



2025 the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."



OUR PARISH PICNIC – THIS SUNDAY!

20th July, 12 to 3pm in the Parish Centre/Garden – Join friends (and make new ones), at our Parish Picnic. All are welcome.

The Parish Social Events Team would welcome any help with the set up and clear up of this event. (Saturday evening set up).

There's still time to buy raffle tickets and have a go on our guessing games at the picnic:

SUMMER RAFFLE: 🎫 Tickets on sale at £1 per strip.

GUESS THE NAME OF THE TEDDY: 🧸 Why not try your luck at guessing the teddy's name – the winner gets to give teddy a new home. £1 per guess.

HOW MANY SWEETS ARE IN THE JAR?: 🍬 Are you up for the challenge of guessing how many sweets you think the jar might contain? £1 per guess.

All winners will be announced at the Parish Picnic. All proceeds go towards our Parish funds.

MARIAN GARDEN BLESSING THIS SUNDAY: Our new Marian Garden is starting to take shape and the statue of Mary is now firmly in place. You can see the garden adjacent to the car park and through the Parish Centre windows. We are looking for contributions of plants especially of the perennial variety. If you would like to contribute or offer help for the care of the garden please speak to or contact Andrea Nicholls via the Parish Office. **The Marian Garden will be blessed by Father Steven THIS SUNDAY 20th July at the Parish Picnic.**

PARISH RETREAT: This year our retreat at The Briery will take place over the weekend of 31 October to 2 November. The cost will be in the region of £190 -£200 which includes all meals from Friday teatime to Sunday Lunch. If you think you may be interested then please contact Christine Szczepanski on 07950 784325.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM KAREN COUSINS: Karen has decided to step down from running the Sunday music due to health issues and last weekend she was presented with gifts by Gemma Swatridge on behalf of the Church. Karen wants to pass on her heartfelt thanks in the words taken from her speech: 'Many thanks for all your kind words and gifts – I am very grateful to you all. I'm not defecting to St Austin's or English Martyrs – I'm going on holiday and will be back in September – but this time I won't have a reserved seat. I've promised Christine that if I am available and well enough, I will cover her holidays – you haven't got rid of me that easily. I have worked alongside seven parish Priests and it has been an honour to be part of the music team. In 1989, the organist at St Peter & Paul's in Portobello passed away and I said to Fr Philip Holroyd, 'I can play the piano a bit, I'll help you out, until you find someone else!' – He smiled, and the rest is history! So I think you will agree it's time for someone else to take over.' We wish Karen all the very best.

FOUNTAINS ABBEY MASS: Mass for the Feast of St Bernard, Wednesday 20th August, 12noon. All welcome. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/fountains-abbey-and-studley-royal-water-garden/events>

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20 JULY 2025

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighbourliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher. Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfil the dual command which begins chapter 10, love of God (Mary) and love of neighbour (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbour requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

MASS TIMES			
Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle I; 16 th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	JULY 2025		SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY VIGIL	19	5.00pm	Roy Collin RIP
SUNDAY: SIXTEENTH IN ORDINARY TIME	20	10.00am	Parish
Monday:	21	9.30am	Ian Deshayes-McCourt Anniversary
Tuesday: St Mary Magdalene	22	7.00pm	Fr. Joseph Cairns Anniversary
Wednesday: St Bridget of Sweden	23	12.00	George Kelly
Thursday:	24	9.30am	Brenda Auty Lately Dead
Friday: St James (Apostle)	25	9.30am	Private Intention
SATURDAY VIGIL	26	5.00pm	Sheila Fish Anniversary
SUNDAY: SEVENTEENTH IN ORDINARY TIME	27	10.00am	Parish

DEVOTIONS		
Monday	8.15 – 9.15 am	Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday	5.45 – 6.45 pm	Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday	8.15 – 9.15 am	Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	8.15 – 9.15 am	Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	4.15 – 4.45 pm	Confession in the Chapel (or by appointment)

Please Note that Come Follow Me will be back again in September.

MINISTRIES OF THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION	
Word	Extraordinary Ministers
SATURDAY 5.00 pm	
This: C Szczepanski, S Jameson, K Fallon	K Snaith, D Williams, D Mulroy
Next: A Nicholls, A Kennedy, A Iwanuschak	S Jameson, T Walsh, C Szczepanski
SUNDAY 10.00 am	
This: N Assassa, K Scott, P Pascoe	S Burland, S Irving, A Lumb
Next: S Irving, J Moran, G Swatridge	K Scott, R McCourt, *****

OTHER MINISTRY ROTAS	This Week 19/20 JULY	Next Week 26/27 JULY
Vigil Offertory Procession	H Iwanuschak & A Mallinson	J & C De Souza
Children's Liturgy	Annette	Annette
Church Cleaning	Nicola & Ann	Anthony
Brasses	Bismark	David
Saturday Tea Bar	Moir & Christine	Jill & Sue
Sunday Tea Bar	Gladun Family	Sue & Steph
Counters	Team C	Team E
Saturday Welcomers	Sue	Jill
Sunday Welcomers	Ros	Rowena

ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES AND REGULAR GROUPS	NEXT DATE	WHERE
Healing and Prayer Ministry For more information and testimonials please take a flyer from the Narthex.	Saturday 2 nd August	In the Chapel after Mass (To arrange an alternative time please contact the Parish Office)
Pathways Bereavement Cafe	Sunday 7 th September	4pm in the Parish Centre
Over 60's Group For a talk by Val Williamson about 'Battles in Wakefield and Towton during the Wars of the Roses.'	This Monday 21 st July	2pm in the Parish Centre
Wednesday Lunches Please sign up in the Narthex. (Due to low numbers, this will be the last Wednesday lunch) A Huge Thank you to Pamela and David for all their hard work and service to our Parish for the past ten years.	This Wednesday 23 rd July	After 12 o'clock Mass in the Parish Centre

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025: Taking place at Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025. Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. For more information, email: events@youth2000.org.
If you would like to know more or fancy meeting up at Y2K (Saturday only), please contact Gill in the Parish Office or speak to Lauren Rayner (our flautist at Sunday morning Mass).