

Monthly Parish Newsletter

Our Lady & St Chad

Kirkbymoorside, and

St Mary's Helmsley

October 2026



Mass times: all welcome

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

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URGENT NOTICE: The beech tree at St Chad's has now been inspected by the Council and the report is awaited. St Chad's house and church, and the grounds, remain closed. **There will be NO MASS at St Chad's on Sunday 27th Sept or until further notice.** Please look at the website <https://stchadkms.co.uk/services/> for further updates. **Mass online** is: [Bishops' Conference Daily Online Mass Directory](#) → or [Ampleforth Abbey Liturgy YouTube](#) →

URGENT NOTICE: our annual 'get together' across both parishes which was proposed for Sunday 4th October **will now BE POSTPONED** – a new date will be confirmed once we know when the St Chads church and house in Kirkbymoorside can reopen.

Gay Moran's funeral will be held on Thursday 1st October 12.00 at Our Lady and St Benedict church in Ampleforth Village. (parking by the church may be difficult, please allow extra time/car share if you can).

Sundays (Year A) & Feast Days: apologies there has not been room for the feast days in this edition of the newsletter, but you can find them here: <https://universalis.com/100/calendar.htm> (select 'England' and 'Middlesborough'). The **All Souls service is on Sunday November 1st** at Kirkbymoorside Methodist church at 3pm. On **Remembrance Sunday, 8th November** in our own church, we will remember those who have died in the last year, and light a candle to remember them.

Thought for the month:

On 29th September, we celebrated the feast of the Archangels Michael (who is like God), Gabriel (who reveals the strength of God), and Raphael (who reveals the healing of God). Yet, above the archangels is the higher order of the Dominations, Virtues, Powers and Principalities and above them still are the mighty and terrifying Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones. Angel means 'messenger'; the archangels were sent by God to reveal the most important message of his plan for our salvation. We can see from their names and from our biblical knowledge, what messages they each brought to the earth. On October 2nd, the feast of the Guardian Angels is celebrated which, although of the lowest order of angels, are mighty in power and well able to protect us from evil forces that would lead us away from God. On October 9th, we celebrate the recently Sainted John Henry Newman who had much to say about angels and even wrote poems about them. He speaks of how angels 'whisper good thoughts, console human grief, protect human souls from mortal dangers and guide us along the tracks of an un-earthly friend' and that they not only interact with humans, but are behind the forces of nature too. 'All this wonderful harmony is the work of angels ...' he says ... 'for they are our fellow servants and workers as they carefully watch over and defend even the humblest of us ...' 'My oldest friend' he says, 'mine from the hour I first drew breath; my faithful friend, shall be mine unfailing till my death'. All the angels from the mighty seraph to our more lowly guardian angels accompany us throughout our personal lives and join us in our hymns of praise, especially at Mass. During this month, let call upon them in prayer, join our praise of God with theirs and united with them, share the message of God's love for the world and may Mary, Queen of angels pray for us.

With Prayer, Fr. Raphael.

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Further events and Information:

Saturday Meditation at 10.30 in St Chads House, Kirkbymoorside is suspended and will not restart until St Chad's reopens.

Foodbank: Ryedale Community Food bank - please leave donations in the church porch at St Mary's. You can find a list of the most needed and preferred items in the porch. **Tins are particularly needed, please.**

Ryedale Catholic Parishes: we are all invited to attend a Ryedale Parishes Social Event on **Thursday 8th October at 7pm at St. Leonard's, Malton**. The event will mainly be a social one, but there will also be an element of reflection and discussion together. Please can you let Johanna know (email stleonardsmalton@rcdmidd.org.uk) if you plan to attend, for catering purposes.

Ryedale Catholic Parishes: would welcome any ideas/thoughts on a joint Advent Reconciliation Service – please let Fliss know if you have ideas or email stchadsppc@gmail.com.

St Chads book club is meeting 13th October when we will discuss 'Shrines of Gaiety' by Kate Atkinson.

Missio Red Boxes: Cath Hackett will be collecting IPF Missio boxes for emptying at the end of October/beginning of November. She would be grateful if anyone who has a box could bring it to church and either give it to her directly or to Fr Raphael. Given that St Chad's is still closed, or if it is difficult for you to get your box to church, Kath is happy to collect it from your home and can be contacted for this on 07833556619. If anyone would like a Red Box who does not already have one, please contact Kath who can arrange one for you. Many thanks to you all for your continued support - it is greatly appreciated.

Community Lunch: The Community Lunch group which meet every Thursday at the Kirkbymoorside Methodist Hall are asking for volunteers to help serve food and wash up. If you could help once a month, then please contact Julie Watson 07704313135

The **World Day of Prayer** requires one or two representatives from either / both parishes to work in a team to help implement the days proceedings on 5th March 2027. Please contact either Liz Pilley or Julie Watson if you can help. Thank you.

For parish emergencies please phone 07944255541 or email raphael@ampleforthabbey.co.uk
If anyone would like the newsletter by email, please request via stchadsppc@gmail.com or ask Fliss. There is also a large print version of the newsletter available if needed - please ask.

Offertory Cash Collections:

Apologies, the collection figures for August are delayed until St Chads is re-opened.

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

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