



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



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 25th October 2020 - The Thirtieth 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 25th October 2020 (Matthew 22:34-40): The Greatest Commandment
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

3 Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection. Familiarity with Jesus' answer to the question about the greatest commandment blunts our awareness of its startling directness. Many answers could be given, perhaps singling out any one of the ten commandments as the greatest, the most important basis of society. A frequent answer to the question was and is the Golden Rule which exists in many cultures: 'Do not do to another what you would not have done to you'. This is basically a selfish answer, protecting one's own interests. By contrast, Jesus' answer hits home, turning us away from self to God. 'Love' (not 'obey' or 'adore' or 'fear' or 'reverence') is the command. Love is not simply the warmth of companionship or of sex, but is the willing generosity of mother to helpless young child or daughter to helpless old parent, of wife to alcoholic husband or husband to paralysed wife, seeking no reward but the happiness of the receiver. Paul gives a useful check-list about love in chapter 13 of his first letter to the Corinthians. John's first letter provides a useful summary: 'No one who fails to love the brother or sister whom he can see, can love God whom he has not seen'.

How do we put into practice this commandment to love?

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 Oct 18th

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil 6.15pm St Robert's	Mass (Parish Dead List)
Sat Vigil 6.30 St. Aelred's	Mass (People of the Parish)
9.00am St. Robert's	Mass (Pat & Peggy Igoe)
10.00am St. Aelred's	Mass (Siva & Lilly (Wedding Anniversary))
11.00am St. Robert's	Mass (Edith Walton)
6.00pm St. Robert's	Mass (Peter Bentley)

Monday Oct 19th

St Paul of the Cross

12.00 noon St. Robert's	Mass (Kitty & James Finnell)
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Tuesday Oct 20th

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Public Mass ()
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Wed Oct 21st

St John Paul II, Pope OM

10.00am St. Aelred's	Mass (Parish Dead List)
12.00noon St. Robert's	Mass (Parish Dead List)

Thurs Oct 22nd

Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Public Mass ()
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Friday Oct 23rd

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Sat October 24th

Saturday Mass of Our Lady

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 Oct 25th

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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.

Deanery day of renewal.

Saturday 14th November from 2.00pm to 4.00 pm On-line.

Speaker; Pastor Vernon Roosevelt

There will be;

Welcome; 2pm to 2.10

Praise and worship. 2.10 to 2.40

Pastor Vernon: "The 6 principals for Christian living". 2.40 to 3.20

Break; 3.20 to 3.30

Sharing groups for reflection. 3.30 to 3.45

Intercessory prayers and farewells. 3.45 to 4.00

To register please e-mail Val at;

vmese@hotmail.co.uk

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 worshippers at all public Masses and will take responsibility for sanitizing the building after each service.

IMPORTANT NOTICES BOOK FOR MASS

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

*****It is now MANDATORY until further notice to wear a face covering in Church.*****

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died: November is the month in the Church's calendar that we particularly remember and pray for all our departed relations, friends and benefactors. **The 'Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed' or 'All Souls Day' will be celebrated on Monday 2nd November.** Mass will be offered at **12 noon** that day.

November Dead List Envelopes and Inserts These are now available at both the entrance and exit of the church. If you wish to use them, please list the names of departed relatives and friends, and insert the list into the envelope with your offering. Envelopes can be returned either in the collection box at the exit of the church, or through the Presbytery letterbox. The names of all on the parish dead list will be placed before the altar on the 2nd November and will remain there throughout the month of the Holy Souls. Thereafter, the baskets containing the lists will be placed on St. Joseph's altar for the rest of the year, so that the names of the faithful departed remain in the church as parish dead list Masses are celebrated each week.

Please remember in prayer those who have died this week: May they rest in peace.

Please pray for all the sick of the Parish.

And those whose anniversaries occurs at this time: Peter Bentley, Keith Carter, Pat & Peggy Igoe

First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2020-2021

Our Diocese have recently sent us outline plans for the preparation and celebration of the above sacraments for our children and young people. The "normal" programmes are suspended, as you would expect but some work may be possible "on-line" or by parents using the relevant books to catechise their own children, with some remote support from the Parish. Canon Jim

I hope to meet in the coming week with those Catechists who took part in the online meeting with the Vicarate for Education after which we should be able to move the process further on. For children who are attending St. Robert's Catholic Primary School the Headteacher and staff will also be in a position to communicate plans via the school newsletter. Canon Jim

VACANCY - PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: Based at Hinsley Hall. Excellent opportunity for an experienced PA or Executive Assistant to join the Executive Team providing administrative support across our Diocese. Job description available via www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies. For more details please contact Jo-anne.hughes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or Jacqui.atkinson@dioceseofleeds.org.uk CV with a covering letter may be submitted to: recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk at any time before the closing date: **Friday, 23 October 2020.**

SACRE: A Catholic Representative is needed on North Yorkshire SACRE: An opportunity has arisen for a Catholic representative to sit on North Yorkshire SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) from January 2021. SACRE is the statutory body that advises the North Yorkshire Local Education Authority on matters connected with Religious Education and Worship in non-Catholic schools. North Yorkshire SACRE consists of members of all the faith communities within the local area and meets at least once per term during school term time usually at County Hall, Northallerton, occasionally at schools within the North Yorkshire area but more recently online. If you are interested in learning about different faith communities or have a background in education please do consider this role. For more information about the role please contact Mr. Christopher Devanny at chris.devanny@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

200 Club—September Draw: 1st Prize: 257, 2nd Prize: 139, 3rd Prize: 86, 4th Prize: 487