



Our Lady of Guisborough

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St Paulinus' RC Church

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MASS & OTHER SERVICES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 6pm

SUNDAY MASS: 10am

MONDAY MASS at 10am, with morning prayers at 9.40am.

THURSDAY MASS at 10am, preceded by saying the Rosary together at 9.35am. (Sometimes a class from the school will be there.)

CONFESSIONS: Before the Saturday evening Mass, 5 - 5.30pm.

FRIDAYS at 7pm is Adoration, praying with a time of music and a time of silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in Church.

The Epiphany is celebrated on Sunday 7th January.

Monday 8th Jan - Feast of Baptism of Our Lord.

Friday 12th Jan - Memorial of a local saint, Aelred of Rievaulx.

Sunday 14th Jan - Peace Day

Sunday 21st Jan - Sunday of the Word of God

Thursday 25th Jan - Conversion of St Paul

Sunday 28th Jan - Racial Justice Day

**A HAPPY AND
BLESSED
YEAR TO ALL
OUR
READERS**

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LATE PUBLICATION.

The Newsletters this month are available after the Epiphany to allow more items for publication to be included, following return and recovery from Christmas & New Year.

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS

Anne Gardener's Funeral

.... was held on December 15th., celebrated by both Fr. Phil and Canon Michael and transmitted live to the family in Australia. You may remember her Diamond Wedding Anniversary being celebrated a few months ago.



May she rest in peace.

Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Fayre. It raised over £600.



CAUSE Hamper Campaign 2023

As in previous years, St Paulinus RC Parish in Guisborough has worked to support CAUSE (Catholics against Unemployment & Social Evils) to collect goods for Christmas Hampers, as part of the Diocesan project. This year, Guisborough's volunteers and parishioners collected 40 bags of goods of foods and Christmas presents to support the CAUSE Christmas Hamper Campaign for 2023. On Sunday morning (December 10) many of the bags were displayed on the Altar as Canon Michael Bayldon came out of retirement to say Mass, along with Deacon Len Collins. After Mass, Guisborough's CAUSE organiser, Mrs Maureen McLean thanked all the volunteers who had worked to collect, wrap and bag all the items, following several weeks of collections.



Brian Gleeson

Lectio Divina - praying with scripture



Our Lectio Divina sessions will restart on week commencing 7th January and run until week ending 10th February.

You can choose from 3 different small groups:

- 7pm on Tuesdays with Michael Coughlan (at a parishioner's home, numbers restricted);
- 6.30pm on Wednesdays with Emma Morrison at St Paulinus;
- 2.30pm on Thursdays with Bernard Clarke at St Paulinus.

You are very welcome to join in! To register or for more details, please contact Emma

Morrison on 07866 610529 or email

emmamorrison1@live.com

MAP (Methodist Asylum Project, in Middlesbrough) is in need of winter clothes for children, double duvets, frying pans. If you can help, talk with Michelle Clarke or email:

contact@stpaulinusguisborough.org.uk



Coffees, teas, etc. are to be had in the hall after 10am Mass on most Sundays. Our rota is working well but there is still room to join our happy band of volunteers!



MORE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS

LAST WEDNESDAY of the MONTH

1:45 - 3:15 in the Church hall.

MUSIC & MEMORIES

For people living with Dementia and their
Carers



**Saturday-Sunday,
January 27th-28th
after Mass there will
be a collection. Thank**

**you for supporting the Society for the Protection
of Unborn Children (SPUC).**

Pope appeals for leaders to show leadership at COP28

Pope Francis's
message placed
responsibility for
tackling the climate
crisis on political
leaders, reminding



governments gathered at the COP that "the
purpose of power is to serve" and that it is
"useless to cling to an authority that will
one day be remembered for its inability to
take action when it was urgent and
necessary to do so".

The Pope warned that the destruction of
the environment "is an offence against
God" endangering all human beings,
"especially the most vulnerable in our
midst".

The message reiterated a call made by
Pope Francis in [Laudate Deum](#), a document
published in the run-up to COP28, for
leaders at the climate talks to commit to
the "elimination of fossil fuels" and to
make pledges that are "obligatory and
readily monitored".

Cardinal Parolin, the Vatican's Secretary of State,
read the Pope's message to negotiators at COP28.
Pope Francis was forced to cancel his trip to the
UN climate summit due to illness.

Singing Group for Sunday Mass.

Practice is once a month. Interested?

**Children are also welcome,
accompanied by parents or
caregivers.**



**Contact Michelle Clarke, or e-mail
contact@stpaulinusguisborough.org.uk**

Dear Father,

I just wanted to send you a quick note to say thank
you for your support and prayers this year.

