



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

15th March 2020

**Third Sunday of Lent
(Year A)**

Divine Office: Wk. III

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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	Buckley Family Agnes Scales	6.00 pm	St Francis'	Gerard Metcalfe
Sunday	10.00 am 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Herman Family	9.30 am 10.30 am	St Clare's St Francis'	Diane Padmore Richard & Thomas Bryan
Monday	6.30 pm	Dennis Brown			
Tuesday	9.15 am	Sick Family Member			
Wednesday			9.15 am 11.00 am	St Clare's St Francis'	Percy, Nora & Burt Watson Requiem Mass for John Durham
Thursday	6.30 pm	Angela Grimes	11.30 am	St Francis'	Bruce Raine
Friday	12 Midday	Gladys Camber	9.15 am	St Clare's	Peter Pelusi
Saturday	9.15 am	Derrick Boylen	6.00 pm	St Francis'	Helga Tuckey

Diary This Week:

Feast Days:

Monday: of Lent
 Tuesday: St. Patrick
 Wednesday: of Lent
 Thursday: Solemnity of St. Joseph
 Friday: of Lent
 Saturday: of Lent

CAKE STALL in the Cathedral hall after 10am Family Mass today.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION meeting in the Cathedral hall this Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm.

RCIA catch up session this Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

SOUP KITCHEN – CANCELLED As of this week the Soup Kitchen will be cancelled across St. Francis', St. Clare's and the Cathedral.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on a Friday evening have been **cancelled** for the rest of the season of Lent.

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)

Exposition:

Thursday St. Francis' 12 Midday (after Mass)
 Friday St. Clare's 8.45 am
 Saturday Cathedral 9.45 am (for Vocations)
 Saturday Shrine 3.00 pm

Benediction & Solemn Vespers:

Wednesday Cathedral 6pm

Morning Prayer:

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

Many thanks for the collection

Clergy:

Dean/Parish Priest: Mgr. Gerard Robinson
 Associate Pastor: Mgr. Gerard Dasey
 Assistant Priest: Fr. Albert Schembri
 Permanent Deacon: Rev. Ken Senior

Mgr. Gerard's thought: Firstly, thank you for all the well wishes. I am improving but I am still suffering from asthmatic problems, so I am still not back at work. This weekend we hear in the gospel of the Samaritan who met Jesus at the well and their meeting changed her life forever. Her life was in a shambles having had five husbands, potentially working on her sixth, and yet Jesus' eyes don't criticize or condemn. His gaze invited her to say words that released hurt and loneliness in the woman and those words brought some healing and restoration to her. Most of us have learned to adopt an "I can do it myself" attitude and we often find it difficult to tell others we need their help. In today's world we hurt inside, we too often put on a plastic smile, one that says we're at peace but actually we're not. Caring people are there to get inside our worlds and see beyond our masks. They break down the hiding places we have built brick by brick. We need people like this in our lives who are there to build bridges and share our problems. People who have that attitude help things get better. It's time to lift our head and see who is waiting to see into our eyes. Today can also be a new healing for us if we open our heart to someone. In this time in which we live with coronavirus and isolation it is even more important that we care and share. Lent challenges us to measure our willingness to care even if it's a simple phone call to make sure people are ok. That's the Christian thing to do.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER those who have died recently especially: Kathleen Heaney, Maureen Dowd, Paul Dunn, David Sargeant, Ryan Hodgson, Ellen McGowan, Pierino Pelusi, Ken Foreman & John Durham.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

CAKE STALL today after 10am Family Mass.

ST. CLARE'S & ST. FRANCIS' NOTICES

THURSDAY MASS reverts to St. Francis' at 11.30am and as you can see most of the decorating is coming to an end. It has been wonderful people have generously given donations for the decorating and new lights at St. Francis' church. Any further donations would all be gratefully received. At the moment, as part of the fundraising, there will be an Easter egg raffle planned to be drawn after Mass on the 29th March depending on how the coronavirus develops. Any egg donations are welcome. Please leave them in the sacristy.

PARISH DINNER – CANCELLED The upcoming parish dinner on the 20th March has been cancelled as I understand the advice in view of the development of Coronavirus is to discourage large gatherings of people. Hopefully, our next dinner in July will not be affected. I know Mark & Julia O'Donnell of The Dining Room send their apologies.

ST. FRANCIS' TRIP - CANCELLED This trip has also been cancelled due to the coronavirus.

ST. FRANCIS' 200 CLUB Winners for February. **2.2.20** £25 – 48. **9.2.20** £25 – 179. **16.2.20** £50- 26, £25 – 35, £25 – 187. **23.2.20** £25 – 168.

CONFESSIONS For the season of Lent we will make ourselves available for confession at St. Clare's church during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 8.45am-9.10am.

GENERAL NOTICES

CORONAVIRUS The Bishop has now issued a decree which every parish must adhere to. These are specific pastoral measures that every church has to implement, and they will be effective from 14th March 2020. I have put these on a separate sheet which is available at all our churches and I would ask you to take a copy with you and read it thoroughly. These are very testing times. It is very important that we all look out for each other but remain safe. I will continue to monitor the situation taking advice from the Bishops of England and Wales and the government. I have also printed some prayer cards for times of flu and illness for all our churches. Please take one and pray at home.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION This Wednesday 18th March, at 7.30pm in the Cathedral hall, Fr. Pat Kilgariff will give a talk as part of the 'Year of the Word' titled 'Your word...a lamp for my steps and a light for my path'.

EASTER FLOWERS There will be a retiring collection at all our churches next weekend for Easter flowers.

RCIA catch up session this Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND We pray that the sick and housebound of our parish and those who care for them will be healed through God's merciful love, and those who have died or whose anniversaries occur at this time will dwell forever in the house of God. Amen.

God Bless: Fr. Gerard, Fr. Gerry, Fr. Albert & Rev. Ken

