



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

17th March 2019

**2nd 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	Buckley Family Philomena Harrison	6.00 pm	St Francis'	Fr. Aelred Coleman
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 Richard & Thomas Bryan
Monday	6.30 pm	Christine Firman	9.15 am	St Clare's	Kenneth Robson
Tuesday	9.15 am	In Thanksgiving	11.30 am	St Francis'	Phyllis Crinion
Wednesday			9.15 am	St Clare's	Lyndon Tucker
Thursday	6.30 pm	Betty & Jack Thompson	11.30 am	St Francis'	Frank Mulholland
Friday	12 Midday	Arthur Leiper	12 Midday	St Clare's	Julian Martin
Saturday	9.15 am	Canon Patrick Bluett			

Diary This Week:

Feast Days:

Monday: of Lent

Tuesday: St. Joseph

Wednesday: of Lent

Thursday: of Lent

Friday: of Lent

Saturday: of Lent

FAMILY MASS today at our 10am Mass at the Cathedral.

CATHEDRAL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING this Monday 18th March at 7.15pm in the Cathedral hall.

BAPTISM Next meeting this Wednesday 20th March at 7pm for in the Cathedral hall.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS suitable for families and young people, this Friday 22nd March at 6pm at the Cathedral, led by Mgr. Gerard.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Envelopes are still available at the back of church. Please return the CAFOD envelopes with this weekend's collection. All donations gratefully received. Many thanks for your support.

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: £1225.92
St Francis' & St Clare's: £1021.65
Lady Chapel: £92.25

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:

Transfiguration is a name we give to our breakthrough moments. It can be as simple as discovering a solution to a vexing problem or as horrific as watching the Twin Towers collapse. It can be Martin Luther King saying "I have been to the mountain top and seen his glory" and we know that integration will happen. There is no planning for the transfigurations that enrich our lives. All of us have experienced some degree of transfiguration. We just need to let ourselves be caught up in the moment and become lost in the experience. It is like receiving the Body of Christ. It is quite awesome to think we are receiving Christ because the host is more than bread. We should always say "Amen" with such profound reverence. God gives us rare moments when we hear more than is being said and see more than is obvious. During Lent and beyond how can we better treasure these moments of grace?

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

MAKE DO AND MEND BAGS AND PURSES In support of 'Live Simply' 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 today and cost £3-£4. Proceeds will go towards our penny bowl and some new arts materials for children's liturgy.

THANK YOU for your generous response to the food and toiletry collection last weekend.

MARY THOMPSON FUND There is a talk, "Life at the end of the line", on Tuesday 26th March at 7pm in the Cathedral hall. Pete Widlinski, trustee of the Mary Thompson Fund, will update us on the work being done with refugees locally. All are welcome.

LENTEN SOUP KITCHEN after our Midday Mass every Friday during Lent in the Cathedral hall.

EASTER FOOD COLLECTION TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED over the weekend of 30th/31st March. Please support the CAUSE appeal to give bags of food at Easter to families who are struggling locally during school holidays. Long life food items suitable to make a meal for children are needed. There will be a list on the table and the noticeboard. This will make a real difference. Thank you.

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

SR. VICTOIRE Please pray for Sr. Victoire who is unwell at the moment. She is a former head teacher of St. Augustine's school.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING on Wednesday 20th March at 4.30pm at the Cathedral, ideally for any new servers that may be interested in Year 4 or over. Contact Laura on 07535 272789.

ST. CLARE'S & ST. FRANCIS' NOTICES

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES – RED MISSIO BOXES We are promoting a new method of collecting mission boxes and would

be grateful if you could bring your box or bagged collection to the back of church, clearly identified, between March 30th – May 5th. It will be replaced in the back of church within two weeks. Any other donations are welcome. If there any problems with this please speak to Ken Binks on 01642 813335. Many thanks.

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 10.3.19 £25 – 121.

ST. CLARE'S 200 CLUB We are now collecting subscriptions for our 200 club. New members are welcome as numbers have decreased. Forms are available at the back of St. Clare's and return to Theresa or Val.

TAKING CARE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT In accordance with Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Laudato Si', St. Clare's and St. Francis' Justice and Peace Group is trying to be more eco-friendly in its catering arrangements. We should like to start using china instead of paper plates and cups. The problem is we don't have any! So we are appealing for any donations of cups, saucers and plates. Don't worry if they don't match. They can be left at the back of church at any time. Any donations gratefully received. Many thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS to Emma Fleming and Simon Wellingham who were married at St. Francis' on Saturday 16th March.

GENERAL NOTICES

LENT The season of Lent continues. The Stations of the Cross at St. Francis' church will be on Tuesdays after Mass. However, due to logistics it has been decided that there will be no soup kitchen at St. Francis' this year. 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Envelopes are still available at the back of church and you are asked to return them this weekend. Any donations gratefully received.

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 Mgr. Gerard.

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

