

St Hilda's Parish, Whitby

(Incorporating English Martyrs Church Sleights)

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(Donations for the upkeep of the churches using the QR code in the right-hand corner of the newsletter will be gratefully received)

Masses: 3rd – 9th May 2026.

Day	Place	Time	Mass Intention	Feastday
Sunday	Sleights	9.00am	Paul Millar RIP	5th Sunday of Easter (A)
Sunday	Whitby	10.30am	People of the Parish	
Monday	Whitby	10.00am	McDonagh family – Thanksgiving	English Martyrs
Tuesday	Sleights	7.00pm	Fr Frank Gallagher –Special Intention	
Wednesday	Whitby	10.00am	Raj James RIP	
Thursday			Convent of Mercy	St John of Beverley
Friday	Whitby	10.00am	Sr Mairead Burke RIP	
Saturday	Whitby	10.00am	Private Intention (MS)	

Confessions: Saturday 10.30 – 11am St Hilda's and on request.

Rosary: 6.40pm Tuesday & 9.35am Wednesday.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Collection. The Vicar General is asking parishes to take a voluntary collection this Sunday.

Collections: 12th – 26th April, £1777.36, thank you.

Mary's Meals Lent Project: £925.16 has been donated in sterling as well as approximately 14 kilos of old & foreign coins. Thank you for your very generous response which will help many hungry schoolchildren. (£19.15 feeds one child for a whole school year)

May Procession before 10.30am Sunday Mass at St Hilda's on 10th May, meet outside the sacristy at 10.25am.

Easter Duties- The Precepts of the Church say that a Catholic must receive Holy Communion at least once per year, in 2026 this is up to 31st May. Holy Communion must only be received in a State of Grace; anyone conscious of grave sin should go to Confession and receive Absolution first. Please consult a priest if you are in any doubt.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026. Bishop Marcus is now responsible for the dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam. Under these circumstances he will not be able to undertake conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation in each place. For this year the bishop has given the faculty to Confirm to parish priests in their own parishes. If any adults or parents with young people 14 years + are not Confirmed please see me before the end of April.

Society of St Vincent de Paul is hoping to recruit more members to widen their reach within the parish, and to help bring practical charity to the forgotten, the suffering and the deprived in the parish. To learn more about their work nationally see svp.org.uk. To find out more on a local level contact the parish president Clare Dalton, tel. 01947 881364

Life Issues. Abortion up to birth has now been decriminalised. cbcew.org.uk has a response from the bishops of England and Wales. Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) has not passed. Thanks for your prayers and penances, sick and vulnerable people have been protected until the issue is raised again.

Parish Website: www.sthildasrcwhitby.co.uk This is the only official parish website.

Beware websites with similar addresses which are not run by this parish and which contain faulty information. One such is altering our parish newsletter and publishing their altered version as if it was authentic.

Parish Safeguarding Reps. Please contact Ann Atkinson (tel 07557769244) or Claire Liversedge if you have any concerns about children or vulnerable adults at any of our parish events in the churches or in the parish centre.

News & Events.

Ascension Day – Thursday 14th May – Holyday of Obligation – Masses: (Eve 7pm English Martyrs, 10am St Hilda's)

Middlesbrough Cathedral Ruby Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass, Friday 15th May, 7pm Mass with Bishop Marcus.

CSSA invites responses to their Public Call for Information as part of a Safeguarding inspection of the Diocese of Middlesbrough for 2025/6. Find a link at the diocesan website: middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk

Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Middlesbrough & Leeds. For information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit: <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/consultation/> Deadline is Friday, 22nd May 2026

Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage - Dioceses of Leeds and Middlesbrough – Saturday 26th September, see poster.

With every blessing to you and your families for a blessed Eastertide, Fr Michael Sellers.