

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## SEASON OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A



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<b>Saturday 17 Dec</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>Paul Connelly</b>
<b>Sunday 18 Dec</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT +</b>	<b>Hilda Crabtree [LD]</b>
Monday 19 Dec	-	<b>Advent Week 4</b>	-
<b>Tuesday 20 Dec</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>Advent Week 4</b>	<b>November Dead List 2022/23</b>
Wed 21 Dec		<b>Advent Week 4</b>	-
<b>Thursday 22 Dec</b>	<b>7-30pm</b>	<b>Advent Week 4</b>	<b>Jack Mahony</b>
<b>Friday 23 Dec</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>Advent Week 4</b>	<b>Kathleen Larkin [A]</b>
<b>Saturday 24 Dec</b>	<b>5-00pm</b>	<b>Carols before Mass</b>	-
<b>Saturday 24 Dec</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>Kathleen Larkin &amp; Kathleen MM Larkin [A]</b>
<b>Sunday 25 Dec</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>+ CHRISTMAS +</b>	<b>Ann Knowles [A]</b>

**PARISH GIVING - BANKED 02 December 2022 £1087.18** Thank you so much for your support.  
**STANDING ORDERS** monthly benefit to the parish **£1220**

### **CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Each year, the collection taken at Christmas, together with the collection taken at Easter, is the offering which forms an important part of the annual taxable income of priests.

If you would prefer to make an offering by direct bank transfer to the parish bank account, please mark it '**Christmas Offering**'.

Account name: DoL Sacred Heart & St. Patrick (Use - Sacred Heart)

Bank: HSBC / Sort Code: 40-27-15 / Account: 41 01 7454 – thank you for your kind support.

**JOYCE CARR RIP** It is with great sadness to inform you of the sudden death of Joyce Carr who died 7 December. Please pray for the repose of Joyce's soul and for her family and friends.  
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**FR MICHAEL NEALON RIP** Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. Funeral details are: **Monday 19 December** 6.30pm, Reception into Church of Fr Michael's body and Mass at St Theresa's Church, Queensbury: (Russell Road, Queensbury, BD13 2AN). **Tuesday 20 December** 12 noon, Requiem Mass for Fr Michael at St Malachy's Church, Halifax, (Nursery Lane, Halifax, HX3 5NS) followed by burial at Queensbury Cemetery.

**THOMAS MARTIN RIP** it is with great sadness to inform you of the death of Thomas who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

### **PRINCIPAL MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS 2022**

Let us remind ourselves that Christmas is an octave – eight days – and that Masses celebrated between Christmas Day and New Year's Day are all Christmas Masses. The Church regards each day in an Octave as if it were the solemnity itself. So, for example, the prayers for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours during the Christmas Octave refer to each day as if it were still Christmas Day. Despite having days within the Octave that are feasts: St Stephen, St John the Evangelist, the Holy Innocents and the Holy Family, and the concluding Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, each of these days is as the Roman Missal states, a "day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord." This means that, liturgically, each of the octave is 'Christmas Day'. If you are still anxious about the ongoing covid / flu, situation, consider attending church on one of the Octave days.

**CHRISTMAS EVE** 5.30pm Saturday 24th December +THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

**CHRISTMAS DAY** 11.00am Sunday 25th December + THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

I invite you to join me at Holy Mass on the following days.

**MONDAY 26TH** + ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR – 09.30am

**TUESDAY 27TH** + ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST – 09.30am

**\*WEDNESDAY 28 TH** + HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS – 09.30am **\*(Sowerby Bridge)**

**+THURSDAY 29TH** + ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP AND MARTYR – **09.30am**

**FRIDAY 30TH** + THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – **10.30am Requiem Mass**

**SATURDAY 31ST** + SEVENTH DAY WITHIN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE – 10.00am - **Mytholmroyd**

**JANUARY 2023 - SUNDAY 1ST MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - 11.00am**

**DIES DOMINI: THE IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY** - At the request of the Bishops of England and Wales, the Mission Directorate has produced a series of podcasts on why the Day of the Lord is so important. Inspiration for this series has been drawn from Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini* from 1988.

