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17th August 2025 – 20th Sunday, Ordinary Time Yr C

<u>Day and Time</u>	<u>Mass or Service</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS</u>
Sat. 6pm	20 th Sunday	People of the Parish	Saturdays 10.00-10.30am 5.15-5.45pm
Sun. 10.30am	20 th Sunday	Maureen Briggs	ADORATION Wednesday 1.30pm Thursday 9am – 10am
Mon. 7.30am		Mrs S.A. England	
Tues. 10am	St. John Eudes	Fr. W Serplus ints.	
Wed. 2pm	St. Bernard	N. Palmer	
Thurs. 10am	St. Pius X	Francis ints	
Fri. 12pm	Bar Convent – Queen of Heaven		
Sat. 6pm	21 st Sunday	Private intention	
Sun. 10.30am	21 st Sunday	Private intention	



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NEXT WEEK, 21st Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C

LATELY DEAD, Sr. Patricia Harris CJ, Sr. Christina Kenworthy-Browne C.J, Judith Kew, Mel Holland
ANNIVERSARIES, Canon John Mortell, Fr. Peter Coleman

BAR CONVENT, I know the parish would like to express their sympathy to the Bar Convent Community at the loss of Sr. Patricia and Sr. Christina. Many of the parish knew Sr. Patricia who had a great love for the English Martyrs parish and a wide involvement in the City of York itself. May they rest in peace and enjoy the reward of eternal life they have longed for.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION, Now is the time to be enrolling for our Sacramental programme which will begin in mid-September. Parents of children who will be 8 or over next May are eligible to apply.

THANK YOU, To the organisers of the Walsingham Association pilgrimage which took place last week. It was a great week, celebrating our Faith and Love of Our Blessed Lady, and enjoying each other's company and with outings to the seaside and Norwich. A great time was had by all. Thank you too for all are who joining us on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Mount Grace – the coach leaves 1pm.

MINISTERS DAY, Inspirational Study Day for all Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion takes place on Saturday 20th September at the Scarborough Spa. All names have to be registered by 31st August. The coach leaves English Martyrs at 8:10am. Please sign up – it is an important day for all who share this wonderful ministry in the parish.

PARISH FUNDRAISER SALE, Friday 12th September at St. Crux on the end of Shambles. The following items are required: Books, jigsaws, board games, DVDs, costume jewellery, handbags and general bric-a-brac. Calling all bakers and jam makers, they need cakes, scones, quiches and a variety of homemade jams and marmalade. Volunteers on the day to: drop items off early morning, man outside stalls, work in the café, pick up items at the end of the day. For further information please see Ed or Joan.

LECTIO DIVINA, Resumes in September



English Martyrs Parish – York (UK)

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With burning hearts

17 AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY *Plus*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week IV** Year C

