

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM



**Encountering Christ**  
Prayerfully preparing for the  
Sunday Mass and praying in  
particular for our school families



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 - The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 1 Relax & Remember

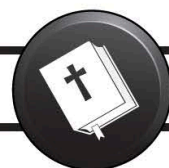
Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. **Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.



### 2 Read

**Taken from the Gospel for 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 (Mark 9:30-37): The Second Prophecy of the Passion**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all." He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."



### 3 Reflect

**After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.**

*Mark gives us three formal prophecies of the Passion, of which this is the second. He uses the triple number frequently to stress the importance and sureness of an event. So Peter denies Jesus three times, and Pilate three times asserts Jesus' innocence. Jesus is shown to be fully aware of the fate that awaits him: he goes into it with his eyes open, and accepts his Father's will; he is, moreover, aware that his Father will not desert him, but will vindicate him by the Resurrection. Again the disciples fail to understand the message: while Jesus had been giving them the message of triumph only through suffering and humiliation, they had been thinking about who would be the greatest. So Jesus sets before them a child as the model. In what way is a child a model? Like adults, children can be selfish and they can be devious and scheming from an early age. However, children are probably more aware than adults that they cannot totally control a situation and trustingly accept that they are dependent on others. The final words that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel suggests that it is this quality of dependence that Jesus proposes: like little children we should be dependent on the will of the Father.*

**Why does Jesus put forward a child as a role model for us?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

### 4 Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. **Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph.**



**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church  
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**

[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)

## Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady & St. Robert

Robert Street, Harrogate, HG1 1HP (Diocese of Leeds) Registered Charity No: 249404

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Fr David Murray **e-mail:** [revd.murray@hotmail.com](mailto:revd.murray@hotmail.com)

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**St Robert's Centre** (Office Staffed Monday to Friday 9.00am until 12.00noon)

**Tel:** (01423) 529 771 **e-mail:** [info@strobertycentre.co.uk](mailto:info@strobertycentre.co.uk) **web:** [www.strobertycentre.co.uk](http://www.strobertycentre.co.uk)



### Sunday Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - Mass Book p132

**16th September 2018** Sat Vigil 6.15pm Mass (Esther McEleney)  
9.00am Mass (John Fitzpatrick)  
**11.00am** Mass (Augustine O'Brien)  
6.00pm Mass (PARISH)

### Monday 17th Weekday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Mass (Dorothy Reddington)  
9.00am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 18th Weekday in Ordinary Time

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.00noon Mass (Magee Family)

### Wednesday 19th Weekday in Ordinary Time

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.00noon Mass (Smith Family)

### Thursday 20th St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.00noon Mass (Sally Kowaliw and Family)

### Friday 21st St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.00noon Mass (Tolan Family)  
6.40pm Evening Prayer  
7.00pm Mass (Dorothy Reddington)

### Saturday 22nd Weekday in Ordinary Time

11.00am - 11.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions  
12.00noon Mass (Dorothy Reddington)  
5.00pm - 5.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

### Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - Mass Book p135

**23rd September 2018** Sat Vigil 6.15pm Mass (Alan Starkey)  
9.00am Mass (John Scheller)  
**11.00am** Mass (Mary O'Brien)  
6.00pm Mass (PARISH)

**Please keep in your prayers all the sick of the Parish**

**Those who have died recently:** *Margo Doyle*

**Those whose anniversary occurs at this time:** *Jean Dewar-Kourembi and Jadwiga Maciukiewicz*

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 11am - 11:45am, 5pm - 5:45pm.  
Also available by appointment with a priest.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays to Fridays, 11:30am - 12 noon.  
Saturdays, 11am - 12 noon, 5pm - 6pm.

