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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 9th AUGUST, 2026

Collections: 02.08.26: Offertory Env. £198.00, Loose Plate £108.50, Standing orders £611.00,

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		MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS	
Sat 8 th August	SMC	05.45 pm 06.00 pm	EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS) Vigil Mass THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
Sun 9 th August	SMC	08.40 am 09.00 am*	MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS) Mass BART ZUZIK	
	SP	11.00 am*	Mass THERESA DAWSON	
Mon 10 th August	SMC	06.30 pm 07.00 pm	Adoration Mass ST LAWRENCE, FEAST. LAPSED CATHOLICS	
Tues 11 th August	SMC	09.30 am	Mass	
Wed 12 th August	SP	09.30 am 10.00 am	Adoration Mass	
Thurs 13 th August	SMC	09.30 am	Mass	
Fri 14 th August	SMC	09.30 am*	Mass	
Sat 15 th August	SMC	10.30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
*[All are invited for Tea/Coffee after Mass on Fridays & Sundays]				

'Do not be afraid, I am with you.'

Sick & Housebound: Catherine Conlin, Doreen Lancaster, Grace Mortimer, Kathleen Naylor, Kathy Gillard, Mark & Dinah Tyska, Malcolm Rowan, Peter Minns, Mia Grainger, Sandra Rowan, Stephen Wright.

Anniversaries: Fredrick Howse, Brian Emes, Kathleen Doherty, Sarah Bowes, Wacław Ochnik, Margaret Herbert, Mary Brooks, Florence Scaling, Celia Clift, John Patrick Smith.

Evening Prayer (Vespers) & Morning (Lauds): I am pleased to invite everyone to join us for Evening and Morning prayer before weekend Mass.

World Needs Society of African Missionaries: The collection on the **8th & 9th of August** will be for the **Society of African Missionaries. The SMA aims to build up faith communities and church structures, providing education, health care, social development and caring for our environment.**

Thank You: to all who supported the recent SVP National Raffle. Our conference receives 50% of all tickets sold, therefore our income from the sales will be £185. This amount will go a small way to supporting the family we are helping in New Earswick. Their needs are great and we are dependent on the parish for material support. Your generosity has been wonderful so far but we are short of rugs, ceiling light shades and a willing handyman to put up some curtain rails. If you could help please contact Kath on 07769861741.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley, 2026: This year, the annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley, DL6 3AP, will take place on **Sunday 16th August**. The Rosary will be prayed at 2:30pm, and the Bishop will preside at the Celebration of Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 3:00 pm.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2026 Join March for Life UK on **Saturday 5th September** in London. The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society of their most basic right which is why this year's theme is "Abortion Hurts the Family." Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Find out more at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/> or email: info@marchforlife.co.uk.

Bereavement Support Group Our next get together will be on Wednesday 12th August at 2pm in the meeting room.

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Inspirational Day 2026: Please read the message on the notice board for the next Inspirational Day.

Catechist Formation Pathway 2: Catechist Formation Pathway 2 begins on **Thursday 24th September 2026**.

Designed for experienced catechists and those who have completed Pathway 1, this diocesan programme offers an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, learn from speakers from across the Diocese, and connect with fellow catechists. Most sessions will take place online, with opportunities for prayer, discussion and practical application to parish life. To find out more, contact Nicola at adultformation@rcdmidd.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026: The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will now take place on **Saturday 26th September**. We will join pilgrims from the Diocese of Leeds. There will be a bus picking up from Saint Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough at 5:00am and York Train Station at 6:00am before heading to Walsingham. The cost will be £40 per person. For more information or to book onto this Pilgrimage, please contact Callum Walker, at the Curial Office via email bishopsecretary@rcdmidd-org.uk or telephone 01642 850505 ext 259.

Consecration to the Ordo Virginum: The consecration to the Ordo Virginum of Dr Emma Morrison will take place on **Saturday 26th September** at 12:00noon. The Mass will be celebrated by the Right Reverend Terence Patrick Draney, Bishop Emeritus of Middlesbrough. All are welcome. Please keep Emma in your prayers as she prepares for her Consecration.

Children's Liturgy Day; Little Hearts, Big Faith: A Day of inspiration, formation and encouragement for those involved in Children's Liturgy. **Saturday 10th October 2026**, from 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm at English Martyrs Parish Hall, York, for an inspiring afternoon led by Greg Finn of the Mark 10 Mission. The day will explore the purpose of Children's Liturgy, share best practice and discover practical ways to engage children in Scripture and prayer. We kindly ask that parish transfer forms be completed and returned to adultformation@rcdmidd.org.uk along with the names of those who wish to participate.

Do you have Irish roots?: I am an Irish documentary maker from Dublin, living in York, and I am fascinated by the less well-known history of Irish migration to the City during the Irish Famine. I'm keen to speak to anyone with Irish family roots in York or the surrounding area, particularly if you have family stories, photographs, documents, or memories passed down through generations. If you'd be happy to share your story, I'd love to hear from you. Michelle Astley-Yeomans, 07484201508

Assisted Suicide Bill: As you may have learned from news reports, the MP for Rochester and Strood, Lauren Edwards, has announced that she intends to use her number two slot in the Private Members' Bill ballot to bring back Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill. It is important that all those who are opposed to the introduction of this legislation contact their local MP and ask that the Bill not be revived. As well as opposing the reintroduction of this Bill, it is important too to advocate support for the greater provision of palliative care. More information can be found at <https://livinganddyingwell.org.uk/> and <https://righttolife.org.uk/>.

Prayer intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV for August 2026: For evangelisation in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Papal Encyclical – Magnifica Humanitas: The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, released the first Papal Encyclical of his Pontificate on the **25th May**, named Magnifica Humanitas, which addresses the Church's social teaching in the light of artificial intelligence. I have enclosed a copy of the encyclical. The document, with supporting materials, can be downloaded from: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/magnifica-humanitas/> and from: <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas.html>.

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Items for publication are most welcome and should reach stmargaretclitherow@rcdmidd.org.uk on **Monday 10th August** for inclusion in the next edition.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK