THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT

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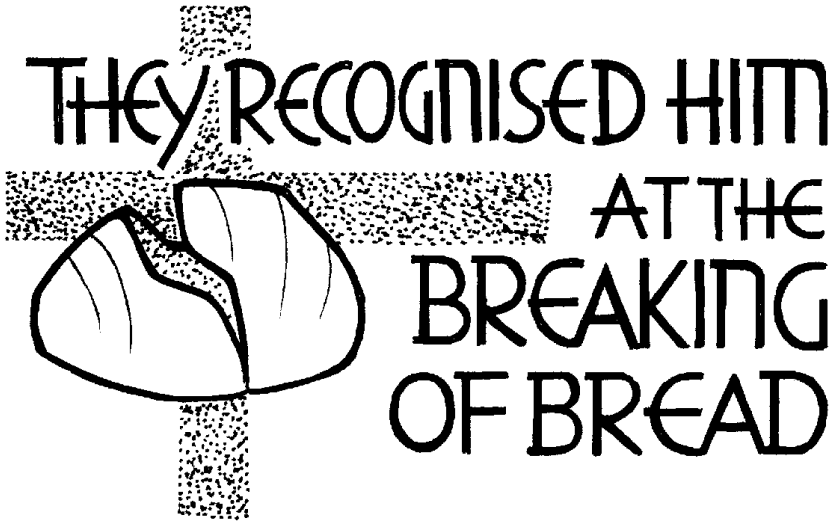
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR A/2
19 April 2026



PARISH INFORMATION:

REGULAR GROUPS:

WORLD COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Meets each week:
Mondays at 2pm – 3pm in St Ben's Hall: contact Mary Sturges
Thursdays at 8pm – 8 45pm on Zoom: contact David and Sue Walsh
Should you wish to join either group contact Mary Sturges 01439788563.

CHRISTIAN MEN OF THE VALLEY

Meet each Monday at 8.00pm to share faith, friendship and interests.

CRAFTING GROUP

Meet each Thursday after Mass at 10.15am until 12.00pm. All welcome to drop in! Bring your own project or help out with one of ours!

WORKS OF MECRY

The Sick: The Diocese, on advice and under Data Protection Regulations (May 2018), asks us not to name individuals, but to pray for them as a group within the Parish Body as those in particular need.

Recently Dead: Peter Stark, Michael Marshall, Martin Brown
Anniversaries: Mary Searson, Arthur Franch, Peter Walker, Anthony Shepherd, Edith Mary Grotrian, John Godwin

HOME COMMUNIONS

If you require Holy Communion at home, please contact Fr Kentigern or Fr Bernard either by e-mail or leave a telephone message by 8.00pm on Friday evening stating whether you require a weekly visit or a one-off call. Someone will then be in contact to arrange a suitable day and time to visit.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Mr Wilding has rejoined the team of lay chaplains at York Hospital. He has produced an information sheet about this ministry, including details of how to contact a chaplain and arrange a visit to a loved one in hospital. You will find these notes at the back of church.

LENT LUNCHES

These were good community events, bringing us together with villagers and parishioners from St Hilda's. Many thanks to all those who provided the delicious soups, helped set up, served or cleared away. We raised £194 for Mary's Meals.

A huge "thank you" to all those who donated to the March 25th Delivery. A collage of images from the MAP Christmas Gathering can be seen in the Hall.

There is **NO planned delivery in April**

ABCDBETHLEHEM

Andrew Laird's pilgrimage to Walsingham – Andrew has kindly agreed to lend his miles towards a virtual pilgrimage from London to Bethlehem to support ABCD Bethlehem's hope for hearing appeal in Palestine. That's 166 miles towards our total of 2,000. By supporting Andrew you are helping deaf and hard of hearing children in the refugee camps. Either speak to Anthony or go to www.abcdbethlehem.org .