### Prayer of the Church (Divine Office)

Mondays at 9am and Fridays at 6.40pm in Church  
Contact: Paul Fogarty (701645)

### Carers' Prayer Group

Tuesdays, 12.30pm in Church  
Contact Rita Hartigan (881071)

### Catenian Association (Harrogate Circle)

Second Tuesday of the month 7.30 pm  
Contact Bob Hughes (07976780834)  
www.harrogatecatenians.org.uk

### Catholic Women's League of England and Wales

For further information contact Barbara Stiff  
01423 563846

### Children's Liturgy Group

Contact: Lucy Witton (07875 316035)

### Choir (11.30am Mass) and Folk Choir:

Practice Thursday evenings in Church 8.00pm  
Contact: Nigel Beetles 07533430293  
nbeetles@gmail.com

### Journey in Faith

Tuesdays, Nov-Easter 7:30pm - 9:00pm, St. Robert's  
Centre. Contact: Father David (504988).

### Mothers' Prayers

Meetings held fortnightly.  
Contact: Jackie Tevlin 529035

### Parent and Toddler Group

Tuesdays in term time. 9am - 11am,  
St. Robert's School.  
Contact: Dee Thurston (07789645713)

### Rosary Group

Tuesdays, 2pm in Church.  
Contact: Philomena Patton (567145).

### Safeguarding Representative (Parish)

Contact: Doreen Grant (07740200247)  
strobertsafeguardingrep@gmail.com

### St Robert's Brownies

Wednesdays 6pm - 7:15pm  
Contact: Sarah Mansfield (566651).  
Email: mansfield.sarah@gmail.com

### St Robert's Guides

Wednesdays 6.30pm - 8pm, St Robert's School.  
Contact: Sarah Philp (568578)

### St Vincent de Paul Society

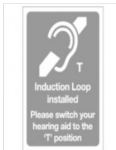
Mondays, 7:30pm, St. Robert's Centre.  
Contact: Katherine Merton Jones, (522731)  
Furniture/white goods: Paul Barry (564240)

### St Roberts Walking Group

First Thursday of every month.  
Contact Sheila or Joe McNamara  
734102)

### Youth Ministry

Contact: Joy O'Brien. (529771).  
strobertyouth.harrogate@gmail.com



**Cleaning St Robert's Cave:** Volunteers needed to

### A warm welcome to everyone!

Especially to all new parishioners, visitors, those on holiday or conferences. Please, if you wish to make yourself known to the clergy or the welcomers/greeters.

### St Robert of Knaresborough 800th Anniversary Events

**Saturday 22nd September - Pilgrimage to St. Robert's Cave** Abbey Road, Knaresborough Mass at 1:00 PM. We welcome donations of refreshments/snacks/cakes (nut-free) which will be served after mass. There is no parking at the cave, please park at St. James Retail and walk along Grimbold Crag Way towards Watermill Cafe. Abbey Road is on the left straight after the bridge. Alternatively, park at Waterside Carpark in Knaresborough and walk along Abbey Road past Our Lady of the Crag chapel.

### Sunday 23rd September - Feast Day Celebration

9:00 am Youth and Family Mass at St Robert's Church, Harrogate  
10:00 am St. Robert's Fair at the parish centre. Everyone is welcome! Activities include face painting, balloon making, garage sales, arts and crafts, and many more! Donations of nut-free cakes/biscuits are greatly appreciated. Volunteers needed to help serve cakes, tea and coffee. If you want to get involved, please contact Joy O'Brien at [strobertyouth.harrogate@gmail.com](mailto:strobertyouth.harrogate@gmail.com)

**Cleaning St Robert's Cave:** Volunteers needed to help clean St Robert's Cave on **Friday 21st September** at 1:30 PM. Please bring cleaning tools and plants that can thrive under the shade. Please contact Joy O'Brien for more details.

**Catholic Scripture Study:** Will be held each **Thursday** in autumn at St Robert's Centre from 7.00 to 9.00pm for twelve weeks commencing **Thursday 20 September**. We will study the Acts of the Apostles. It will be £12 per person to cover the cost of the workbook To register or for more information please contact Marie Baker at [mbaker0813@gmail.com](mailto:mbaker0813@gmail.com) or Elena Roth at [rothjourney123@gmail.com](mailto:rothjourney123@gmail.com)

**Brave of Heart: A Weekend Journey for Men.** Sat & Sun **22nd/23rd September** Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton a donation only event. To book or for more information go to [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org) or email [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org), Tel: 016973 45623 07588 759341

**Marian Day of Prayer for Peace:** Led by Father May at St Mary Magdalene Church, Maltby on Saturday **29th September**. Please see notice board for details or contact Helga Rushton on 07891-029092.

