

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 Penyafort, 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

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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 stchadsppc@gmail.com