

ST. LEONARD'S

***Friends of the Holy Land Crib Offerings** - Many thanks for the Crib Offerings which came to £471.50. This will be sent to the Friends of the Holy Land in the next few days.

Altar Servers - We would like to recruit some additional Altar Servers to our group. If you would like more information and/or are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please speak with Father Tim or contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

***Parish Lottery** – Well done to the December lottery winner Theresa Poulter with number 59.

Winnings = £216.91. 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.

Digital giving – You can now support our parish through digital giving. Simply scan the [QR code](#) on the front of this newsletter or from the posters and follow the steps. The codes will take you to a website from which donations to the church can be made *Or* you can use the contactless card reader in the church porch. The new [Dona Digital giving terminal](#) has been installed by the door of the church and also provides the option to gift aid donations. By adding Gift Aid to your donation, it allows us to increase the value of your donation at no extra cost. If you're a UK taxpayer, please consider signing up. The terminal offers a variety of options, such as the offertory collection, items bought from the piety stall... If you need any help using the machine, please speak to a member of the finance team.

ST. JOSEPH'S

***Music Practice** will be after Mass on the **25th January**.

Prayers for Peace will take place on **Monday 2nd February** between 11am-1pm. Hot soup & sandwiches will be served after 1pm. Please come and take part for any part of the session.

***Lectio Divina** has resumed and the next one will be on **9th February** at 9.30am.

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.

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 sjgiftaid@gmail.com You do not need to be a taxpayer to donate by standing order.

***Quote of the Week**

"Life is a journey. When we stop things don't go right" *Pope Francis*

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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th January 2026

"May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace"
1 Corinthians 1:3



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

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/SERVICE TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 17th (St. Leonard's, 1030-1130am) Prayers for World Peace
(St. Leonard's, 6.30pm) *Private Intention*

Sunday 18th (St. Leonard's, 9.00am) *For the people of our Parishes*
18th (St. Joseph's, 11.00am) Margaret Dandy (Anniversary)

Tuesday 20th (St. Joseph's, 1.00pm) *Don Hunter RIP*

Wednesday 21st (St. Leonard's, 12noon) Trevor Wilson RIP

Saturday 24th (St. Leonard's, 6.30pm) Maureen Hall (Anniversary)

***Responsorial Psalm – "Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will."**

TODAY

- *Today is Peace Sunday – Pax Christi prayer cards & donation envelopes are available in church*
- *Coffee after Mass at St. Leonard's and at St. Joseph's*
- *The Catholic Voice is available in both Parishes – please take a copy.*

SACRAMENTS

First Holy Communion 2025/26 - The next session will be on the **17th January** "A new way of living", 4-5pm in church. For more information, please contact Lisa Gallon on lgallon@btinternet.com

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 start soon. 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 enrolment forms.

CAFOD

CAFOD: Walking in faith: As we step into a new year, many of us will be asking ourselves the question: "What's my New Year's resolution?" A lot of the time, it's about goals or pushing ourselves. But at CAFOD, we're looking to continue to do what we did last year – keep hope alive. Remaining connected with our faith can help us to stay hopeful and inspire us to continue helping our sisters and brothers all around the world. Walking is one way to keep our hope alive. It's a chance to get some fresh air, raise some money and take a moment to reflect or pray to God. How can I start my year of walking in faith? You can step into the year with hope by walking. A great way to do this is by joining The Big Lent Walk. It's a simple way to remind yourself to nip outside, connect with your faith, and raise vital funds for life-changing projects like helping families access safe drinking water. It's not like your typical challenge because you can walk anywhere and at any time you choose! It's just a simple way to put your faith into action and love your neighbour. Because a better world needs all of us. Sign up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and challenge yourself to walk 200km in 40 days. You can sign up as an individual, parish or school! See [The Big Lent Walk 2026](#)

PASTORAL

***Day of Reflection for Catechists and anyone interested** - **Saturday 31st January 10.30 to 3 pm** at Our Lady's Church Hall, Acomb. Please see attached flyer.

***Malton Free Fridge** - The free fridge is open Mon, Weds and Saturdays, 8.30-11.00am at The Wesley Centre, Saville Street.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) – new members needed - If you would like to learn more about the work of the SVP or how to become a member, then please read the article in this month's Catholic Voice and join us for a Zoom information session on one of the following dates: **Mon 2nd February 11-12 noon, Tues 3rd February 7-8pm, Thurs 5th February 4-5pm**. To receive a link, please email Teresa O'Hagan, teresao@svp.org.uk with the date and time you prefer.

Journey in Faith – Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 22nd January at 7 pm** in the Parish Centre. All are 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 10th February** 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 **29th January**. 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** - On the 2nd Sunday of every month (next one **8th February**) 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 – Thank you for your support throughout 2025 and a Happy New Year from us all at the Foodbank. We had our busiest December ever, giving out 960 kilos of food on the Friday before Christmas. The shelves at Howe Road are very bare. The main shortages are: **tinned meat, meat in sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, tinned fruit, small jars of coffee, biscuits, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste.**

Boxes for donations are at the back of Church in both Parishes. If anyone would like to donate funds to the Foodbank 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. Many thanks, Sue Fitter
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ryedalecommunityfb> Web: [Ryedale Community Foodbank](#)

LITURGICAL

Peace Sunday 2026 – TODAY - Pope Leo has announced the theme – 'Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming peace'. Pope Leo has continued the exhortation of Pope Francis that the call to live nonviolent 'disarmed' lives is core to Catholic Social Teaching and the key to peace in a world scarred by violent conflict. Peace should have the capacity to resolve conflicts and open hearts through mutual understanding and hope. The phrase 'Peace be with you' is an integral part of our liturgy in each Mass and through our participation in the life of the Church we are all invited to be peacemakers.

United Service for the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity – TODAY - This week is the week of Christian Unity and there will be a Service to celebrate this on **Sunday 18th January, 11am at Norton College** followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. All welcome.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for JANUARY For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

***Cycle of Prayer – Ordinary Time – Winter** - Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and those who care for them, The Unemployed.

SYNOD

Pathways for the Implementation Phase of the Synod Document

These Pathways, prepared by the General Secretariat of the Synod with the opinion of its Ordinary Council and approved by the Holy Father Leo XIV, are part of the General Secretariat's service of accompaniment during the implementation phase of the Synod. They aim to offer local Churches throughout the world a shared framework that will make it easier to walk together. On the other hand, they promote the dialogue that will lead the whole Church to the Ecclesial Assembly in October 2028. The implementation phase aims to examine new practices and structures that will make the life of the Church more synodal. The text of the Pathways, outlines the implementation phase and answers some fundamental questions that have often been addressed to the Secretariat in recent months. Here is the link to the document - Pathways For The Implementation Phase Of The Synod 2025 – 2028; [250102---ENG-Pathways-for-the-implementation-phase.pdf](#)

Life Ascending Group

The group have finished their beautiful wall hanging to celebrate their personal and parish 'Synod Journey'. It is displayed in the alcove next to the altar. Many thanks to all those who contributed to making the squares and helped put the wall hanging together. The Life Ascending Group at St. Leonard's welcomes parishioners to be part of their meetings (3rd Weds of the month, 10.30am – 12pm). Any queries, speak to Barbara Jameson or Sarah Sharpe.