## OFFERTORY

8th & 9th September 2018

Loose Cash	£ 836.87
Gift Aided Envelopes	£ 554.79
Planned Giving	£ 115.94
<u>Avg weekly Standing Orders</u>	<u>£ 899.19</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2406.79</b>

**Catholic Education Service £391.04**

**Many thanks for your Generosity**

**Retiring Collection:** After all Masses **this weekend 15/16 September** for **Home Mission Sunday**. Please note that Gift Aid **cannot** be claimed on this Collection.

## Vacancy

### Part-Time Housekeeper Required for St Robert's Presbytery

Minimum of 15 hours per week; i.e. 3 days per week 9.45am to 2.45pm. Diocesan Terms and Conditions of Employment apply.

Expressions of interest welcome. Please contact Canon Jim on 504988 for an initial conversation.

**Mothers' Prayers:** The next meeting is scheduled for Friday **September 21st** at 2.00pm in church by Our Lady's chapel. We pray for our children and grandchildren asking Our Lord to guide and protect them in their lives. We also pray for children all over the world many of whom live in difficult circumstances, war zones, famines, floods etc. We are always happy to see new faces. Any queries phone Jackie on 529035.

**St Judes Warehouse Leeds:** part of the SVP, is in desperate need of the following items: Beds, Bedding, Towels. Do you have any such items surplus to your requirements? If so, please contact us on 01423564240 (Paul), or any SVP member, and arrangements will be made to collect items. Alternatively, the contents of the clothes bank are being sorted/collected next Thursday morning, **20 September**, and we would be very pleased to receive bedding and towels from parishioners between 9 and 11am (latest) that morning at the Parish Centre. Thank you for anything you can donate, and for your ongoing support to people in need.



Please Remember: To switch off Mobile Phones when you come into Church - They do have a habit of going off... right at the wrong moment!!! Thank you

## Next Marriage Preparation Course Autumn 2018:

Venue: St Robert's Centre  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2.00 – 5.00 pm  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2.00 – 5.00 pm  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7.00pm Mass followed by a celebratory drink in the centre

### Baptisms: Today at 12.45pm:

We welcome into the Family of the Church:  
Alexis Olivia Key  
Aurora Sugden  
Logan-Jay Sugden

**The Diocese of Leeds, Vicariate for Education has the following Vacancy: Diocesan Coordinator for Catechesis:** (0.6 FTE part time including some weekends and evenings) Salary: £18,000 The co-ordinator will have the opportunity to support implementation of sacramental programmes in addition to developing a new programme of support for those in lay ministry across the diocese. **Closing Date: 1st October 2018**

**Full Time General Manager:** Hinsley Hall Conference and Pastoral Centre is recruiting a full time General Manager, with an immediate start. A full job description is available at <http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/>. Please apply by sending a covering letter and CV to [recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) as soon as possible. Further information, and a preliminary discussion, can also be requested through this e-mail address.

### St Robert's Music Ministry: 'He/she who sings prays twice over' (attributed to St. Augustin).

St Roberts has benefitted from two choirs for generations! despite 'family commitments', 'work commitments' etc etc... and the average length of 'service' has been well over 20 years! Could you consider a small commitment? that is pleasing to God, and the congregation, and to you? 11.00am Mass (weekly) and/or 6.00pm Mass (monthly) All would be incredibly welcome, voices and Instrumentalists... is the age of commitment still with us?? A special welcome to those from St John Fishers and of course, newcomers to the Parish. **11.00 Trad Choir contact Nigel on 07533430293, email: nbeetles@gmail.com or Brenda on 885439, email: Brenda.m.boyle@googlemail.com 6.00 Folk Choir contact Nigel as above or Bernard on 781999, email: bernardantram@binternet.com**

**Please overwhelm us! Thank you**