



Saint Mary's Cathedral
Saint Francis' & Saint Clare's
 Also serving the Shrine of Mount Grace, Osmotherley
 Under the leadership of Mgr. G. Robinson

10th March 2019

**1st Sunday of Lent
(Year C)**

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Judy Coates

(Tuesday & Friday

9am to 1pm)

	St Mary's Cathedral Mass Times / Ints.		St Francis' & St Clare's Mass Times / Ints.		
Saturday (Vigil)	4.00 pm (Shrine) 6.30 pm	Brenda Stephenson Josie & Jim Coughlan	6.00 pm	St Francis'	Margaret Howells
Sunday	10.00 am 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Reidy Family	9.30 am 10.30 am	St Clare's St Francis'	Tony Hutchinson Maurice O'Donaghue
Monday	6.30 pm	Feliciano Salvatore	9.15 am	St Clare's	Vera Smith
Tuesday	9.45 am	Funeral Mass of Christine Margaret Jones	11.30 am	St Francis'	Christopher McDonald
Wednesday			9.15 am	St Clare's	Mary Beck
Thursday	6.30 pm	Norman Swash	11.30 am	St Francis'	Catherine & Jack Davies
Friday	12.00 Midday	Michael Grimsdon	12 Midday	St Clare's	Mary Agar
Saturday	9.15 am	Herman Family			

Diary This Week:

Feast Days:

Monday: of Lent

Tuesday: of Lent

Wednesday: of Lent (6th Year Anniversary of Pope Francis)

Thursday: of Lent

Friday: of Lent

Saturday: of Lent

RITE OF ELECTION today 10th March at 3pm at the Cathedral.

CONFIRMATION MEETING this Monday 11th March at 6pm in the Cathedral hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION meeting this Tuesday 12th March at 6pm for St. Augustine's and St. Gerard's schools.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP meeting this Tuesday 12th March at 7.15pm in the Cathedral hall.

MUSIC FOR THE MIND this Wednesday 13th March from 1pm-4pm in the Cathedral hall.

BAPTISM MEETING this Wednesday 13th March at 7pm in the Cathedral hall.

RCIA PROGRAMME this Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm in the Cathedral presbytery.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS suitable for families and young people, this Friday 15th March at 6pm at the Cathedral, led by the Children's Liturgy Group.

Devotions

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday Cathedral 9.45 - 10.30 am
 5.45 - 6.15 pm (& on request)
 Shrine 3.00 pm
 St Francis' 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Rosary:

Saturday Cathedral 8.50 am (for Vocations)
 Tuesday St. Francis' 11am (before Mass)

Exposition:

Thursday St. Francis' 12 Midday (after Mass)
 Friday St Clare's 9.00 am
 Saturday Cathedral 9.45 am (for Vocations)
 Saturday Shrine 3.00 pm

Benediction & Solemn Vespers:

Wednesday Cathedral 6pm

Morning Prayer:

Monday St. Clare's 9.00 am
 Tuesday Cathedral 8.50 am
 Wednesday St. Clare's 9.00 am

Collections - Many Thanks:

Cathedral: £1085.76
 St Francis' & St Clare's: £1141.16
 Lady Chapel: £61.86

Clergy:

Dean/Parish Priest: Mgr. Gerard Robinson
 Associate Pastor: Mgr. Gerard Dasey
 Assistant Priest: Fr. Richard Marsden
 Permanent Deacons: Rev. Ken Senior & Rev. Ray Hall

Mgr. Gerard's thoughts for this week:

Jesus was tempted in the desert. It's not so easy to understand how Jesus and temptation can come together but we are told clearly that Jesus was like us in all things except sin. To me, it seems when we are faced with learning to believe, that Jesus Christ really was a man living in the same world that we inhabit today. He had all the human emotions: affection, love, fear, anger and so on. In use of his mind, his body, his heart he was free as we are free, but when tempted he never chose himself rather than his father's will. Like him we are free, but when tempted unlike him we often choose our will rather than God's and this can lead to sin. But God is with us in our struggles always helping us to overcome them. St. Augustine says "it is through temptation that we come to know ourselves. We cannot win our crown unless we overcome and we cannot overcome unless we enter the contest and there is no contest unless we have an enemy and the temptation he brings."