**Podcast Series:** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/series/day-of-the-lord/>

**A NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK** His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed **Mgr Philip Moger** as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark. Bishop-Elect Philip Moger grew up in Halifax and has been a priest of the Diocese for 40 yrs, Bishop-Elect Moger has, until now, been the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. I ask everyone in our parish to pray for him as he prepares for this new mission. **Date for Episcopal Ordination** is Tuesday 21 February 2023 in St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** - The SVP can provide help to anyone in our parish who needs assistance during these hard times. We can also make befriending visits to those who are sick, lonely or housebound. If you would like more details or need our help, please contact Tadeusz Sulich or Irene Hellowell. We have had a request from Annette Haigh, local SVP area Manager for the shops in Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, Halifax, Brighouse and Knaresborough, they are really struggling for staff at the moment and it is making things very difficult.

SVP Shops - Job Vacancies:

We urgently need:

- Assistant Manager for Brighouse
- Casual Managers in Brighouse, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Knaresborough
- Casual drivers to support the shops clearing clothing banks etc Bradford and/or Leeds
- Assistant manager at Sunbridge Road Bradford
- Assistant Manager at Seacroft Leeds
- Assistant Manager for Tinshill shop

Also, a volunteer Pat tester for our shops. Also, keyholder volunteers needed in the following shops Lidgett Lane, Butcher hill, Halifax & Dudley Hill to help with covering shop managers day off.

Contact: Annette Haigh, Area Manager. T: 01274 726790, M: 07584 341290

email [AnnetteH@svp.org.uk](mailto:AnnetteH@svp.org.uk)

We are also desperate for clothing, shoes, bags, Bric a Brac etc donations at Brighouse in particular but all our shops would welcome donations.

### **CONFIRMATION 2023**

Bishop Marcus Stock will be celebrating Confirmation for all candidates in our Halifax deanery

## **THE NEW DATE FOR CONFIRMATION**

**Tuesday 28th February at 7pm**

**St Malachy's Church Ovenden**

**SWITCHING TO STANDING ORDER FOR COLLECTIONS** Most people setup payments on a monthly basis.

Please reference the monthly donation with surname plus first initial. Also, please let Fr Larkin know if you do change to this system. Our bank details are: Account name: DoL Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## "I AM WITH YOU" - HALIFAX DEANERY MISSION 2023

In the week leading up to the Feast of the Ascension (15 - 18 May 2023) the Catholics of the Halifax Deanery will be celebrating a week of Mission, sharing with each other and the wider community the love of Jesus.

To access the latest information and follow developments, please use the following social media "handles":

Facebook: @missionhalifax

Twitter: @halifaxmission

Instagram: @missionhalifax

### Sunday 18th + FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT+

**READINGS, PRAYERS AND MASS TEXTS** can be found at: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

#### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David:  
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men  
without trying the patience of my God, too?  
The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.  
It is this: the maiden is with child  
and will soon give birth to a son  
whom she will call Immanuel,  
a name which means "God-is-with-us."'

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM** Psalm 23(24):1-6

**RESPONSE:** Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son  
and they will call him Emmanuel,  
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.  
Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-24**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son  
and they will call him Emmanuel,  
a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus** *Ultimate Defence Against Modernism and the Culture of Death keep us safe.*

**Go to YouTube – Search for**

O Come, Divine Messiah · Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin

O Come. O Come Emmanuel! · The Choir of King's College, Cambridge · Simon Preston

Praise We the Lord This Day · OCP Session Choir

Veni Veni Emmanuel

Rorate Caeli - Catholic Gregorian Chant Hymns

If you have the time search for the Classic FM 30 greatest Christmas carols of all time.

It is good to be together... Oremus pro invicem