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Parish website- [www.smjpocklington.org.uk](http://www.smjpocklington.org.uk)

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Sellers.

Local Catholic schools:

Primary school- St Mary and St Joseph, Maxwell Road Pocklington, tel 01759 303287.

Secondary school- All Saints, Mill Mount York, tel 01904 647877.

Hospitals: If you go into hospital and would like the priest to visit here are some useful numbers; York hospitals 01904 624767, Hull Royal Infirmary 01482 329100 and Castle Hill 01482 847763. In case of emergencies ask the ward to page the Catholic chaplain.

6<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### Holy Mass.

Day	Time	Intention	Feast
Saturday	7.00pm	Intentions of SC (5)	
Sunday	9.30am	Margaret and Jack Cox RIP	Epiphany
Monday	9.30am	Intentions of SC (6)	
Tuesday	9.30am	Intentions of SC (7)	
Wednesday	6.30pm	Intentions of SC (8)	
Thursday	9.30am	Intentions of SC (9)	
Friday	6.30pm		

Confessions this week: Saturday 6.15-6.45pm.

Wednesday Rosary 6.10pm

Recently deceased: Betty Spayne, Nancy Webb, Ted Flynn, Graham Forsdyke, David Brough, Angela Ogden, Maureen Scaife, Marion Field, Paul Laverack, may they rest in peace.

Next weekend we have the annual SPUC White Flower appeal, there will be a collection on the way out from Mass. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

Please take the opportunity to have a look at the parish website. It contains new information and links to recent events of interest including the Pilgrimage to the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham in Middlesbrough Cathedral made by some of our parishioners. In order to promote the Faith in this century it is good to learn from the rich Catholic history of this country.

New GDPR Legislation. The Catholic Insurance Service has instructed the diocese regarding this new legislation on data protection. It affects the parishes in a couple of ways: firstly all information must be kept in a locked filing cabinet and secondly the names of living people who are on a sick list or who may be having a Mass said for them may not be printed on the newsletter or website without their written permission. This does not affect Masses for the dead. I propose to print the initials of the donor after 'Mass for the Intentions of..'

Anyone who has their name on a rota or is a winner of the 100 club is presumed to have given their consent.

The message from the diocese concludes 'whatever our opinions, we must be compliant.'

NB Due to the redevelopment of Holme Hall there will be no Masses offered in the chapel at Holme-upon-Spalding-Moor until further notice.

Diocesan Yearbook 2019- the diocese has been in touch to say that the distribution has been delayed.

Retreats 2019- [www.ampleforth.org.uk](http://www.ampleforth.org.uk) offers a range of retreats throughout the year. I have also received information from [www.boarbankhall.org.uk](http://www.boarbankhall.org.uk) which is run by Augustinian sisters. A few days quiet and contemplation can bring great refreshment to souls and bodies, why not give it a try in the New Year.

Future events:

Week of prayer for Christian Unity- 20<sup>th</sup> January service at All Sts church of England, all welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (24-31<sup>st</sup> May)- application forms are available.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pietrelcina and Assisi (2-6 October)- details from

[jennydowson@rcdmidd.org.uk](mailto:jennydowson@rcdmidd.org.uk)

9<sup>th</sup> June- The Big Sing at Burnby Hall

100 club New subscription forms will be available in the New Year, new players welcome

Weekend collection £376 thank you.

The following blessing is given to those who come to Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> January. The words seem appropriate to guide our prayers and actions in this New Year:

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

May he give you integrity in the faith, endurance in hope, and perseverance in charity with holy patience to the end.

May he order your days and your deeds in his peace, grant your prayers in this and in every place, and lead you happily to eternal life.

Can I take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped to clean and decorate the church for Christmas. A personal word of thanks also to those who have shown their kindness and generosity of spirit to me over Christmas and throughout the year in many ways. Let us pray for each other that the New Year brings an increase of faith, hope and charity in the parish and throughout the world. With every blessing to you and your families for a happy Christmas and New Year  
Fr Michael Sellers.