

York

23rd August 2026

Parishes of St Paulinus and St Margaret Clitherow

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

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St Peter and the keys to the kingdom of heaven

MASS INTENTIONS AND SERVICES

Sat 22 nd August	5.45 pm 6.00 pm	<i>Evening Prayer (Vespers)</i> <i>Vigil Mass</i>	PRIVATE INTENTION	St Margaret Clitherow's
Sun 23 rd August	8.40 am 9.00 am	<i>Morning Prayer (Lauds)</i> <i>Mass</i>	PRIVATE INTENTION	St Margaret Clitherow's
	11.00 am	<i>Mass</i>	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	St Paulinus
Mon 24 th August	06.30 pm 07.00 pm	<i>Adoration</i> <i>Mass</i>	ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE; FEAST	St Margaret Clitherow's
Tues 25 th August	09.30 am	<i>Mass</i>		St Margaret Clitherow's
Wed 26 th August	09.30 am 10.00 am	<i>Adoration</i> <i>Mass</i>		St Paulinus
Thurs 27 th August	09.30 am	<i>Mass</i>		St Margaret Clitherow's
Fri 28 th August	09.30 am	<i>Mass</i>	DAVID HUTCHINSON	St Margaret Clitherow's
Sat 29 th August	10.30 am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>		St Margaret Clitherow's
	6.00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i>		St Margaret Clitherow's

PLEASE PRAY

For those who are sick or housebound:

Helen Jewitt, Helen Norris, Julie Thomson, Kate Black, Madge Quinn, Mary Ward, Nora O'Brien, Patricia O' Donnell, Paul Lowther, Tony Recchia, Nancy Hancock, Connie Waterworth, Tracey Ware, Fr Kevin Trehy.

For those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:

Charles Vause, Doris Mylrea, Fredrick Dobbs.

SUMMER EVENT

A big thank you to everyone who supported our recent summer fair. We raised £500 for MND research. We always appreciate your donations & also the help on the day that made it a success.

INVITING THE LORD FOR COFFEE

No, not literally, but your Parish Council are hoping to start 'Lectio Divina' (which simply means 'holy reading'). To explain: anyone interested is invited to the Parish Room after Wednesday morning Mass, where, for about half an hour, we will read the Gospel for the forthcoming Sunday, consider its meanings and our reactions to it. No-one will be pressurised to speak, the important thing is that God speaks to us. He'll be there (... 'where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them!'or, does He take sugar?!!!) We hope to start on **Wednesday 2nd September** around 10.30am. How frequent, will depend on our preferences. Weekly? Fortnightly? Monthly?watch this space. More info: Sue Black tel. 0789 136 5521 or email: sue.black@btinternet.com.

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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIV FOR AUGUST 2026

Please pray for the following intention in August: **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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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/>.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Collections	Amount	Collections	Amount
Standing Orders	£75.00	Candles	£11.26
Envelopes	£55.00		
Loose Plate	£56.00		
		Total Banked	£122.26
Many Thanks			

Items for publication are most welcome and should reach stpaulinus@rcdmidd.org.uk by **Monday 24th August** for inclusion in the next edition.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK