Monthly Parish Newsletter Our Lady & St Chad Kirkbymoorside, and St Mary's Helmsley

November 2026



Mass times: all welcome

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Sundays 10.30am | Our Lady and St Chad, Kirkbymoorside

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

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 Feast of All Saints is Sunday 1st Nov, and All Souls is Monday 2nd Nov.**

Thought for the month:

As we plunge into the longer, darker and colder days of November, the feast of All Saints lifts our spirits towards the light of heaven to the Lamb before whom a great multitude, impossible to count, stand in white robes. These are the saints and martyrs whom we celebrate on that day: 'our brothers and sisters who have welcomed the light of God into their hearts and passed it on to the world.' (Pope Frances). Through their intercession on our behalf, we hope to follow, but not before we have passed through the darkness of suffering and death that they too had to pass through - for this is the route Jesus took and sets before us. And so, the following day, we remember all the faithful souls whom we pray , will follow the saints to that place of light and eternal peace. But we need not fear, for the one who accompanied them through this dark vale of tears, awaits them there as he awaits us too. Pope Benedict (XVI) said our lives are profoundly linked, one to the other and that the good and bad that each of us does affects others. Hence, the prayer of a pilgrim soul in this world can help another soul that is being purified after death and that is why: 'the Church invites us to pray for our beloved deceased and to pause at their tombs in the cemeteries.'

There will be an 'All Souls Day Mass at the Abbey on Monday 2nd November at 9am, but as a parish, we can remember our own loved ones who have died during the last year, along with those who died during the wars on Remembrance Sunday at either St Mary's, Helmsley, Sunday 9am or at our Mass in trhe Methodist hall K.M.S. on Saturday 31st November at 4pm. The Remembrance Sunday Service in Kirkbymoorside is on Sunday November 8th at 10.30am in All Saints Churchyard followed by a service at 11am. The Churches Together remembrance service is on All Saints Day, Sunday November 1st. at Kirkbymoorside Methodist church at 3pm.

So let us be of good cheer, for November is a month of faith and hope in the one who is the Resurrection and the Life. I am sure we all share with Bishop Marcus, our thanks to our Methodist friends in Christ for the use of their hall and facilities during this difficult time for us at St Chads. It is a wonderful gesture of friendship and trust between us and may the Lord of peace and reconciliation bless it.

With Prayers, Fr. Raphael.

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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: 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 will be meeting on Tuesday 10th November when we will be discussing "The Dutch House " by Ann Patchett.

The Kirkbymoorside Christmas Tree Festival will be displayed in the Methodist Church from 13-20th December, this year's theme is "O Little Town".

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 day's 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:

Collection for August:
St Mary's Helmsley £186
St Chads Kirkbymoorside £248

Newsletter Items for December: Please send or give any items for the next Newsletter by **Friday 27th November** – to the St Chad's "Newsletter" box (back of church), Julie (St Chads), Fliss (St Marys), or send to **stchadsppc@gmail.com**

More information can be found on our website www.stchadkms.co.uk