



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



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 9th August 2020 - The Nineteenth 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 Sunday 9th August 2020 - Jesus and Peter on the Water (Matthew 14:22-33)

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said, 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come,' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

3 Reflect

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

The Christian people are often depicted as a boat, with Peter at the helm. As in a boat, everyone has their part to play: kids to bring the excitement and the challenge, parents to take the responsibility, grandparents just to be there to comfort and reassure. Without Jesus the disciples were getting exhausted, frustrated and probably bad-tempered and quarrelling. When Jesus appears everything changes: first, terror and awed amazement, then Peter rushes to meet him – and loses confidence, only to be swiftly rescued. How does Jesus come to me? In the joys of family? In the unwelcome criticism of an angry neighbour who tells me the truth about myself? In the worries of a job or the agonies of a failed relationship? In the staggering beauty of creation? In physical pain? In all these situations we may discover God's presence, and without that presence we cannot expect to cope. Jesus does not force himself upon us. He just jogs us, and says, 'Here I am if you want me.' He may disappear into the sea-mist again for a time, and we may sink into the water like mistrustful Peter. But it all ends with a welcome and a recognition that Jesus can help, even in a life-threatening situation.

Why is Peter such a good 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

Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady & St. Robert

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Sunday Aug 2nd Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Sat Vigil 6.15pm St Robert's	Mass (Kenneth Simms)
Sat Vigil 6.30 St. Aelred's	Mass (Sinead Cowley)
9.00am St. Robert's	Mass (People of the Parish)
10.00am St. Aelred's	Mass (Sick List (M.M))
11.00am St. Robert's	Mass (Gordon Fee)
6.00pm St. Robert's	Mass ()

Monday Aug 3rd Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.00 noon St. Robert's Mass ()

Tuesday Aug 4th Saint John Vianney, Priest– Memorial

No Public Mass

Wed Aug 5th Dedication of St. Mary Major

10.00am St. Aelred's Mass ()
12.00noon St. Robert's Mass (Pat O'Donnell)

Thursday Aug 6th Transfiguration—Feast

No Public Mass

Friday Aug 7th Weekday in Ordinary Time

10.00am St. Aelred's Mass (Parish Dead List)
Confessions St. Robert's 11.00-11.45am
12.00noon St. Robert's Mass (Billy Murphy)

Saturday Aug 8th Saint Dominic, Priest

Confessions St. Robert's 5.00pm - 5.45pm
Sat Vigil 6.15pm St. Robert's Mass ()
Sat Vigil St. Aelred's 6.30pm Mass ()

Sunday Aug 9th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

9.00am St. Robert's Mass ()
10.00am St Aelred's Mass ()
11.00am St. Robert's Mass ()
6.00pm St. Robert's Mass ()

Sunday Mass will be video-recorded on Saturday evening and available to view on the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1ON0w9Vg1R8-nGyLWMA?view_as=subscriber

St Robert's and St. Aelred's is OPEN for MASS :

Many thanks to the Volunteers for Stewarding the Church when open for Mass —we could not open without you!. We will need more Stewards, so if anyone is interested or can spare an hour or two per week please ring Canon Jim or Fr. Ben on 01423 504988

Any changes or updates will be updated on this bulletin and uploaded to the website, so please check often as information is coming through and changing sometimes on a daily basis.

Parish Finance:

Huge thanks to everyone who has continued to support St. Robert's and St. Aelred's, and especially those who have made new arrangements to donate towards the church during these difficult times.

You can give weekly or monthly in several ways:

1. Set up a standing Order with your bank or building society (GAD forms can be downloaded)
2. Make a one off payment via internet or telephone banking to the church using the details below:

Diocese of Leeds: Our Lady Immaculate St. Robert's Harrogate. Sort Code. 40-27-15 Account No: 81017489

Diocese of Leeds: St. Aelred of Rievaulx. Sort Code 40-27-15 Account No: 41017470

Donate from the webpage pressing the donate button

3. Leave a donation at St. Robert's Presbytery (cash or cheque) through the letterbox.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE USERS.

THE NEW BOXES OF ENVELOPES ARE AT THE BACK OF ST. ROBERT'S CHURCH. If you haven't already done so would you please pick up your box the next time you are at church. Many thanks.

ST VINCENT'S CENTRE in LEEDS, a work of the SVP, has been very active during the pandemic with a small team of dedicated staff, preparing and serving takeaway meals – at a social distance. At the peak they reached approx. 1300 meals a week. On Friday 3rd July alone they served a record 198 meals at lunchtime, with 600+ meals given out in the previous 3 weeks. This activity is likely to be maintained for the foreseeable future.

Please donate funds, if you can, to enable St Vincent's to continue this vital work in one of the poorest parts of Leeds. Go to website www.stvincentsorg.co.uk and follow the links. Thank you.

Please remember in prayer those who have died this week:

**Gordon Fee, Angela Ganzelavitch, Johnny Quinn, Billy Murphy, Terence Curran and Jenny Turner
May they rest in peace.**

Please pray for all the sick of the Parish. Eilish Dorrian,

And those whose anniversaries occurs at this time: Pat O'Donnell

LIVE-STREAMING OF DAILY MASS AND DEVOTIONS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

Holy Mass will be live-streamed EACH WEEKDAY [at 10.30 am](#) and on SUNDAYS [at 11.00am](#)

There will also be a live-stream of the Angelus at 12.00 Noon each

weekday, followed by praying the Rosary. Details of other devotions are available via the Leeds Cathedral website and Cathedral Bulletin.

To participate online, please access the Leeds Cathedral Live YouTube channel www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk where the words of Prayers, Devotions and Orders of Service may be viewed, or downloaded from the Diocesan and Cathedral websites.

Phased re-opening of Churches for the public celebration of Mass.

We would ask you please to note the following information The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days has been suspended by our Bishops until the end of the current health crisis. The Bishops are encouraging those who can to attend one of the scheduled weekday Masses and thereby allow greater access to the Sunday Masses for those who are working. The seating capacity in all churches has been greatly reduced, so that we can adhere to social distancing at 2m. A one-way system will be in operation in all churches and stewards will be on duty to assist worshipers at all public Masses and will take responsibility for sanitizing the building after each service. **IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE SIMPLY TO TURN UP AT THE SCHEDULED MASS TIMES. A SYSTEM OF ONLINE REGISTRATION AND/OR TELEPHONE BOOKING HAS BEEN SET UP SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE RESTRICTION ON NUMBERS AND CAN BE ACCOUNTABLE UNDER THE GOVERNMENTS 'TRACK AND TRACE PROGRAMME'.** To this end, details of all worshipers must be stored for 21 days following any visit to the church.

The online registration service and dedicated phone line is now active. Details as follows: If you wish to use the online service, you will need to access the parish website and follow the link for registration. www.strobertsharrogate.co.uk If you wish to use the telephone booking system you may do so during office hours 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday on **0778 361 1229.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

We would be very grateful if you would please try to book the day before the Mass you want to come to. We appreciate it is not always possible, but as numbers are rising the lists we compile have to be produced the evening before. Our lists have not been accurate where last minute bookings have taken place.

The permitted total at St. Roberts for Mass is 46 and St. Aelred's 22 and we do not ever want to be in the situation where parishioners have to be turned away as we would exceed our permitted total for the church.

www.strobertsharrogate.co.uk to book online for whatever Mass you want to attend or ring the dedicated phone line during office hours 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.

0778 361 1229

You may or may not be aware, that the government has today announced a legal requirement for all people attending places of worship to wear a face covering from Saturday 8th August. We have to be clear that this is now **MANDATORY** until further notice, so please bring a face covering with you from next weekend onwards.