Lend with Care – we have £800 to spend. We need young volunteers to select a business or two they would like to support by going onto https://lendwithcare.org/search ? Tell Anthony on 07711 423649 or resolve@anthonyglaister.co.uk

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Middlesbrough SVP Vinnie Camp

Could you volunteer to help a child make new friends, build their confidence and make memories to treasure this summer? We need adults to work as part of a team of 8 volunteers providing pastoral care to 20 children aged 9 – 11 years old. The residential camp will run from **Monday 10 August until Friday 14th August 2026** at **Peat Rigg Outdoor Activity Centre, Pickering.** You don't need to be an existing member of an SVP group, but you must be over 18 with enhanced DBS. All volunteers receive training from the SVP national team. Food, accommodation and travel expenses will be covered. To find out more about the camp or to request an application form, email this year's camp leader Patricia Nobbs presidentc13@svp.org.uk

Volunteering at Ampleforth Abbey

Guests have been welcomed at Ampleforth Abbey since it was founded in 1802. Today, volunteers play an important role in welcoming our guests and visitors. If you're looking for a new experience, want to meet new people, or learn new skills in a peaceful, supportive and caring environment, then volunteering at Ampleforth Abbey could be for you.

Current opportunities include Welcome Volunteers and Orchard Volunteers.

Visit our website to learn more: www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk/volunteer-us

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr Kentigern invites any who would be interested to reflections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church using an Ascension Podcast by Fr Mike Schmidt.

St Benedict's Church Hall.

Tuesdays 10.15am starting on **14 April** *or*

Fridays 7.00pm starting on **16 April**

Foodbank
Together with Trussell

TUES. APRIL 21st is the date of the NEXT DELIVERY, with the deadline for donations, **12 noon on Mon. 2Oth.**

Please remember, every donation counts and is gratefully received!

Donations should be left at the back of Our Lady and St Benedict's Church as always. THANK YOU ALL!

MFB GIFT AID forms are now available at the back of church for individual donations of cash and cheques. If you are able to, please could you hand them in to the office along with your donation?

SOCIAL & FELLOWSHIP GROUP

There will be a meeting on **Thursday 23rd April** at **7.30 pm** in St Benedict's hall. Please come along if you have any suggestions to make for the coming Summer. No obligation to come regularly and everyone is welcome.

I am the Good Shepherd.

An Evening of Praise, Worship and Healing.

Our Lady & St Benedict

Friday 24 April

7.00pm

ALL WELCOME

I am the gate of the sheepfold.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

SPECIAL EVENT

DAWN CHORUS WALK

25 April: 6.00 - 8.00am

Visitor Centre and Abbey Grounds.

All are invited to join Jonathan Pomroy for a guided DAWN CHORUS WALK. Followed by refreshments in the Abbey Tea Room.

Tickets: £20 per person including refreshments.

Pre-Booking Required.

For more details see the Abbey Website.

THE CHURCH OF ST HILDA

AND

THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST BENEDICT

Rev James & Fr Kentigern invite you to join them for

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

10.00am

Monday 27th April	–	Our Lady & St Benedict
Monday 11 May	–	St Hilda
Monday 25 May	–	Our Lady & St Benedict
Monday 8 June	–	St Hilda
Monday 22 June	–	Our Lady & St Benedict

Followed by refreshments and fellowship.

All welcome.

CELEBRATE

Parenting Teenagers?

We are excited to announce two webinars for parents and carers of teenagers. We are aware that bringing up young people in today's world can be both a joyful and challenging experience, so we have booked some experts to share their wisdom with you, help you gain confidence and provide you with some practical ideas to try out at home.

- **Confident parenting in a world of screens** **29th April** 8pm
- **Raising teenagers in a Catholic family** **2nd June** 8pm

Find out more

Confident parenting in a world of screens - This webinar with Kate Duroux from **Care for the Family** will help us consider how we can best support our teenagers through the challenges of the digital world, and offer practical advice and principles to apply in our own unique families.

Raising teenagers in a Catholic family - The beginning of adolescence is in many ways a "rebirth" of the child, and many parents feel as if they are learning how to be a parent all over again! Mike and Alicia from **Messy Family Project** give empathy and guidance on how to successfully navigate the tween and teen years by modelling for children the behaviour they wish to see in them and investing in the relationship on a deeper level.

