



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

**22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary  
 Time  
 (Year C)**

**Divine Office: Wk. I**

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St. Francis Hall & Social Club: 07521 097144 (Secretary – Peter Dunne)

**Parish Secretary:**

Judy Coates  
 (Tuesday & Friday  
 9am to 1pm)

	<b>St Mary's Cathedral Mass Times / Ints.</b>		<b>St Francis' &amp; St Clare's Mass Times / Ints.</b>		
<b>Saturday (Vigil)</b>	<b>4.00 pm (Shrine)</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Holy Souls People of the Parish	<b>6.00 pm</b>	St Francis'	Jeanette J.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> <b>5.00 pm</b>	Josephine Vickers Buckley Family	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>10.30 am</b>	St Clare's St Francis'	John McLean June McTiernan
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Angelo Shembri			
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Bernadette Thompson (60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Education Mass with Bishop Terence	<b>9.15 am</b>	St Clare's	Private Int.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Funeral Service for Joan Donnelly George D'eath	<b>11.30 am</b>	St Francis'	Ellen Metcalfe
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12 Midday</b>	John & Rainne Devitt	<b>9.15 am</b>	St Clare's	Audrey Jones
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Special Int.			

**Diary This Week:**

**Feast Days:**

Monday: St. Padre Pio  
 Tuesday: Feria  
 Wednesday: Feria  
 Thursday: Ss Cosmas & Damian  
 Friday: St. Vincent de Paul  
 Saturday: Mass of Our Lady

**FAMILY MASS** at the Cathedral today at 10am.

**CHORAL VESPERS** today Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 4.15pm. All are welcome.

**BENEDICTION** There will be no Benediction this week due to the Education Mass.

**EDUCATION MASS** for all educators of children this Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at the Cathedral with Bishop Terence.

**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 9.00 am  
 Saturday Cathedral 9.45 am (for Vocations)  
 Saturday Shrine 3.00 pm

**Benediction & Solemn Vespers:**

Resumes Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 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. Richard Marsden  
 Permanent Deacons: Rev. Ken Senior & Rev. Ray Hall

**Mgr. Gerard's reflection:** In today's gospel Jesus uses a rather unusual parable about a steward's sharp practise to make a point about our relationship with God. In telling this parable Jesus isn't condoning improper behaviour but rather he uses it to stress the importance of taking decisive action when decisive action is needed. The steward hadn't been doing his job properly and so faced the sack but when his future security was on the line he acted quickly. He didn't hesitate - he saw he needed to act and he did. It must be the same with our spiritual life. Our relationship with God is of paramount importance in our life but we can easily neglect it and allow it to drift along or we can get distracted by other things, become dishonest and fall into bad habits. If we neglect our relationship with God, if our spiritual future is threatened, then we need to act as quickly and decisively as that astute steward. We need to be as clever at safeguarding our spiritual future and the salvation of our souls as the clever people of this world are when their financial future is in peril.

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** those who have died recently especially: Brian Wimsey, Peter McConnell, Kathleen Gibbon, Mgr. Tony Bickerstaffe, Bernard Marron, Brian Elton Hollis & Mrs. Joan Donnelly.

#### CATHEDRAL NOTICES

**THE SEASON OF CREATION** Improve biodiversity in your garden by creating a log pile or adding water with a birdbath or pond which will provide an even rarer habitat for wildlife and plants.

**THANK YOU** for all the donations of food and toiletries to the Mary Thompson Fund last weekend and for including those items which were urgently needed.

**SUNDAY FUNDAY** today at the Cathedral after 10am Family Mass. Bring your own picnic, bouncy castle, fun acts, cake stall and more! However, outdoor activities will be cancelled if inclement weather.

**SISTERS OF ST. ELIZABETH'S CONVENT** from Minsk, Belarus are visiting the Cathedral this weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September and there will be a small display of their crafts on sale. All proceeds go to children in orphanages and psychiatric hospitals.

#### ST. CLARE'S & ST. FRANCIS' NOTICES

**FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING** for St. Francis' and St. Clare's schools this Thursday 26th September at 6pm in St. Clare's school for parents and children who are starting this program.

**CHANGES TO MASS TIMES** Friday morning Mass is now at 9.15am and there will be exposition before Mass. Also, from this week (23<sup>rd</sup> September) we will no longer celebrate 9.15am Mass at St. Clare's on a Monday and 11.30am Mass at St. Francis' on a Tuesday. All other Mass times during the week and weekend will continue.

**60's NIGHT** in St. Francis Church hall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October in aid of the Ethiopian Medical Fund. Tickets £5, including pie and peas, are on sale after weekend Masses. Fancy dress optional.

**SURVIVE MIVA** A representative will speak at the end of each Mass this weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> September. This is a catholic lay association providing funding for essential transport for health, outreach work in isolated rural areas and for the church's pastoral care in places of difficult access.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST. CLARE'S SCHOOL** We are approaching the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Clare's school in September. The school opened in September 1969 and its official opening was in summer 1970. We are looking for copies of photos linked with our school or any other memories. These could be posted to school, emailed or dropped off at St. Clare's Church in the sacristy. We are hoping to make a great display of St. Clare's throughout the years (by the way – did you know Mgr. Gerard went to St. Clare's back in 1971/72?). Email to [enquiries@stclares.npcat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stclares.npcat.org.uk).

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP** to the Metro Centre on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November leaving St. Clare's Church at 8.30am and departing from the Metro Centre at 4.30pm. Cost £10 per person. For more information lease contact Anne Stones on 01642 593960 or Caroline Bates on 01642 273654. There are lists at the back of St. Francis' and St. Clare's Churches to sign up.

#### GENERAL NOTICES

**FR. RICHARD'S LEAVING COLLECTION** Many thanks to all who gave to this. Fr. Richard will be presented with his gift during the children's Sunday Funday this Sunday after 10am Mass. He then leaves the Cathedral to move to Richmond on Monday morning and we welcome Fr. Albert Shembri who will take up residence on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Personally, can I thank Fr. Richard for his work at our churches over this past year. I'm sure we have learnt from him and I'm sure he has learnt many things from us. We wish him well in his continuing ministry to serve God in this diocese.

**CAFOD** In advance of this year's Harvest Fast Day, Mark Chamberlain from CAFOD will be giving a presentation at Christ the King Church in Thornaby on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7pm. All welcome. Harvest Fast Day is Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**LOURDES HOSPITALITE BALL** at Teesside University Hub, Southfield Road, Middlesbrough on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Doors open at 7pm and evening meal is served at 7.30pm. Live entertainment, disco, tombola, auction and raffle. Tickets £35 per person for a 3-course meal. Tickets available from [john.brown160@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.brown160@ntlworld.com) or phone 07871 958412.

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