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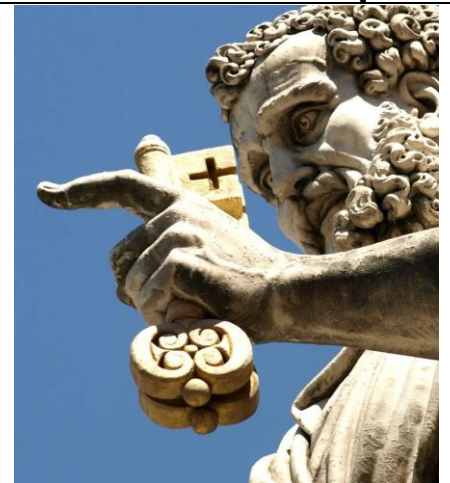
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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 23rd AUGUST, 2026

Collections: 16.08.26: Offertory Env. £159.00, Loose Plate £128.00, Standing orders £611.00,
[To donate: <https://donate.mydona.com/st-margaret-clitherow-haxby> - or use the QR code above.]

		MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat 22 nd August	SMC	05.45 pm	EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS)
		06.00 pm	Vigil Mass PRIVATE INTENTION
Sun 23 rd August	SMC	08.40 am	MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS)
		09.00 am*	Mass PRIVATE INTENTION
	SP	11.00 am*	Mass PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 24 th August	SMC	06.30 pm	Adoration
		07.00 pm	Mass ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE; FEAST
Tues 25 th August	SMC	09.30 am	Mass
Wed 26 th August	SP	09.30 am	Adoration
		10.00 am	Mass
Thurs 27 th August	SMC	09.30 am	Mass
Fri 28 th August	SMC	09.30 am*	Mass DAVID HUTCHINSON
Sat 29 th August	SMC	10.30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



St Peter and the keys to the kingdom of heaven

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: Mary Hadley, Kathleen Stone, Terence Cooper, David Hutchinson, Pat Howse, Ethel Ledhill.

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

Kitchen Improvement: Following on from the meeting held on 2nd July regarding improvements to the kitchen, a further meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 25th August at 2 pm** in the Meeting Room to further discuss the future work to be carried out to bring our kitchen up to good working standards. Those who use the kitchen are invited to attend.

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.

Email: fiona@stbedes.org.uk, Tel: 01904 464900, Web: www.stbedes.org.uk

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.

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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 Draine, 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.

Divine Designs Between The Covers: An ecumenical partnership between the Bishops' Conference 'God who Speaks' project, St John's Waterloo, and Art + Christianity, has made an open call for artists, graphic designers and illustrators from across the UK to design a cover for any of the 73 books of the Bible. Titled '**Divine Designs: Between the Covers**', this art competition and exhibition celebrates creativity and innovation, and seeks to promote a greater visual awareness and understanding of the Bible today. "From cover to cover, we are celebrating the Bible," said Fleur Dorrell, Biblical Apostolate Manager for the Bishops' Conference. "In 73 books – from Genesis to Revelation – the Bible is the greatest story ever told. Our passion is to bring each book alive through the medium of art in this unique competition and exhibition." For more details and how to enter please visit 'Divine Designs' art competition calls for cover designs for the Bible's 73 books – Catholic Bishops' Conference.

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 24th August for inclusion in the next edition.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK