



# THE YORK ORATORY

## *Saint Wilfrid's & Saint Joseph's*

SUNDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

*SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY*

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday Readings: Year A

#### MONDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

*ST THOMAS  
OF CANTERBURY,  
BISHOP & MARTYR,*

#### TUESDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

*Sixth Day of Christmas Octave*

#### WEDNESDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

*Seventh Day of Christmas Octave.  
Commemoration of St Silvester,  
Pope & Confessor*

#### THURSDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

*English SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD*

*Latin Octave Day of the  
Nativity of the Lord*

#### FRIDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY

*English SS Basil & Gregory*  
*Latin Christmas feria*

#### SATURDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY

*English Most Holy Name of Jesus*  
*Latin Our Lady on Saturday*

### ORATORY CLERGY

Fr Richard Duffield | *Provost*  
Fr Daniel Seward | *Parish Priest*  
Fr Stephen Brown  
Fr David Chadwick  
Br Paul Murray  
Br Alexander Bailey  
Br Thomas Kirk

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### ORATORY CHURCH OF ST WILFRID, DUNCOMBE PLACE, YO1 7EF

#### SUNDAYS

- 5pm Saturday Vigil (English Low Mass)
- 8.30am (English Low Mass)
- 10.30am (English Sung Mass), *followed by refreshments*
- 12 noon (Latin Sung Mass), *followed by refreshments*
- 4pm Vespers & Benediction

#### WEEKDAYS

Monday to Friday

- 8.15am (Latin Low Mass) • 12.10pm (English Low Mass)
- Saturday
- 9.15am (Latin Low Mass) • 12.10pm (English Low Mass)

#### CONFESSIONS

Monday to Saturday

- 11.30am – 12 noon
- Confessions are also heard before every Mass, every day

#### OTHER SERVICES, PRAYERS, AND DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

- Monday – Saturday from 11.30am – 12 noon
- Veneration of the Relic of Saint Philip: • Monday after the 12.10pm Mass
- Devotions to Our Lady of York: • Saturday after the 12.10pm Mass

### CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH, KINGSWAY NORTH, YO30 6JX

#### SUNDAYS

- 9.30am (English Sung Mass), *followed by refreshments*

#### WEDNESDAYS

- 9.15am (English Low Mass), *followed by refreshments*

#### CONFESSIONS

- Before Mass

### SHRINE OF ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, SHAMBLES, YO1 7LX

#### SATURDAYS

- 10am (English Low Mass) with Rosary before Mass
- Litany and Petitions to the Martyrs of York after Mass*

### MORE HOUSE, UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY, MAIN STREET, YO10 5DX

#### SUNDAYS

- 12.15pm Mass (Term time only)
- Other Masses & events as announced*

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The Oratory Church of St Wilfrid is a Jubilee Pilgrimage Church for the Holy Year 2025. A Plenary Indulgence, applicable to the faithful departed, may be gained each day by a devout visit to the church, together with prayers for the Holy Father's intentions, Holy Communion and sacramental Confession within a few days, and detachment from sin.



Today is the last day of the Holy Year (outside of Rome, where it ends at Epiphany) and so the last day on which you may gain the Jubilee Indulgence in our church.

### BISHOPS' MOVE

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation of the Rt Revd Terence Patrick Drainey as Bishop of Middlesbrough. The Fathers and Brothers would like to express their special gratitude to Bishop Drainey for inviting them to make a foundation in York.

The Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Revd Marcus Stock, has been appointed by Pope Leo XIV as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. Bishop Stock writes,

*"It is the Holy Father's wish that I explore with the clergy, lay faithful and religious of our two historic sister Dioceses of Middlesbrough and Leeds how we might journey together in mission, work in close collaboration and gain from each other's strengths in order to secure the future of the Church's witness to Christ across the regions we serve."*

### SUNDAY, 4 JANUARY SUNG COMPLINE AT ST JOSEPH'S

6.15pm, sung by *Cælestis*.

### SUNDAY, 11 JANUARY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

On a break over Christmas; returns on 11<sup>th</sup> January.

### WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

Second collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – especially to help them fight back against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide.

### FRIDAY, 16 JANUARY FAITH ON FRIDAYS

7.30pm in the Oratory House. A new series about *How the Church survived the sixteenth century and came out stronger*. The first talk is on *What caused the Protestant so-called Reformation?*

### MONDAY, 19 JANUARY TALKING HEADS

Our scripture study group returns, on Mondays at 7.30pm in the Oratory House, and on Tuesdays at 1pm in the Upper Room. We will continue to read the Book of Esther.

### TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY CATECHISM CLASSES FOR ADULTS

6.30pm in the Oratory House. In addition to our individual instruction of new Catholics, Fr Daniel will be going through the catechism each week.

Fr Richard also has catechism classes for students at More House on *Thursdays* during term time at 5.30pm.

### WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

The relics of St Gerard Majella will be visiting our church, and the Redemptorist priest Fr Royston Price will celebrate Mass and preach at 7pm. St Gerard Majella is the patron saint of mothers, expectant mothers, childbirth, children (especially the unborn), and those struggling with infertility, often called "The Mothers' Saint" due to numerous miracles associated with pregnancy and family. St Gerard (1726-1755) was an Italian Redemptorist lay brother known for his deep humility, obedience, and miraculous intercession.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Weekday Masses at 9.15am & 12.10pm  
from Boxing Day until Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January

Mass on Wednesday at St Joseph's, 9.15am

Mass on Saturday at the Shrine, 10am

Benediction today at 4.30pm (no Vespers)

*Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January  
Solemnity of the Epiphany  
A holy day of obligation*

8.15am: Latin Low Mass

9.15am: Mass at St Joseph's

12.10pm: Sung English Mass

6pm: Latin High Mass

*The Fathers & Brothers of the Oratory wish you  
a very happy and holy Christmas and thank you  
for your generous Christmas offering*



REGINA COELI LAETARE