We are truly grateful for every prayer, every
donation and every signature in support of our
campaigns.

It has been a difficult year for many, not least for
those caught up in the devastating conflict in Israel
and the occupied Palestinian territory and other
conflicts throughout the world but together, we
continue on our Advent journey to the manger to
welcome Christ once again.

Thank you for standing with us.

We wish you a happy and holy journey to the
manger and a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

Kind regards,

Carol

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**Advance Notice,
Parish Quiz coming up in February
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AND MORE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER?

We know that there have been requests for a Newsletter every week, and we agree with the reasons for it.

But for that to be possible we need more new blood to our editorial team. There are just three of us now: Peter Smith - whose inspiration started the project during Covid restrictions - and Noel Heaps. Bernard Clarke proofreads and uploads it to the parish website. It is very much a collaborative and evolving enterprise.

We use *Microsoft Publisher* to draft out, and then save the final drafts to an *Adobe Acrobat PDF* for uploading to the website, and printing at church.

For a weekly printed Newsletter to go ahead as well as a monthly 'magazine' version, we need additional help with fresh ideas.

If you fancy it or want to know more, make your interest known to Peter, Bernard or Noel, or e-mail:

contact@stpaulinusguisborough.org.uk

The Editorial Team

SNOWDROPS

Mike and Gel Heagney will be opening Tudor Croft for viewing their special snowdrop collection on Feb 10th/11th and Feb 17th/18th from 11-3.



We also received a personal message from Mike Heagney:

Hutton Meadows near our church and school are again being threatened by a planning application. Two previous applications have already been defeated. You are entitled to add objections to Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council.

<https://planning.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=R%2F2023%2F0746%2FRSM>

Church cleaning takes place once a month after Thursday 10am mass. Extra help is always welcome!



So if this is your sort of thing do come and join the happy band of volunteers!

Contact Michelle on 01287 205504

We are CAFOD - the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



Pray for peace in the Holy Land





A letter from the Rector

Catholic National Shrine and
Basilica of Our Lady, at
Walsingham,

Dear Father and Parishioners,

It is with immense joy that I write to you from the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham, 'England's Nazareth.' It is from here that, as the new Rector, I would like to reach out to you and to your parish community to invite you to journey together to Walsingham.

Our pastoral theme for 2024 is: *'Mary, helping us to journey together,'* the backdrop for all our pilgrimages to Walsingham this coming year. We pray that Our Lady of Walsingham will help us with her prayers to be united in our listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, as we seek to do the Lord's will in our lives. I am pleased to attach a poster inviting your parishioners to come to Walsingham. If you would like us to send you printed copies, simply reply to this email specifying how many you would like and we will post them to you in due course.

Should you require support in organising your very first pilgrimage either from your parish, or as a group of parishes, our **Pilgrimage Manager, Em Payne**, would be pleased to assist at: pilgrimage@walsingham.org.uk or call her on 01328 801009. Alternatively, if you would prefer, please complete an [online Pilgrimage Enquiry Form](#). We would love you to stay a few nights, and so we have a mix of ensuite, budget and bunk rooms which between them can accommodate over 150 people.

Alternatively, if you know the ropes and simply wish to 'book again' do contact our **Reservations Team** directly on reservations@walsingham.org.uk, call 01328 820217 or complete an online [Pilgrimage Enquiry Form](#). Please book early to secure your preferred dates.

We are currently preparing our 2024 pilgrimage information brochure which will give you a flavour of Walsingham and what the upcoming season will offer. If you would like to order some complimentary copies for your parishioners, please complete an online [Walsingham Pilgrim Guide Request Form](#) or simply reply to this email and we will gladly send you these free of charge when they become available.

It would be our joy to welcome you to Walsingham in 2024. As an early 'heads up,' we will be hosting the third [Walsingham Priest Retreat](#) from Monday 4th to Friday 8th March 2024. The retreat leader will be Bishop Michael Campbell OSA and the cost per retreatant will be £400 which includes full board and a contribution to the retreat leader's stipend and travel expenses. If this might be interest to you, please indicate this by clicking the "register your interest" link below or simply reply to this email, and we will send you further details in due course.

In the meantime, be assured of our prayers for you and your parishioners as we journey towards Advent.

Fr Robert Billing



**FRIENDS
OF THE
HOLY LAND**

Friends of the Holy Land - Press Release

Monday December 4th, 2023

When wailing sirens cease a voice cries out from Bethlehem -

Hear Angels Cry

In a departure from the traditional festive decorations and Christmas tree lighting, In the Bethlehem Municipality has chosen to cancel Christmas festivities due to thousands killed and in a prayer for peace. Amidst the rubble and ruins, a poignant voice rises to declare that the light of hope will persist in the small West Bank town where the Christmas story unfolded.

