



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

8th September 2019

**23rd Sunday of Ordinary
 Time
 (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	In Thanksgiving Anne Bury	6.00 pm	St Francis'	Delores Jowett
Sunday	10.00 am 5.00 pm	Kit Murphy Thomas Patrick McGloin	9.30 am 10.30 am	St Clare's St Francis'	Jim Luck Florence Harrison
Monday	6.30 pm	Buckley Family	9.15 am	St Clare's	Anne Hoyland
Tuesday	9.15 am	Special Int.	11.30 am	St Francis'	Tess Atkins
Wednesday			9.15 am	St Clare's	Cath Begley
Thursday	6.30 pm	Bill & Betty McDermott	11.30 am	St Francis'	Elaine Thorpe (Gibbon)
Friday	12 Midday	Kathleen Gibbon	9.30 am	St Clare's	June McTiernan
Saturday	9.15 am	Private Int.			

Diary This Week:

Feast Days:

Monday: Feria

Tuesday: Feria

Wednesday: Feria

Thursday: Holy Name of Mary

Friday: St. John Chrysostom

Saturday: Triumph of the Cross

JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING this Monday 9th September at 7.15pm in the Cathedral hall.

MUSIC FOR THE MIND Our next session is this Wednesday 11th September from 2-3.30pm in the Cathedral hall for those living with dementia, their friends, carers and families. Please join us for singing, dance and cake.

MARY THOMPSON FUND there is a collection of non-perishable food and toiletries next weekend 14th/15th September at the Cathedral. Please see the list on the board. Tuna, hot dogs and shampoo are particularly needed at present. Items can be placed in the boxes in the porch. Thank you.

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 in September

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: £1066.45
 St Francis' & St Clare's: £884.17
 Lady Chapel: £59.00

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 reflection: Today Jesus reminds us that the choice to follow him is the most radical decision we could take in our life. It touches us far more deeply than, for example, the decision to join a political party or to emigrate or to get married. Jesus must be important to us and if we don't realise that or if we hesitate to affirm it then we are not keeping our baptismal promises. If we think we can be true disciples of Jesus by going to Mass occasionally, saying the odd prayer, maybe even wearing a cross and making occasional donations to charity whilst remaining radically selfish and easily going along with the norms and patterns of our secular society then we deceive ourselves and our great need is to be shaken out of our spiritual complacency and be truly converted. Setting out in the race as a believer is one thing, crossing the line at the finish is quite another.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER those who have died recently especially: Michael O'Donnell, Gladys Maplesdon, Ronald Gardiner, Collette Quigley, Joy Waring, Brian Wimsey, Peter McConnell, Kathleen Gibbon & Mgr. Tony Bickerstaffe.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

THE SEASON OF CREATION This week's suggestion to play our part in caring for creation is to have an eco-friendly garden by reducing use of pesticides and fertiliser, composting and conserving water to encourage beneficial insects, birds and mammals. There are leaflets about this in the porch.

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BOWL CAUSES A further payment of £170 each has been sent to The Mary Thompson Fund, Middlesbrough Foodbank and Interplast UK from donations during August. Each cause has received £1050 to date this year – a total of £3150. A further one-off donation of £50 received specifically for The Mary Thompson Fund has also been sent on to them. Thank you once again for your generous support.

ADVANCE NOTICE Fun, games and children's picnic on Sunday 22nd September at the Cathedral after 10am Mass, our first Family Mass of the new school year. Please put the date in your diary.

ST. CLARE'S & ST. FRANCIS' NOTICES

CHURCH CLEANING at St. Francis' this Monday 9th September. Many Thanks.

ST. CLARE'S 200 CLUB WINNERS for September. 1st prize £50 – 63. 2nd prize £20 – 86. 3rd prize £10 – 59.

60's NIGHT in St. Francis Church hall on Friday 4th October in aid of the Ethiopian Medical Fund. Tickets £5, including pie and peas, are now on sale. Fancy dress optional.

KATHLEEN GIBBON (HORKAN) peacefully died in hospital on Tuesday 3rd September after developing pneumonia. Some might remember her when she was a primary school teacher or a member of St. Francis' parish for over 50 years. Her funeral will be in Market Harborough.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD AT ST. FRANCIS' AND ST. CLARE'S There is a meeting with Mgr. Gerard for all ministers this Wednesday 11th September at 6pm in St. Francis' Church.

ST. FRANCIS' CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP will begin again next Sunday 15th September.

SURVIVE MIVA On the 22nd September there will be an appeal at all our Masses for *Survive Miva*. 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.

GENERAL NOTICES

FR. RICHARD'S LEAVING COLLECTION Fr. Richard leaves our parishes on Monday 23rd September to move to be an assistant priest in the Dales. Over next weekend 14th/15th September at all our churches I would like to have a retiring collection as a leaving gift for Fr. Richard. I will be presenting this gift to him on Sunday 22nd September towards the end of the 10am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on behalf of all three parishes as our way of saying thank you to him for his ministry here for the past year. Please be aware of the retiring collection as you leave church over next weekend.

PROLIFE PILGRIMAGE to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, on Sunday 6th October, organised by the Newcastle branch of SPUC. Please meet at 11am at the catholic church in Osmotherley village. The day includes Stations of the Cross whilst walking up to the chapel and there will be Mass at 2.30pm celebrated by Fr. Dominique Minskip. Please bring your own lunch and refreshments will be available. Contact Mari Leine for further details on 0191 2854395.

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