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7th September 2025 – 23rd Sunday, Ordinary Time Yr C

Day and Time	Mass or Service	Mass Intention	RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS
Sat. 6pm	23 rd Sunday	Halina & Ted Radlowski	Saturdays 10.00-10.30am 5.15-5.45pm
Sun. 10.30am	23 rd Sunday	People of the Parish	ADORATION Wednesday 1.30pm Thursday 9am – 10am
Mon. 7.30am	Our Lady's Birthday	Sr. Patricia C.J	LECTIO DIVINA Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm
Tues. 10am		Mel Beer	
Wed. 2pm		Eileen Weymes	
Thurs. 10am		Mrs S.A. England	
Fri. 10am	Holy Name of Mary	Private Intention	 <p>Scan this QR code with your mobile device to donate online. If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid, please contact Franco Napoletano 07903 221263</p>
Fri. 12pm	Bar Convent	Private Intention	
Sat. 6pm	The Exaltation of the Cross	Kevin Heslop	
Sun. 10.30am	The Exaltation of the Cross	People of the Parish	

NEXT WEEK, The Exaltation of the Cross, Year C

LATELY DEAD, Judy Kew & Jean McPeake

COLLECTION, £922.00, **100 CLUB**, 32st August No. 92 Eileen Sparks.

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.

PARISH FUNDRAISER SALE, Friday 12th September, 9am – 4pm at St. Crux on the end of Shambles. It would be great to see lots of people there – tell friends about it! We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the transportation of sale items from the Church to St Crux and Cake supplies for sale on the day.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped organise this event and for all the volunteers who are helping. If you preparing food for the event, please see the linked guidance: <https://www.food.gov.uk/print/pdf/node/1087>. The relevant section is on page 3/4. It is also useful if allergens are noted down.
For further information please see Ed or Joan.

DEANERY DAY OF RENEWAL, Saturday 13th September 11.30 am to 3.45 pm in St. Aelred's church hall, Woodlands Drive Harrogate HG27BE, (half mile from Starbeck station). Worship, shared lunch, talk and discussion, prayer. Speaker is Fr. Chris Thomas, on "Human and Alive."

MINISTERS DAY, Inspirational Study Day for all Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion takes place on Saturday 20th September at the Scarborough Spa. The coach leaves English Martyrs at 8:10am.

CABAROCKE, 25 November 22nd 7pm Church Hall, after a year off in 2024 the English Martyrs House Band returns for another night of hits old and new, but needs YOU to provide the vocals. Get in touch with Rory on 07809 680629 before the end of September if you've always wanted to sing on stage with a live band to give us plenty of time to organise the music.

OUR LADY'S ACOMB, Congratulations to Our Lady's Acomb, our daughter parish, which was founded 70 years ago. On Sunday 14th September at 10am Bishop Terry will consecrate the church, a wonderful and special occasion for all the parishioners of Our Lady's



SUNDAY *Plus*

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year C

Built for life

Peace begins with each one of us: in the way we look at others, listen to others and speak about others.

Pope Leo XIV

[Sir Henry Bromley] knew the house well; he had searched it before. First, he examined the long gallery over the gatehouse. There he found two of the dozen or more hiding places. In his report he pays a generous tribute to the skill of Nicholas Owen: they were "cunning and very artificial conveyances in the main brick wall, so ingeniously framed and with such art as it cost much labour they could be found".

As the search proceeded three other secret places were found, "contrived with no less skill and industry" in and about the chimneys, with

entrances covered over with brick, mortared and fixed to the planks that formed the entrance, and coloured black like other parts of the chimney. This was Owen's work again...

No day passed without one other place of concealment being discovered. "Eleven secret corners and conveyances were found". Bromley boasted, "all of them having books, massing stuff, and popish trumpery in them." It was only on the third day... that [Bromley] found his prey.

The two priests [Bl Henry Garnet and Bl Edward Oldcorne] were resolved to

starve to death rather than bring trouble on their hosts by emerging from the place of hiding. "After we had been in the hole seven days and seven nights", wrote Garnet, "and some odd hours, every man may well think we were well wearied, and indeed so it was, for we generally sat...". In fact, the hiding place had such a low ceiling that even in a sitting position the priests were unable to stretch their legs. They suffered continual pain.

*Philip Caraman SJ,
Henry Garnet, 1555-1606,
and the Gunpowder Plot*



Scaffolding

By Seamus Heaney

Masons, when they start upon a building,
Are careful to test out the scaffolding;


Make sure that planks won't slip at busy points,
Secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints.

And yet all this comes down when the job's done
Showing off walls of sure and solid stone.

So if, my dear, there sometimes seem to be
Old bridges breaking between you and me

Never fear. We may let the scaffolds fall
Confident that we have built our wall.

Seamus Heaney wrote this poem to explain that scaffolding offers support so that repairs can be made: a marriage with good walls and solid foundations can survive temporary crises and breakdowns.

Help us, Lord, to build strong foundations in our families and communities so that we can grow strong and weather the storms that sometimes happen in life. Bring us into the sunshine.  Amen.

Michel Quoist

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Renewed in hope

For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope".

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often, we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope.

Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025:1



READINGS

Today:
Wisdom 9:13-18b
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Monday:
Micah 5:1-4a
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday:
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday:
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday:
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 6:27-38

Friday:
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday:
1 Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 6:43-49

Next Sunday:
Numbers 21:4b-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17