Tickets will be released after Easter - keep your eyes peeled!

MAY

We hope to use some of our new funds to send a delegation to this event.

May 2026

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

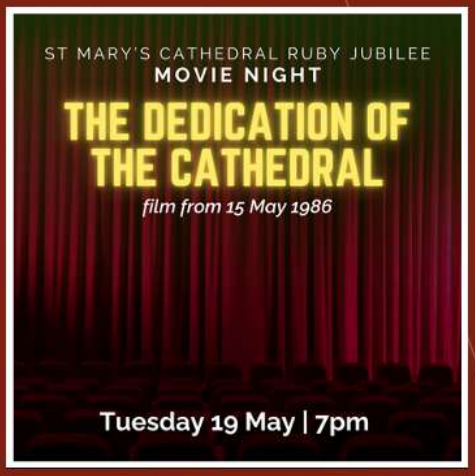
40 YEARS

St Mary's Cathedral
MIDDLESBROUGH
1986-2026

A newly commissioned artwork by Philip Meadows, created to mark our Ruby Jubilee, with live music from Infant Hercules.

A special Jubilee Mass of thanksgiving, celebrated by Bishop Marcus, bringing our parish communities together.

A joyful evening of music with Jo Boyce & Friends, known from BBC Songs of Praise and Lourdes, with uplifting songs to enjoy together.



A one-hour screening of the Cathedral's dedication (1986), offering a chance to reminisce and share memories.

MORE INFO & TICKETS >>>

W: ticketsource.co.uk **T**: 0333 666 3366 | 01642 597750

Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Middlesbrough & Leeds

As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than **Friday, 22nd May 2026.**

For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit: https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/consultation/

Thank you for the time and prayer you can offer to this important task, which has been entrusted to us by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV. With every blessing and the assurance of my prayers, I remain, Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ,

+ Marcus

Apostolic Administrator Diocese of Middlesbrough

PENTECOST CELEBRATION

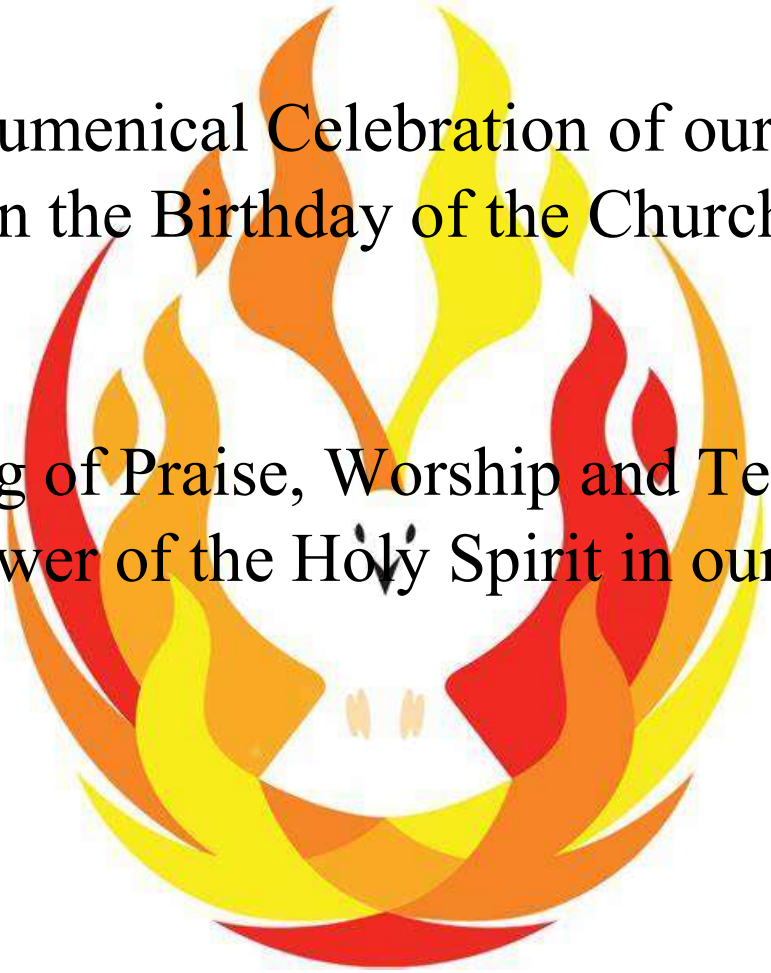
As we did during the Jubilee Year, Abbot Robert invites all members of the Parish Communities of

