

# 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: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Day	Place	Time	Mass Intention	Feastday
Sunday	Sleights	9.00am	People of the Parish	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday (Year A)
Sunday	Whitby	10.30am	Rodrigo Tigol & Manolita Ferrolino RIP	

**NB. There are no public Masses or Confessions in the parish Monday – Saturday this week.**

**Anyone in urgent need of a priest can contact the Dean, tel. 01723 360358.**

**Walk with Me** – a Journey of Prayer for Lent 2026 – available in both churches – short daily reflections.

**Institute of Our Lady of Mercy**-Job vacancies for Care Services Manager in the Whitby and Hull Convents; contact [Rhiann.ferguson@iolmercy.org.uk](mailto:Rhiann.ferguson@iolmercy.org.uk) for full details.

**Hospital Visits.** Catholics in hospital can request a visit from a priest; the simplest way to do this is to ask the ward staff or the switchboard to page the Catholic chaplain.

**Whitby Food Bank.** If anyone can spare a few basic non-perishable items it would be appreciated.

**Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill).** Archbishop Sherrington encourages us to write to members of the House of Lords; details available from [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk) or [writetothem.com](http://writetothem.com). The debate continues this year.

**lifecharity.org.uk** offers support in pregnancy and for those who suffer pregnancy loss; contact details at the back.

**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.

## News & Events.

**Lent 2026, Parish project:** fundraising for [marysmeals.org](http://marysmeals.org) which aims to supply some of the most needy school children of the world with a midday meal; anyone who has unwanted currency, including foreign coins, can leave them at the churches for collection after Easter; donations of sterling are also welcome.

**Ash Wednesday** 18<sup>th</sup> February; Lent begins. Masses with the imposition of ashes, 10am St Hilda's & 7pm English Martyrs

**The Oratory of St Joseph**- Catholic Men's Group (21-35yrs) encouraged by Bishop Marcus Stock with monthly gatherings for prayer, a talk, a meal together and Benediction; 'helping young men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation.' Details available on the poster and from [benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** 27<sup>th</sup> February. (Also 'The Big Lent Walk', sign up now for sponsor forms)

**Charismatic Day of Prayer** – Sacred Heart Church, Middlesbrough – 21<sup>st</sup> February; tel 0793242809 for details

## The Catholic Pledge.

I believe God made me to know Him, love Him and serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him ever after in the next and I believe in His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. To these I pledge my fidelity.

(This brief declaration of faith is circulating, a good source of meditation, let us spread the word.)

**Our Parish Safeguarding Rep** is Ann Atkinson, tel 07557769244. Please contact her if you have any concerns about children or vulnerable adults at any of our parish events in the churches or in the parish centre.

**With every blessing to you and your families in this New Year, Fr Michael Sellers.**