is open from 2.30 pm, with refreshments served after Mass. There is usually a small presence from St Leonard's and lifts may be available. For more information, contact Sue Westmacott (susanwestmacott@gmail.com).

Ryedale Community Foodbank - The 12 days of Christmas project isn't running this year, but the Foodbank are keen to receive donations in order for them to fund food vouchers and extra festive food items this Christmas for the families and individuals they support regularly. Many thanks
If anyone would like to donate funds in lieu of making up a box, this can be done via BACS to: Ryedale Community Foodbank, Sort Code 40-52-40, Acc number 00037212
Or by cheque made payable to Ryedale Community Foodbank
Food Shortages - This will be the list of shortages now right up to Christmas after the recent stock take: *tinned tuna, semi-skimmed milk, tinned soup, tinned vegetables, tins of meat in sauce, tinned fruit, microwave sponge puddings, long life fruit juice, rice, pasta, jam, cereals, rice pudding, custard*
For the Christmas packs: *selection boxes, Christmas puddings-big and small, tins or bags of chocolates, large teardrop tins of ham, small tins of ham, Christmas cakes, chocolate oranges, tins of salmon*
Boxes for donations are at the back of Church in both Parishes.
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ryedalecommunityfb Web: Ryedale Community Foodbank

LITURGICAL

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for DECEMBER - *For Christians in areas of conflict*
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Cycle of Prayer – *Advent – Christmas –*
Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

SYNOD

Final Document - On Saturday 26th October 2024, the members of the Second Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops approved the Final Document. Pope Francis approved its publication. You can find it via this link; https://www.synod.va/en/news/final-document-of-the-xvi-assembly.html

Life Ascending Group
The Life Ascending Group at St. Leonard's welcomes parishioners to be part of their upcoming meetings (3rd Weds of the month, 10.30am – 12pm). Any queries, speak to Barbara Jameson or Sarah Sharpe.
The group have recently finished their wall hanging to celebrate their personal and parish 'Synod Journey', which I'm sure you will agree, is absolutely beautiful. The plan is that it will be displayed in church in the alcove next to the altar during December and January. Many thanks to all those who contributed to making the squares and helped put the wall hanging together.

ADMINISTRATION

Standing Orders and Gift Aid Queries - Anyone wishing to set up a Standing Order can contact our Gift Aid Officers, Lisa Gallon for St. Leonard's & Mary's lgallon@btinternet.com or Paul Robb for St. Joseph's sjpgiftaid@gmail.com You do not need to be a taxpayer to donate by standing order.

***Quote of the Week**
"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic God's giving by grace, through faith and this is not of ourselves." St. Nicholas of Myra