



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

**30<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Feast of the Holy Family  
(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</b> (Shrine) <b>6.30 pm</b>	Veronica Allinson Eilish McKenny	<b>6.00 pm</b>	St Francis'	Catherine Monaghan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> <b>5.00 pm</b>	John Carrigan John George Wilson	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>10.30 am</b>	St Clare's St Francis'	Peter cooper Kevin McGrother
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	In Thanksgiving	<b>9.15 am</b>	St Clare's	Eric Metcalfe
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b> (Shrine)	Francesca & Vincenzo Salvatore Amelia Salvatore			
<b>Wednesday</b>			<b>9.15 am</b>	St Clare's	Liberato Tempestoso
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	O'Hare Family	<b>11.30 am</b>	St Francis'	Gillian Mason
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12.00 Midday</b>	Stephen Burns	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>10.15 am</b>	St Clare's St. Francis'	David Pennington Requiem Service for Ann Appleton
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Requiem Mass for Brenda Stephenson			

**Diary This Week:**

**Feast Days:**

Monday: of Christmas

Tuesday: Solemnity of Mary

Wednesday: St. Basil & Gregory

Thursday: of Christmastide

Friday: of Christmastide

Saturday: of Christmastide

**CHANGE OF MASS TIMES** Please note the change to Mass times this Tuesday, New Year's Day. There is 10am Mass at the Cathedral and 11am Mass at the Shrine in Osmotherley.

**DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS 2019** There has been some problems with publication and therefore the year books have not yet arrived. They will hopefully be available next weekend.

**ALTAR SERVERS** I would be very grateful if all altar servers would let Fr. Richard know if they would like to go out for pizza on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. There are letters for parental consent for all of our altar servers and young helpers.

**CRIB OFFERINGS** As in previous years we would want to support the Friends of the Holy Land and therefore at the end of all our Masses next weekend there will be a retiring collection. Every penny will go to families, children and young people in Bethlehem, West Bank and Gaza with education, employment, health and housing costs. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity.

**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:**

Resumes in the New year

**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: £1134.91  
St Francis' & St Clare's: £1149.83  
Lady Chapel: £79.15

**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:**

Traditionally New Year's Day is a time for resolutions and instinctively we know that we are people that try to do things better either improving ourselves, our attitude, our world. A New Year is a time of new hope, a time of new life and a chance to begin again. 2018 comes to an end and is over and 2019 is just about to begin and lies ahead of us. It is God's gift to us that we can try to be kinder and happier people and so what we do with it is our gift to God. Mary, Mother of God, will be an inspiration to all in treasuring the way of light and peace in this world.

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** those who have died recently especially: Maureen Flannigan, Patrick Donaghy, Patricia Greenwell, Allan Rawling, Maureen Maria Harrison, Gerard McPartland, Peter Connor, Edna Hanley, Colin Marshall, Lynn Rusk, Ron O'Toole, Brenda Stephenson & Ann Appleton.

**CATHEDRAL NOTICES**

**JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm in the hall.

**MUSIC FOR THE MIND** is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January from 2-3.30pm in the hall for those living with dementia, their friends, carers and families. Please join us for singing, dance and cake.

**COLLECTION FOR REFUGEES** Our next collection of food, toiletries, clothes and household goods is over the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> January. Please see the noticeboard for further details.

**GHANA BUS FUND - £50,000 TARGET REACHED!** Following receipt of a significant private donation in the last week, the total funds raised for our Bus Fund is now **£52,398** including gift aid of £2255. Our colleagues in Ghana are now negotiating a deal to purchase the new bus and as soon as we have further details on that, we will let you know. This is an incredible achievement, of which we can all be proud. Many thanks for your tremendous support over the last year. On a personal level thank you for believing in me and supporting this cause. I know how important this bus will be for all the young people and those suffering in any form from leprosy. They are so overwhelmed with gratitude. As for the future, the 10p collection bowl will return in due course and our Justice & Peace Group will be considering which causes we will be supporting going forward.

**BORO RAFFLE TICKETS** are still on sale to win the prize of some Boro matches with hospitality. All proceeds to the Ghana Bus Fund.

**TWITTER** The Cathedral parish is now on Twitter "stmaryscathedral" (@mary\_cathedral).

**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE** On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we have an Ordination to the Diaconate and God willing in time to come to the priesthood of Peter Taylor at our 10am Mass. All are welcome.

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

**MARY THOMPSON FUND** Many thanks to all who have donated over the past year. Our two boxes are always available in the side and rear of the church for non-perishable foods and toiletries.

Also, any gifts of warm clothing, hats, scarves and gloves would be gratefully received.

**GENERAL NOTICES**

**THANK YOU** to all who helped and took part in our Christmas celebrations. The Cathedral, St. Francis and St. Clare's looks amazing. Thanks to our choir, children's liturgy, flowers, ministers, servers and all who cleaned and prepared the crib and the churches. We are so blessed in your generosity and support. Fr. Richard, Mgr. Dasey, the deacons and myself are so grateful for all your kindness and support given to us. Thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts that have been given and also for the generous Christmas collection, some of which will be going to some charities. For St. Francis and St. Clare's I realise this has been a challenging time but one that sees a good way forward into the New Year and I hope you will continue to get to know us as we are getting to know you. We would like to wish you a happy and peace filled New Year.

**CONFIRMATION 2019** Confirmation classes start on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Cathedral for children in Year 8 and over. If your child may be interested please talk to one of the priests.

**RCIA** begins again on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Cathedral presbytery.

**LOURDES HOSPITALITE NEW YEAR PARTY** We would like to invite you to a new year's party at St. Andrew's, Fabian Road, Teesville for all Lourdes pilgrims on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. There will be a band and singer. The evening will include a finger buffet. Tickets are £5 and are asked to bring your own drinks. Please inform John Brown to reserve your ticket at [johnbrown@ntlworld.com](mailto:johnbrown@ntlworld.com) or by text 07871 958412.

**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.

**HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS** If you are going into hospital and would like a visit from a priest before you go into hospital please contact us directly.

**NEWSLETTER** If you have something for the newsletter please send it via email to the Cathedral. We need to have it by Wednesday/Thursday with the newsletter being put together on a Friday.

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

