

- **Welcome if you are a visitor or a guest of a family, we are pleased to have you join us today. Also, if you are new in the area, please let us know and welcome, join us for refreshments after our Mass!**
- **Non-Perishable donations of food and toiletries.** Thank you for supporting local families in our area. Items such as cereals, /meat/vegetables/fruit/soup/beans, tea, coffee, jam, marmalade, pasta, pasta sauce, treats and biscuits are always needed. Please leave donations in the Church porch. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.
- **Mass Intentions – Please send in your Mass intentions for December and Christmas.**
- **Christmas Fayre –A BIG THANK YOU –** to all who helped in putting together our stalls for this year’s Christmas Fayre. It was so pleasing to see all Churches coming together and working together. Thank you for all your contributions to all the stalls. Hope you enjoyed the day. A huge thank you to all the children and parents for the Nativity and to Esther and Fran for your help and input, to the two fairies!!! And of course, to the singing superstar Oscar for his Christmas crooner songs. The Christmas raffle draw will be after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday. Thank You.
- **Date for the Diary - Churches Together Carol Service** is at St Peter and St Paul on the Sunday at 6pm on 15th December and Carols on the green with a brass band (weather permitting) will be on Monday 16th December near the War memorial at 7pm. All are welcome, bring your singing voices!
- **FEED THE HOMELESS –** involves collecting any surplus food from Coops in Stokesley and Great Ayton and delivering to the homeless charity Nite Light CIC in Acklam. They urgently need more volunteers to go on a rota, any help please email; eilendriver@hotmail.co.uk or phone 0796997226
- **Many Thanks –** to the parish for your generous contributions to Justice First. Much appreciated in giving the spirit of Christmas to those seeking asylum.
- **2024 Teesside Hub Wrap up Campaign –** We received a letter thanking us for our involvement in this year’s Wrap Up campaign. This was the collection of warm clothing which was passed on to 18 charities working with those in need in the Teesside area. There were 54 collection points, and this resulted in 2725 items including 1822 coats. Thank you to all who contributed in any way.
- **Christmas Flowers –** This Sunday there will be a retiring collection for Christmas Flowers
- **Diocese of Middlesbrough Yearbook 2025 –** is now available with all Mass times at all parishes in the diocese, cost is £1. Also, the Catholic Voice is now available for December.
- **Parish Christmas Card –** For all parishioners there is a Christmas Card from Mgr Dasey and me with all Mass times during Christmas week.

- **A thought: Walt Disney died on the 15th of December in 1966. The legacy he left behind means that no matter how old we are, Walt Disney's imagination can easily return us to our childhood. Lord, keep me ever mindful that "growing old is inevitable but growing up is optional." *God Bless Monsignor Gerard Robinson.***