Youstina Safar, a resident of Bethlehem and a student at Bethlehem University, has collaborated with the London-based band Ooberfuse to deliver a powerful message through their Christmas song, "Hear Angels Cry." The song resonates with the belief that hope for a better future, born in the hearts of humanity, remains resilient in the face of aggression.



Watch on Youtube now: <https://bit.ly/418x6lF>

Stream on Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/46JOQVo>

Buy on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/3GuduPo>

Stream on Apple Music: <https://apple.co/46lk9jk>



Youstina Safar shares, *"In the midst of despair, our song 'Hear Angels Cry' stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of hope in Bethlehem. While the traditional Christmas displays may dim this year in remembrance of lives lost in Gaza, our voices unite to affirm that hope will never succumb to darkness."*

Cherrie Anderson, a member of Ooberfuse, remarks, *"As we embarked on this music project in June, we never anticipated the cancellation of Christmas displays in Bethlehem. The dimming lights in Manger Square honour those who tragically lost their lives in the Holy Land. 'Hear Angels Cry' embodies Jesus' message of love, prevailing even in the face of hopelessness. All proceeds from the song will directly benefit those suffering in Gaza, particularly the children reconstructing the fragments of their lives."*

As a partner in this project, John Handal, the Music Producer from Bethlehem and the owner of RJ Music company has played a crucial role in bringing this collaboration to life. His commitment to the project reflects a shared vision of using music as a beacon of hope and healing in the region. John Handal expresses, *"It's an honour to be part of a project that transcends borders and brings together artists from Bethlehem and London. 'Hear Angels Cry' is a testament to the enduring power of music to convey messages of peace and resilience. Through our collaboration, we aim to shine a light on the indomitable spirit of Bethlehem and support those affected by the conflicts in the Holy Land."*

"Hear Angels Cry" is not just a song but a heartfelt plea for unity, compassion, and the enduring power of hope, even in the most challenging circumstances. This Christmas, the world is invited to join in this message of solidarity and support for those affected by the ongoing struggles in the Holy Land.

Proceeds from the song will go to Friends of the Holy Land, a UK charity which is also registered in Palestine. Through its office in Bethlehem, it is well-placed to get urgent, personalized aid to the families most in need in Gaza and the West Bank and will make sure the most in need are helped quickly by the proceeds from the song. The message of Christ has been a light, both spiritually and practically through the work of so many Christian institutions, in the region for thousands of years. These communities and institutions follow Jesus where he walked and love their neighbours by providing hospitals, quality schools, universities and social care in the Palestinian territories. We can't let that light go out in our generation. You can make a further difference by donating separately to **"Hear Angels Cry"** 'at <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/Appeal/christmas>' .

Wordsearch for January

N P C M A M X S F M H J C Y K
 B A M O O E A M F X I E Y H O
 A U T T N N L H Q S L X F T G
 B G H S I V R R E U A Z N O O
 U E N U L N E P E Q R D H M H
 R U Q E S U I R R D Y S W I P
 R A U Z S P W R S Y Q V S T H
 L J N U H P J N F I T H E J P
 A Z N A I B A F H B O R B D J
 J H N Y R O G E R G I N A P S
 P Y T I T U S K V P L F S M A
 A N G E L A M E R I C I T A M
 Q Y A V L D A H S B J K I R O
 I N K H B P U A P W C T A Y H
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AELRED AGNES ANGELA MERICI AQUINAS
 BASILCONVERSION EPIPHANY FABIAN GREGORY
 HILARY MARTYR MARY MOTHER SEBASTIAN
 THOMAS TIMOTHY TITUS VINCENT WULSTAN

LITURGICAL CALENDAR for JANUARY 2024

Day	Date	Celebration
Monday	1	Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Octave of the Nativity)
Tuesday	2	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church
Wednesday	3	Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday	4	Weekday of Christmas
Friday	5	Weekday of Christmas
Saturday	6	Weekday of Christmas
Sunday	7	The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday	8	Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday	9	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	10	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday	11	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday	12	St Aelred of Rievaulx, Religious
Saturday	13	St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Sunday	14	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)
Monday	15	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	16	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	17	St Anthony, abbot
Thursday	18	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday	19	St Wulstan, Bishop
Saturday	20	St Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St Sebastian, Martyr
Sunday	21	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)
Monday	22	St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr
Tuesday	23	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	24	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Thursday	25	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
Friday	26	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Saturday	27	St Angela Merici, Virgin
Sunday	28	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)
Monday	29	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	30	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	31	St John Bosco, Priest