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER those who have died recently especially: Dennis McGough, Vera Smith, Emily Hyde, Dennis Foley, Alma Connorton, Chris Jones, Gerard Passman & Louise Gooch.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

FOOD COLLECTION We have a food and toiletry collection for those in need locally this weekend. Please see the notice board for what is needed. Items can be placed in boxes in the porch. Thank you.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th March at 7.15pm in the Cathedral hall. New members are always welcome.

LENTEN SOUP KITCHEN There is a list in the back of church for volunteers to make and serve soup each Friday during Lent. We hope you will get involved and spread the workload. Many thanks.

MUSIC FOR THE MIND is this Wednesday 13th March from 2-3.30pm in the hall for those living with dementia, their friends, carers and families. Please join us in singing, dance and cake.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - 15TH MARCH 2019 Envelopes and further details of this year's Lent appeal are available in the porch.

MAKE DO AND MEND BAGS AND PURSES In support of 'Live Simply', on Sunday 17th March, our Children's Liturgy Group are selling their 'make do and mend' bags and purses (from recycled fabric and our children's own design motifs). The bags will be sold in the church hall after Family Mass and cost £3-£4. Proceeds will go towards our penny bowl and some new arts materials for children's liturgy.

LENT BAGS If you can't think of anything to do for Lent why not take a bag as you are leaving the Cathedral this weekend and fill it with toiletries, returning them at some time during Lent. The toiletries will be given to either the John Paul Centre or to refugees.

REPOSITORY There is a new collection of cards and gift for First Holy Communion and a good selection of Easter cards.

ST. CLARE'S & ST. FRANCIS' NOTICES

PARISH BOOKLET This year's Parish Booklet is now available at St. Francis' and St. Clare's. We apologise it is a little late this year but we had to comply with data protection guidance. Please take one.

ST. FRANCIS' 200 CLUB 3.3.19 £25 – 15. There are some spaces left in the 200 club draw. If you would like to subscribe to 50p a week speak to Marie Mead after Sunday Mass in the hall.

ST. CLARE'S 200 CLUB 1st prize – 28. 2nd prize – 227. 3rd prize – 67. 4th prize -233.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP – LENTEN PLEDGES As part of your Lenten preparation you could pledge in aid of local Sutton Trust Food Bank. Please see the sheets in the entrance of the churches this weekend and sign up to what you are able to donate.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available at the back of church. If your envelopes are not there please sign your name on the form.

GENERAL NOTICES

RITE OF ELECTION today 10th March at 3pm at the Cathedral. A liturgy with Bishop Terence for all those who are being brought into the Roman Catholic Church at Easter.

CONFIRMATION meeting this Monday 11th March at 6pm in the Cathedral hall.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY this Friday 15th March. Envelopes will be given out this weekend and you are asked to bring the envelope back next weekend 16th-17th March.

LENT The season of Lent continues. The Stations of the Cross at St. Francis' church will be on Tuesdays after Mass and the soup kitchen will be on Thursday after Mass. The soup Kitchen at St. Clare's and the Cathedral will be after 12 Midday Mass. The aim would be as a way of fasting to offer what you would have spent on your meals to be given to the causes for each soup kitchen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Tuesday after 11.30am Mass at St. Francis', on Wednesday after 9.15am Mass at St. Clare's, and on a Friday at the Cathedral before the 12 Midday Mass (11.15am) for traditional Stations and at 6pm on a Friday evening for Stations more suitable for families and children. This week family stations at the Cathedral will be led by the Children's Liturgy Group.

PARISH MUSICIANS TRAINING DAY for all instrumentalists and singers at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 16th March. Registration is at 9.30am. There will be a keynote speech and workshops and the day finishes around 5pm. You are invited to bring your instruments and your voices along and is open for all people. £10 pre-booking is essential. Email musicdept@rcdmidd.org.uk

**God Bless: Fr. Gerard, Fr. Gerry, Fr. Richard
Rev. Ken & Rev. Ray**