Our Lady & St Benedict;
Our Lady & St Chad, Kirkbymoorside; St Mary's, Helmsley
& Our Lady & St John, Easingwold

to Mass at the Abbey at 10.00am on **Sunday 24 May**,
to celebrate the Solemn Feast of Pentecost.
It will be followed by refreshments and a chance to share with each other.

THERE WILL BE NO MASS IN THE PARISH ON THAT SUNDAY.

PENTECOST PRAISE



An Ecumenical Celebration of our Unity
on the Birthday of the Church.

An evening of Praise, Worship and Testimony to
the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The Church of Our Lady & St Benedict

Sunday 24 May

7.00pm

ALL WELCOME

15 – 19 August 2026
Worth School
Sussex

"CELEBRATE gathers together and sustains families from all over the country. It celebrates family life by providing opportunities for worship, for the deepening of personal faith, and the faith of the family. Among its achievements are catechesis for people of all ages, contact with other Catholic organisations and a sense of belonging to the whole Church in all its variety. CELEBRATE is founded on the living and felt experience of the Holy Spirit."

Bishop David Evans, Archdiocese of Birmingham

Some Parish families have experienced this in the past.
If you're interested, please see the website and speak to Fr Kentigern

https://www.celebratefestival.org/

Again, we hope to use some of our new funds to enable a family or two to attend this event.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT

FABRIC PROJECTS

Works have cost £35000. Thanks to some recent generous donations we have raised **£3449.17**. All donations gratefully received.

EASY FUNDRAISER

Do you regularly shop online? Did you know you could support your church at the same time? For more information speak to Tracey in the Parish Office and see information leaflets in the Hall.

PRACTICAL NOTICES:

PARKING

Could I encourage as many as possible on Saturday Evening or Sunday Morning to use the parking available off St Hilda's Walk – below the allotments or in the Doctor's Surgery. This will help to prevent the congestion building up on West End during the weekend.

WEEKLY DIARY

Sat 18 Apr	Easter Feria	11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm 6.00pm	Exposition & Confessions GIFT 6 Exposition Vigil Mass	Michael & Mary Lorigan RIP
Sun 19 Apr	3rd Sunday of Easter	9.00am 10.00am	Exposition Mass, followed by Refreshments	For the People of the Parish
Mon 20 Apr	Easter Feria	2.00pm 8.00pm	Christian Meditation Group Men's Group	
Tues 21 Apr	St Anselm	9.00am 9.30am 10.15	Exposition Mass Catechism Podcast	John Godwin RIP
Wed 22 Apr	Easter Feria	3.10pm	Primary School Assembly	
Thurs 23 Apr	St George	9.00am 9.30am 10.15am 7.30pm	Exposition Mass Crafting Group Social & Fellowship Group Meeting	Alphy & Mary-Kate Carr
Fri 24 Apr	Easter Feria	7.00pm	Praise and Worship Evening	
Sat 25 Apr	St Mark	11.00am 5.00pm 6.00pm	Exposition & Confessions Exposition Vigil Mass	Peter Rowe RIP
Sun 26 Apr	4th Sunday of Easter	9.00am 10.00am	Exposition Mass, followed by Refreshments	For the People of the Parish

CHURCH OPEN APPROX 10.00am - 3.00pm each day. SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN THE LOCAL AREA

Sun 9.00am	St Mary's Helmsley	Sun 10.30am	Our Lady & St Chad, Kirkbymoorside
Sun 9.30am	Ampleforth Abbey	Sun 11.15am	Ampleforth College (Term Time Only)
		Sun 12.00pm	Stanbrook Abbey