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THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY – 16th AUGUST, 2026

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	MASS TIMES		INTENTIONS
Sat 15 th August	SMC	05.45 pm 06.00 pm	EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS) Vigil Mass PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Sun 16 th August	SMC	08.40 am 09.00 am*	MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS) Mass MARY BROOKS
	SP	11.00 am*	Mass DE SOUZA FAMILY
Mon 17 th August	SMC	06.30 pm 07.00 pm	Adoration Mass CONVERTS
Tues 18 th August	SMC	09.30 am	Mass
Wed 19 th August	SP	09.30 am 10.00 am	Adoration Mass
Thurs 20 th August	SMC	09.30 am	Mass
Fri 21 st August	SMC	09.30 am*	Mass
Sat 22 nd August	SP	10.30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation

***[All are invited for Tea/Coffee after Mass on Fridays & Sundays]**



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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: Celia Clift, John Patrick Smith, Betty Johnson, Dr Pat Howse, Canon John Mortell.

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

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.

World Needs: The CAFOD collection on **29th & 30th August** is for the victims of the Venezuela earthquake. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Rooted and Rising Course: September 2026 to July 2028 at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York and online. Running for 6 terms, each term consisting of 8 online **Thursday evenings, 7:00 pm–9.15 pm**, and an in-person **Saturday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm**. The course aims to support and nurture greater integration between our relationship with God, our relationship with self and our everyday lives. A typical session includes a short input on an aspect of prayer or faith development, a time for personal reflection and prayer, and a time for sharing in a small group. Materials for prayer and reflection are offered between sessions, and a short piece of reflective work is invited at the end of each term. Places are limited to 20, and the cost is £150 per term. Bursary support may be available. Please contact Fiona Hill for further information or visit our website to download information and an application form.

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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.

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.humandevelopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas.html>.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Kathleen O'Kelly & Teresa Callan psrstmargaretclitherow@rcdmidd.org.uk

Items for publication are most welcome and should reach stmargaretclitherow@rcdmidd.org.uk on

Monday 17th August for inclusion in the next edition.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK