

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.*

COLLECT

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge
and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did
not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man
from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the
sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation.
Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 90 (89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R.1

**R: O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.**

1. You turn man back to dust,
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night. **R.**
2. You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**
3. Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O Lord! How long?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**
4. At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the
things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand
of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things
that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with

Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you
also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is
earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and
covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing
that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on
the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image
of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and
uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all,
and in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:3

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my
brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man,
who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them,
'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's
life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And
he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced
plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have
nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will tear
down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my
grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample
goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."' But God
said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the
things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who
lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

Or

*I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday Message

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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GETTING OUR
PRIORITIES RIGHT

LUKE 12:13-21

The parable of the wealthy landowner is one of the most chilling of all the parables of Jesus.

As he sees his barns unable to hold the year's bumper harvest, the landowner begins to talk to
his soul or to "think out loud". He makes big plans for the future. He needs new barns to hold an
even bigger harvest. Then he will be able to retire, pay a steward to look after the running of the
estate, and say to his soul, "eat, drink and be merry". Life will be good.

But he has left one vital element out of his calculations: no one knows how long a lease they
have on life. This man is destined to die in the coming night, and what good will all his wealth
be then?

In his greed and self-absorption, in his arrogance and complacency, the landowner had
focused solely on earthly things – money, comfort, pleasure – and had forgotten about
heavenly things. He had no concern for anyone or anything other than himself. He had no time
for God. He failed to put God first.

The story of the rich landowner is deeply challenging. It is not a sin to be well off or even to
put one's human energies into a business that brings in a good profit. Where the moral issues
arise is in the kind of stewardship we exercise over our resources. At creation, God committed
the earth and its wealth to the first human beings to cultivate and care for it. We should not,
for example, make limitless profit from the earth in a way that endangers its climate, or pay
subsistence wages to sweat-shop workers in poor countries in order to pile our shop counters
high with cheap goods. We should not exploit for personal gain. Sins like these and many
others can be traced back to the deadly or root sin of greed. ■

REFLECT

How do we define success in today's world? What criteria do we commonly use? To
be successful is to make it onto the *Sunday Times* Rich List. It is to own properties
in the right places, or to feature regularly in the gossip columns and magazines
that follow the lives of the rich and famous.

If we don't meet this definition of success, we can at least dream about it and work for it.
We can seek to be online "influencers". We can buy Lottery tickets in the hope that we'll
strike it lucky; we can gamble on the horses; we can work 24/7 to build up our business;
we can play the stock market.

All of which can be okay, so long as we do not forget the point that Jesus makes in
today's Gospel. There is only one prize worth going for, one treasure we must seek
above all else – eternal life among the communion of saints in God's heavenly kingdom.
The way we do that is to love God and neighbour and to do God's will. If we do that, then
we will be rich indeed. ■

DO

Take the risk of giving – giving up, giving away.
It will set you free. And you'll find that it's not
just the Lord who loves the cheerful giver.

Think about your priorities. When all is said and
done, what is most important to you?



SAY

**"Lord, help me to work for the
treasure that truly counts. Amen."**

PRAY

In your prayers this week, ask the Lord to
strengthen your faith, so that you see it as the
greatest of all treasures.

LEARN

The Christian puts God first in everything.

Greed and avarice are contrary to the Gospel.

"Vanity" is a translation of the Hebrew word
hebel, which means "vapour" or "breath",
i.e. something insubstantial and ephemeral,
something you cannot grasp or hold onto.
It's the key word in the Book of Ecclesiastes,
occurring thirty-eight times.



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18 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C			
Saturday 2 nd Aug	4 – 4.40pm	Confessions	Richard Baylis (Birthday)
	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 3 rd August 2025	9am	Mass	Pat O'Donnell (Anniversary)
	11am	Mass	Pro Populo
Monday 4 th Aug	12 Noon	Mass <i>St John Vianney, Priest</i>	Laurent McNamara (Lately Dead)
Tuesday 5 th Aug	9am	NO MASS	
Wednesday 6 th Aug	12 Noon	Mass <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast</i>	Nicholas Barry RIP
Friday 8 th Aug	11.30am	Exposition	Keith Carter
	12 Noon	Mass <i>St Dominic, Priest</i>	

Please remember in prayer all those who have died this week, may they rest in peace.
Please pray for all the sick of the Parish and those for whom Mass is offered this week
and those whose anniversaries occurs at this time

Recent deaths: please pray for Peter McLeman whose funeral service will take place at 10am on Friday 15 th August Mass intentions received for Lately Dead:
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**A warm welcome to Mass this weekend and
a special welcome to our visitors
Do join us for refreshments after Mass**

With very grateful thanks for your generous donations to the Parish.

Copies of the **annual Financial Statement to 31 March 2025** are available in the Narthex. If anyone has any questions, please contact Caroline in the presbytery office initially, and we will get back to you with responses as quickly as possible.

REGULAR EVENTS

APF Red Mission – Michael Brennan
Presbytery 01423 504988

Children's Liturgy - Suzanne Walker
swalker@systra.com

9am Choir – John Ibison
11am Choir – Lisa Madden
Presbytery 01423 504988

Churches Flower team – Sue Greveson
Presbytery 01423 504988

Gift Aid – Richard Boscoe
office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Mary's Angels Parent & Toddler Group -
1st & 3rd Mondays -
Katherine 01423 734828

Mothers' Prayers - meetings held
fortnightly. Jackie Tevlin 01423 529035

Parish Centre bookings
Office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Phoenix (Bereavement Support) -
Presbytery 01423 504988

Piety Stall - Caroline Walker
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Safeguarding Representative (Parish)
Mick Hopwood
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SoulCore - Monday 9.30 - Marie Baker
mbaker0813@gmail.com

St Robert's Brownies - Wed 5.30-7.15
Sarah Mansfield 01423 566651
mansfield.sarah@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul Society - Mon 7pm
Katherine Merton Jones 01423 522731
Furniture – 0113 245 0800

St Robert's Walking Group - Second
Thurs of the month, contact George
Marczak 07905820864 or
george@vbs-computers.com

St John Fisher - Mr S Mort
01423 887254

St Robert's Primary - Miss J Collins
01423 504730

St Roberts Club: open Mon-Fri from 7pm
(or by arrangement)
info@strobertsclub.co.uk

200 Club - Caroline Walker
office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

This is not a full list and just gives a little
advance notice of events coming up.

SEPT
12th -14th Retreat to Ampleforth
19th – 1-3pm Heritage Open Day

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY The most popular way of ensuring that the Parish benefits from whatever regular giving you can afford, and where possible, ensuring Gift Aid is claimed (at no extra cost to you) is by Standing Order. Forms can be accessed by clicking the link below, picking up a form at the back of church or simply set up via your own banking facilities.:
[Standing Order form](#)
[DOL Gift Aid Declaration form](#)

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scanning this QR CODE



We will be celebrating the two Marian feast days in August with a special “**Marian Tea**” on Friday 15th August after the noon mass in the Parish Centre. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for catering purposes. Donations towards the building fund will be gladly accepted. If you are interested in helping decorate a table, please contact Marie Baker at mbaker0813@gmail.com

200 Club the winning numbers for June are: £200 - 207, £20 Betty's Voucher - 357, £20 - 295, £20 M&S Voucher - 212. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who supports the 200 Club. If you would like to join the 200 club, an application form is available in the narthex or from the parish website.

Church Walking Group The next walk will be on Thursday 14th August. It is described in The Times edition of 17 August 2024 as "6 miles; easy; paths, tracks, quiet lanes". It starts from Fountains Abbey West Gate (OS Explorer 298 ref 270682) and skirts Markenfield Hall. There will be a short stop on the way round for a snack. As usual, a good pair of walking boots and suitable clothing are recommended. Meet at the back of Trinity Church at 9.55am or be at the West Gate car park ready to start by 10.45am. For further information contact Mick Stokes on 879245 or email mstokeschess@gmail.com.

Parish retreat at Ampleforth Abbey led by Fr Luke Beckett OSB. Arrive between 3pm-4pm on Friday 12th September for tea and cake at 4.30pm followed by supper at 6.30pm until after lunch on Sunday 14th September 2025. A mixture of single (1 available), twin (2 available) double (2 available) rooms, all with ensuite facilities, full board for £190 per person. To book a place, please email Caroline office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk indicating your room preference. A non-refundable deposit of £50 per person to be paid by 25th July with the remaining balance of £140 to be paid by 29th August. If transport is an issue, please speak to Caroline as some parishioners have offered seats in their cars.

March for Life 2025 will be held on Saturday 6th September in London. This is a peaceful and positive public witness of our Catholic faith and our belief in the value of every human life. We are currently exploring the possibility of hiring a coach to transport members of our parish and the surrounding parish communities. The cost would be approximately £30 per person. If you are interested, please contact Marie Baker at mbaker0813@gmail.com.

Parish pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 27th September – We are joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The coach will leave Harrogate at about 6.15am arriving in time for Mass at 12 noon followed by procession along the Holy Mile and Benediction in the Abbey grounds. We will return to Harrogate about 10pm. Packed lunch will be needed, and we are hoping to plan a stop for fish and chips at the seaside on our return journey. Cost is £35 each (including fish and chips). For further details and to secure a place please email Caroline office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk by 31st August.

Summer Laudato Si' Mini-Pilgrimage All welcome to join Summer Laudato Si' Mini-Pilgrimage on Saturday 9 August! 11am Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Knaresborough & guided walk to St Robert's Cave and Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag. Sign up via communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk More information here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/four-seasons-of-creation-laudato-si-mini-pilgrimage-for-summer/>

Fountains Abbey 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>

All the diocesan notices can be found at <https://www.strobertsharrogate.co.uk/diocese-news>