

Monthly Parish Newsletter

Our Lady & St Chad

Kirkbymoorside, and

St Mary's Helmsley

January 2026



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:

Thu 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God Solemnity

Fri 2 Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors

Sat 3 3 January or The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Sun 4 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Tue 6 The Epiphany of the Lord Solemnity

Wed 7 7 January or Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

Sun 11 The Baptism of the Lord Feast

Tue 13 Tuesday of week 1 in Ordinary Time or Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor

Sat 17 Saint Antony, Abbot

Sun 18 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tue 20 Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr or Saint Sebastian, Martyr

Wed 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

Thu 22 Thursday of week 2 in Ordinary Time or Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

Sat 24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor

Sun 25 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday of the Word of God)

Mon 26 Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Tue 27 Tuesday of week 3 in Ordinary Time or Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

Wed 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor

Sat 31 Saint John Bosco, Priest

Thought for the month:

“Jung believed that humans produce in art the inner images the soul needs in order to see itself and to allow its own transformation. The first incarnation (creation) is symbolised by Sophia-Incarnate, a beautiful, feminine, multicoloured, graceful Mary. She is invariably offering us Jesus, God incarnated into vulnerability and nakedness. Mary became the symbol of the first universal incarnation. She then hands the second incarnation on to us, while remaining in the background; the focus is always on the child. Earth Mother presenting Spiritual Son, the two first stages of the incarnation. Feminine Receptivity, handing on the fruit of her yes. And inviting us to offer our own yes.”

Richard Rohr

More information can be found on our website www.stchadkms.co.uk Tel: 01751 431468

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Upcoming Events and Information:

Handover day is 12th January – when Fr Christopher hands over the responsibilities of Parish Priest to Fr Raphael. A huge thank you and very best wishes from us all to Fr Christopher, and a very warm welcome to Fr Raphael.

18th – 25th January is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: details available at <https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/WPCU-2026-English-Pamphlet.pdf> The scriptural theme for 2026 (Ephesians 4:4) reminds us of the call to work together for peace for all people everywhere. It is a call that goes to the heart of the mission and ministry of the Armenian Church (who lead the prayers and reflections this year). In the major international ecumenical gatherings of recent years, the Armenian Church has brought a heartfelt appeal for a stronger collective voice of the Church as an advocate for just peace in the world, for all those suffering as a result of violence, displacement and persecution. Please also consider following the Go, Do action points from Christian Aid, available here: <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/go-and-do-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026/>

We have a new Bishop: Bishop Marcus Stock Bishop of Leeds, who has been made Administrator of the Middlesbrough Diocese. Please pray for him and his new work.

Foodbank: Thank you for the extra donations running up to Christmas. At both St Chads and St Marys, please continue to leave foodbank donations in the porch. These are much needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

St Chads book club will be meeting on Tuesday January 13th at the library to discuss Long Island by Colm Toibin.

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:

November 2025 collection:

St Mary's £185

St Chad's £287

Newsletter Items for February:

Please send any items for the next Newsletter by **Friday 30th January** – to the St Chad's "Newsletter" box (back of church), Julie (St Chads), Fliss (St Marys), or stchadspc@gmail.com