

# 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: 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Day	Place	Time	Mass Intention	Feastday
Sunday	Sleights	9.00am	Special Intention	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Yr A)
Sunday	Whitby	10.30am	People of the Parish	Divine Mercy Sunday
Monday	Whitby	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren	
Tuesday	Sleights	7.00pm	Catherine Blackburn RIP	
Wednesday	Whitby	10.00am	Sisters of Mercy in Derby	
Thursday			Convent of Mercy	
Friday	Whitby	10.00am		
Saturday	Whitby	10.00am		

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

**Rosary:** 6.40pm Tuesday & 9.35am Wednesday.

**Collections:** 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March, £1155.20; Good Friday Holy Places, £298.61, thank you.

**Lent 2026 Parish project.** Thanks to those who supported the fund-raising for Mary's Meals and the Easter egg raffle which raised £320 to be divided between the parish SVP and Whitby Food Bank.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Easter Reflections on social media encouraged by the bishop** - #tombtomission#easter#discipleship#faithjourney

**Life Issues.** Despite our efforts, penances and prayers, abortion up to birth has now been decriminalised. [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk) has a response from Archbishop Sherrington on behalf of the bishops of England and Wales.

**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.

**Collection envelopes** are now available in both churches; contact Maureen Eves with queries, tel. 604170.

Thanks to everyone who donates to the church regularly.

**Terminally ill Adults (End of Life Bill).** Please keep praying for its defeat.

**Parish Website:** [www.sthildasrcwhitby.co.uk](http://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.

**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. 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/>

**SVP** – next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30 – 8.30pm.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Collection.** Due to the current world conflicts, the price of jet fuel has risen dramatically. The Vicar General is asking parishes to take a voluntary collection on 3<sup>rd</sup> May to cover the extra costs and avoid passing them on to pilgrims who are often sick, elderly or school age. Donations can be made direct to Mark Taylor.

**May Procession** before 10.30am Sunday Mass at St Hilda's on 10<sup>th</sup> May, details to follow.

**Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage** - Dioceses of Leeds and Middlesbrough – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, see poster.

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