

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: 26th October – 1st November 2025.

Day	Place	Time	Mass Intention	Feastday
Sunday	Sleights	9.00am	People of the Parish	30 th Sunday Year C
Sunday	Whitby	10.30am	Holy Souls	
Monday	Whitby	10.00am	Fr Neil McNicholas RIP	
Tuesday	Sleights	7.00pm	Fr Neil McNicholas RIP	Ss Simon and Jude
Wednesday	Whitby	10.00am	Brian, Becky & their baby	
Thursday			St Joseph's Convent	
Friday	Whitby	10.00am		
Saturday	Whitby	10.00am	November Dead List	Mass for the Dead

Confessions: Saturday: 10.30-11am at St Hilda's and on request before Masses during the week.

Rosary: 6.40pm on Tuesdays & 9.35am on Wednesdays.

Sunday collections for October 5th – 19th raised £1683.12, thank you.

Missio Appeal Collection raised £436.88, thank you. For anyone who would like to continue to support the missions throughout the year by using a red mission box please see Mark Taylor. Anyone who would like their mission box to be emptied please bring it to the church next week.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. If anyone would like to add the names of their family and friends to the November Dead List so that they can share in the Masses offered this year, please take one of the envelopes and return it by Friday 31st October. (NB the celebration of All Saints has been transferred to Sunday 2nd November this year, All Souls Day will be celebrated on Monday 3rd November. A Plenary Indulgence is available, applied to the Holy Souls, under the usual conditions of Confession, Holy Communion and prayers for the intentions of the Pope. It is also a pious act to visit a cemetery and to pray there for the souls of the dead.)

Closing times. For the next few months the church will closed at 3pm during the week and at 12 noon on Saturdays and Sundays. This is to reduce the risk of damage and the disturbances seen in the last few weeks. Next year we might invite people to volunteer an hour of their time to keep watch so that others can come to pray.

Repository. Advent calendars, calendars and diaries for 2026 and religious Christmas cards are available in the sacristies of both churches after Masses.

Whitby Food Bank. Thanks to everyone who makes regular donations, they make a difference to those in need. Currently their stocks are running low, if anyone can spare a few basic non-perishable items it would be appreciated.

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill). Now that Parliament is back in session Archbishop Sherrington encourages us to write to members of the House of Lords; details available from www.cbcew.org.uk or writetothem.com

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

SPUC-Every life Matters, join the fightback. Please take a postcard if you are able to support their efforts.

Retreats and Quiet Days- We can all benefit from a period of peace and some space to pray. Ampleforth Abbey offers many types of retreat in a beautiful setting. Contact retreats@ampleforthabbey.co.uk for more information.

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

Beware rogue websites with similar addresses which are not run by this parish. One such is altering our parish newsletter and publishing their altered version; because of this misrepresentation we may have to resort to the law.

News & Events.

Remembrance Sunday, 9th November, there will be a short Act of Remembrance before the 10.30am Mass at the First World War Memorial in St Hilda's.

First Sunday of Advent 30th November. Ecumenical Service at English Martyrs church at 4pm, all welcome.

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, Fr Michael Sellers.