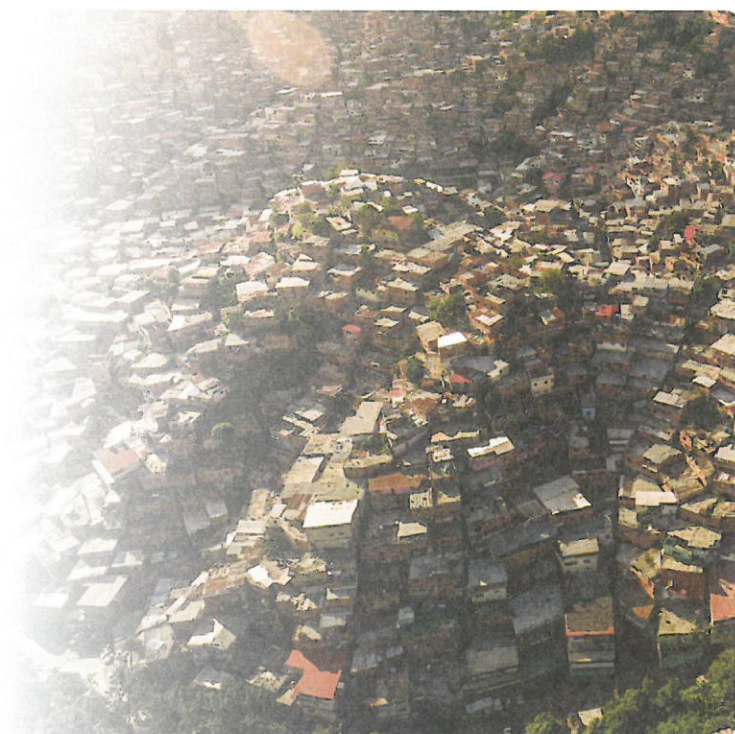
Kind hearts

A few years ago, I was visiting Jesuit province in Latin America. I was invited, with some timidity, to celebrate Mass in a suburban slum, in a favela, the poorest in the region as they told me. There were around 100,000 people living there in the midst of mud since the town had been built along the side of a depression and became almost completely flooded whenever it rained. I readily accepted...

At the end [of Mass] a big fellow, whose fearful looks could have inspired fear, told me: "Come to my house. I have something to honour you." I remained uncertain, not knowing whether I should accept or not, but the priest who was accompanying me said: "Go with

him, Father; the people are very good". I went to his house, which was a half-falling shack. He made me sit down on a rickety chair. From where I was seated the sun could be seen as it was setting. The fellow said to me: "Señor, see how beautiful it is!" And we remained silent for some minutes. The sun disappeared. The man added: "I did not know how to thank you for all that you have done for us. I have nothing to give you, but I thought that you would like to see this sunset. It pleased you, didn't it? Good evening." He then gave me his hand. As I was leaving, I thought: "I have met very few hearts that are so kind."

Pedro Arrupe SJ, Essential Writings



Lord, I love you. Help me to love you more.  Amen.

The fire within

Jesus' love for us is inspiring when we take time to contemplate what he did for us on the cross. What is holding us back from truly following him? Are we losing faith, becoming weary and hindered by the demands of this world? Jeremiah did not give up and was rescued in his time of need. We are encouraged today to throw off whatever is holding us back from fixing our eyes on Jesus and just keep persevering. There are so many things that

can entangle us and prevent us from following faithfully but we know our Lord and Saviour is always there for us. If today, you are thinking of giving up, be encouraged that Jesus' love for you is the fire within to sustain you. The Holy Spirit is within you, so continue to share God's love with others, while remaining steadfast and running with faithful perseverance, looking only towards Jesus.

Actor, singer, writer and journalist Stephanie Pena, plays the part of Mary Magdalene in the Wintershall production of The Passion of Jesus (<https://youtu.be/xTGvpz9DM-w>)

The Church is young, she needs your generosity, your joy, your will to build a different world, imbued with the values of fraternity, peace and reconciliation.

Pope Francis



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

A Medieval Jubilee

Proclaiming a Jubilee can be complicated. The Black Death, between 1347-1351 killed as many as fifty million people across Europe, perhaps half of the continent's fourteenth-century population. In 1349, Rome was caught by the devastating 6.7 magnitude earthquakes which, over two days, caused widespread damage to towns, cities and infrastructure like Roman aqueducts and bridges.

Yet, in 1345, Clement VI had declared a Holy Year for the year 1350.

England and France were then fighting the Hundred Years War. Both Edward III of England and John II of France knew that their knights and military leaders could afford the pilgrimage and would want to travel. However, their absence would leave England and France vulnerable to invasion by each other. England also feared incursions from Scotland.

Eventually, Clement persuaded the two kings to sign a truce to ensure the safety of pilgrims travelling to Rome.

Despite the difficulties, more than 1.5 million pilgrims eventually went to Rome for the Jubilee celebrations.

READINGS

Today:
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

Monday:
Judges 2:11-19
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday:
Judges 6:11-24a
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday:
Judges 9:6-15
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday:
Judges 11:29-39a
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday:
Ruth 1:1-3, 8-11, 16, 22
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday:
Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11;
4:13-17
Matthew 23:1-12

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30