



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

2nd December 2018

**First Sunday of Advent
 (Year C)**

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Parish Secretary:

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	Colin Verrill Sheila Bowles	6.00 pm	St Francis'	Eileen & Merv Stockwell
Sunday	10.00 am 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Special Int. (for health)	9.30 am 10.30 am	St Clare's St Francis'	David Snowden Maureen Flannigan
Monday	6.30 pm	Michael Havey	9.15 am	St Clare's	Joyce Davenport
Tuesday	9.15 am 7.00 pm	Simon O'Connor Knights of St. Columba	11.30 am	St Francis'	Dorothy Gillespie
Wednesday			9.15 am	St Clare's	Allan Rawling
Thursday	6.30 pm	Brian Jackson Gerard William Jackson	11.30 am 12.00 Midday	St Francis' St. Clare's	Special Int. Funeral Mass of Gerard Patrick McPartland
Friday	12 Midday	Oscar Snaith (Ints.) James McKenna	9.30 am	St Clare's	Agnes Mannix
Saturday	9.15 am	Toby Robinson			

Diary This Week:

Feast Days:

Monday: St. Francis Xavier

Tuesday: St. John Damascene

Wednesday: Feria

Thursday: Feria

Friday: St. Ambrose

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT ST. FRANCIS' CHURCH at St. Francis hall today Sunday 2nd December 2-4pm.

CHRISTMAS GREETING CAMPAIGN This weekend after each Mass at the Cathedral, as well as sending cards to give hope to persecuted human rights workers and the innocent imprisoned and tortured because of their Faith, we are also sending cards to Parishes in the West Bank and Gaza.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE led by Bishop Terence today, Sunday 2nd December at 3.30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, with St. Mary's Cathedral Choir and Middlesbrough Diocesan Choir. A beautiful, prayerful and spiritual way to begin the season of Advent.

BENEDICTION Final Benediction this Wednesday 5th December at 6pm at the Cathedral until the New Year.

BBC TEES CAROL SERVICE next Saturday 8th December at 3pm at the Cathedral. Suggested donation of £2 in aid of Children in Need.

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:

Friday St Clare's 9.00 am
 Saturday Cathedral 9.45 am (for Vocations)
 Saturday Shrine 3.00 pm

Benediction & Solemn Vespers:

Wednesday Cathedral 6.00 pm

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: £1142.65
 St Francis' & St Clare's: £1024.12
 Lady Chapel: £45.00

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 Advent:

Advent is all about rediscovering the peace of God within us and removing the junk that prevents us letting the peace of God shine out in our lives and on our world.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER those who have died recently especially: Geraldine Hall, Kenneth Reader, Agnes Mannix, Teresa Wilne, Irene James, Maureen Flannigan, Patrick Donaghy, Patricia Greenwell, Catherine Rowling, Maureen Maria Harrison, Gerard McPartland & Peter Connor.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Final week to buy your Christmas raffle tickets. The Christmas fair is next Sunday 9th December in the Cathedral hall after our Family Mass with Fr. Christmas!

CAUSE CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL Final week for the CAUSE hampers. All hampers returned by next weekend please. Please contact Pat McBride on 01642 310854 or 07935 101812 or pa.mcbride@ntlworld.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS if you would like your child to be involved, please take a form in the porch and return ASAP.

CATHEDRAL REPOSITORY Christmas cards, cribs, advent calendars, books and gifts on display. **Cathedral 2019 diaries are now on sale priced £1.**

VESPERS with the Cathedral Consort and string ensemble on Sunday 9th December at 4.15pm. All are welcome.

COLLECTION FOR THE UPPER ROOM AT THE JOHN PAUL CENTRE over the weekend of 15th/16th December. We require all types of toiletries, hats, scarves & gloves, sweets and chocolate.

MASS OF ANOINTING for the sick at 12 Midday on Friday 21st December at the Cathedral.

ST. CLARE'S & ST. FRANCIS' NOTICES

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS is to be said at 11.10am every Tuesday morning before Mass and there will be Exposition after Thursday morning Mass up to 12.30pm with Benediction.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS QUIZ on Friday 21st December in St. Francis' church hall in aid of the Ethiopian Medical fund. Much fun and pie & peas! Tickets £5 from the Justice & Peace Group.

REQUEST FOR HELP collecting and counting the Red Mission boxes. If you could help one of the priests or deacons please leave your mobile number. We would be very grateful.

ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE on Sunday 16th December at 4pm. We hope as many parishioners as possible will come along and sing some nice traditional carols and listen to the Christmas readings. I'm sure you will support our brothers and sisters of other faiths.

MANY THANKS to all who supported the Shoe Box appeal. As a result we were able to donate 116 gift boxes to seafarers.

CHRISTMAS TREE BAUBLES Please donate a bauble for our Christmas tree at St. Clare's in memory of a loved one. It may be from your personal home and we can use these each year. Just bring them along to the sacristy.

GENERAL NOTICES

'RAISE YOUR VOICES' CONCERT on Monday 10th December at 7pm in the Cathedral with The Town Hall Community Choir and Streetwise Opera to support local projects for the homeless, refugees and those in poverty as part of events happening at Cathedrals across the UK. All are welcome. Tickets £5 available after Mass at the Cathedral and on the door.

LOURDES 2019 Anyone interested in going to Lourdes from 24th-31st May 2019 can get an application form from the Cathedral presbytery.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE flying from Newcastle 11th September 2019. Cost £535 for 7 nights to be paid by 21st December. For more information and booking forms please contact Fr. Simon 07952 922318.

RETIRING COLLECTION next weekend after all our Masses for Christmas flowers for all of our churches.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CAROL CONCERT on Friday 14th December at 2pm at the Cathedral followed by a festive afternoon tea. Also deaf-friendly - BSL interpreted. All are welcome.

DOWRY OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM This is the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary. The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be visiting St. Mary's Cathedral from 13th-15th December. There will be an opening Mass on Thursday 13th December at 6.30pm with the Rector of Walsingham, Mgr. John Armitage. There will be confessions available after Mass and into the evening. On Friday 14th December there will be a full day of events where the Cathedral will be open, again available for confessions, Mass at 8am and 12 Midday with sung vespers. On Saturday 15th December there will be 8am Mass and 12 Midday Mass will be with Bishop Terence and there will be availability of confession. The full timetable can be obtained from the porches of our churches. We hope as many people as possible will make this a small retreat for Our Lady for Advent.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & 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 about this time will dwell forever in the house of God. Amen.

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

