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## TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2026

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|                                     |     | MASS TIMES     | INTENTIONS                                            |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> September       | SMC | 05.45 pm       | <b>EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS)</b>                       |
|                                     |     | 06.00 pm       | Vigil Mass <b>ANNE PARKINSON</b>                      |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> September       | SMC | 08.40 am       | <b>MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS)</b>                         |
|                                     |     | 09.00 am*      | Mass <b>HELENA PARK</b>                               |
|                                     | SP  | 11.00 am*      | Mass <b>MARGARET MUIR</b>                             |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> September       | SMC | 06.30 pm       | Adoration                                             |
|                                     |     | 07.00 pm       | Mass                                                  |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> September      | SMC | 09.30 am       | Mass <b>NATIVITY OF THE</b>                           |
|                                     |     |                | <b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, FEAST</b>                     |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> September       | SP  | <b>NO MASS</b> | Owing to Diocesan Meeting<br>for Clergy 9.30am-4.00pm |
| Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup><br>September | SMC | 09.30 am       | Mass                                                  |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> September      | SMC | 09.30 am*      | Mass                                                  |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> September      | SMC | 10.30 am       | Sacrament of Reconciliation                           |

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



**for where two or three  
gather in my name,  
there am I with them.**

**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:** Bob Tosdevin, Eileen Jones, Rosemary Wrigglesworth, Peter Blows, Jack Wordsworth, Pauline Bagnall, Margaret Ibbotson, Joyce Atkinson, Irene Fisher.

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

**March for Life 2026:** Join March for Life UK on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk).

**P.P.C. Meeting:** Our next meeting is on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30 pm in St Margaret Clitherow's meeting room. **Agenda:** Mission & Vision Statements.

**Assisted Suicide Bill: Urgent: Stop assisted suicide** – postcards available. The vote on assisted suicide is on **11<sup>th</sup> September**. Not Dead Yet UK have provided postcards you can send to your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11<sup>th</sup> September. **Please take action now – collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details, add a stamp and post it to your MP today!** More information can be found at <https://livinganddyingwell.org.uk/> and <https://righttolife.org.uk/>.

**Education Sunday 2026:** On **13<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be celebrating Education Sunday. We are currently recruiting for new Foundation Governors in our diocesan schools whose role is to ensure that they are, in the words of Bishop Marcus in his Letter to mark this occasion, "beacons of [God's] good news in our communities." If you would like to explore this possibility, please contact Kate Bailey, Director of Schools, [kate.bailey@rcdmidd.org.uk](mailto:kate.bailey@rcdmidd.org.uk) or 07886339361

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**'Sausage Sizzler': 13<sup>th</sup> September 1 pm** – How can you help?' Please can you consider helping in some way to make this event a big success. Can you help set up tables? Can you bring salad items/puddings of some sort or help with serving tea or coffee? All assistance gratefully appreciated.

**Catechist Formation Pathway 2:** Catechist Formation Pathway 2 begins on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:adultformation@rcdmidd.org.uk) along with the names of those who wish to participate.

**Funeral:** Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of the **late Nancy Hancock** who passed away on August 25<sup>th</sup> at Harrogate Hospital, aged 91. The funeral will be held at Saint Margaret Clitherow Church on **Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am**, with interment to follow at Huntington Cemetery.

**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.

**Prayer intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV for September 2026: For the care of water.** Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

**Papal Encyclical – Magnifica Humanitas:** The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, released the first Papal Encyclical of his Pontificate on the **25<sup>th</sup> 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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**HAVE A BLESSED WEEK**