

Monthly Parish Newsletter

Our Lady & St Chad

Kirkbymoorside, and

St Mary's Helmsley

December 2025



Mass times:

Sundays 9.00am | St Mary's,
Helmsley

Sundays 10.30am | Our Lady and St
Chad, Kirkbymoorside

Wednesdays 12.00 noon | Our Lady
and St Chad, Kirkbymoorside

Fridays 12.00 noon | St Mary's,
Helmsley

Sundays (Year A) & Feast Days:

Wed 3	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Thu 4	Thursday of the 1st week of Advent or Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor
Sat 6	Saturday of the 1st week of Advent or Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Sun 7	2nd Sunday of Advent
Mon 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
Tue 9	Tuesday of the 2nd week of Advent or Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Wed 10	Wednesday of the 2nd week of Advent or Our Lady of Loreto
Thu 11	Thursday of the 2nd week of Advent or Saint Damasus I, Pope
Fri 12	Friday of the 2nd week of Advent or Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sat 13	Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
Sun 14	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sun 21	4th Sunday of Advent
Tue 23	(commemoration of Saint John of Kęty, Priest)
Thu 25	Christmas Day Solemnity
Fri 26	Saint Stephen, the first Martyr Feast
Sat 27	Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist Feast
Sun 28	The Holy Family
Mon 29	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr Feast
Tue 30	6th day within the octave of Christmas
Wed 31	7th day within the octave of Christmas (commemoration of Saint Silvester I, Pope)

Thought for the month: "When Christians hear the word "incarnation," most of us think about the birth of Jesus, who personally demonstrated God's radical unity with humanity. But I want to suggest that the first Incarnation was the moment described in Genesis 1, when God joined in unity with the physical universe and became the light inside of everything. This, I believe, is why *light* is the subject of the first day of creation." ... "maybe it would be better to say that Jesus came *out of* an already Christ-soaked world. The second Incarnation flowed out of the first, out of God's loving union with physical creation."

Richard Rohr

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Upcoming Events and Information:

Christmas Services:

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| • Wednesday 24th Dec | 7.30pm | Carols at St Chad's, Kirkbymoorside |
| • Wednesday 24th Dec | 8.00pm | 'Midnight' Mass at St Chad's, Kirkbymoorside |
| • Thursday 25th Dec | 9.00am | Christmas Day Mass, Helmsley |
| • Thursday 25th Dec | 10.30am | Christmas Day Mass, Kirkbymoorside |
| • Thursday 1st Jan | 9.00am | Mary Mother of God feast day, Helmsley |
| • Thursday 1st Jan | 10.30am | Mary Mother of God feast day, Kirkbymoorside |

Foodbank: As Christmas approaches, please can you consider giving a few extra donations, including Christmas food items? At both St Chads and St Marys, please leave foodbank donations in the porch. These are much needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Second collection: There will be a second collection on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of Advent for the Christmas flowers at both St Marys and St Chads.

St Chads book club will be meeting on Tuesday December 9th when we will discuss The Rumour by Lesley Kara. This will be followed by Christmas lunch at the golf club.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is on 18th December at 7pm at All Saints. As per previous years, St Chads will be asked to provide two readers, if you are able to do this please contact Julie Watson , thank you. Collection for Ryedale Carers.

Meditation: meditation continues every Saturday 10.30am at St Chads house. All welcome.

St Chads is asking for volunteers to help with reading, cleaning, or flowers. Please let Julie Watson or Fr Christopher know if you can help.

Offertory Cash Collections:

October collection:

St Mary's	£231
St Chad's	£190

Newsletter Items for January:

Please send any items for the next Newsletter by **Tuesday 23rd December**– to the St Chad's "Newsletter" box (back of church), Julie (St Chads), Fliss (St Marys), or stchadsppc@gmail.com