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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - YEAR A

20+C+M+B+23

Saturday 31 Dec 2022	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Philip Melia [LD]
Sunday 01 Jan 2023	11-00am	+ SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD +	Kathleen Larkin [A]
Monday 02 Jan	Private Mass	ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR FEAST	
Tuesday 03 Jan	09-30am	ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	For Nancy
Wed 04 Jan	Private Mass	Weekday of Christmas Time	
+Thursday 05 Jan	7-30pm	+Evening Mass of the VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Family & Friends of Marion Howarth
+Friday 06 Jan	10-00am SCHOOL	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	November Dead List 2022/23
Saturday 07 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Deceased of Oldfield Families
Sunday 08 Jan	11-00am	+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD +	Silvia Pachowko [A]

2022 – 2023 A fervent Deo Gratias for all that has been achieved during this year. An enormous amount of hard work goes on behind the scenes and I am grateful to everyone who has contributed to the running of the parish...thank you for your help. I would like to thank you, all of you, who have encouraged me during this year your kindness is very much appreciated. As this year draws to a close and as we look forward to this new beginning; it brings hope and possibilities as yet undisclosed for "What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from." T.S. Eliot
May the peace of the Lord be with you this New Year and always, Yours sincerely in Christ, Fr Larkin

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION The Epiphany of the Lord — I invite you to join me at Holy Mass on Thursday Evening - Mass of the Vigil of The Epiphany of The Lord at 7-30pm

FAREWELL TO BENEDICT XVI 'Humble worker in vineyard of the Lord' Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has returned to the Father's House. The Holy See Press Office announced that the Pope Emeritus died at 9:34am on Saturday 31 December 2022 in his residence at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery, which the 95-year-old Pope emeritus had chosen as his residence after resigning from the Petrine ministry in 2013. Further information will be provided as soon as possible. As of Monday morning, 2 January 2023, the body of the Pope Emeritus will be in Saint Peter's Basilica so the faithful can bid farewell. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

SISTER DOCTOR CECILY BOULDING OP 1933 – 2022, RIP. Sister Cecily taught at Ushaw College for many years and was my tutor while at Ushaw and the University of Durham. Remember Cecily in your prayers; Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

FR ROBERT WHITESIDE died on Christmas Eve in Ireland. He had been poorly for some time. His funeral will take place at All Hallows College, Dublin. Fr Whiteside served for a time at St Theresa's Crossgates and Fr Wall will represent the Diocese at his funeral. Please remember Fr Whiteside and his family and friends in your prayers at this time. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

JOAN HEPTINSTALL It is with great sadness to inform you of the death of Joan Heptinstall who died 8 December 2022. Her funeral service is at Park Wood Crematorium on **Thursday 5 January 2023 at 11.15.** Pray for the repose of Joan'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.

SHEILA JACKSON RIP please pray for Sheila Jackson RIP, family, and friends. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES JULY 2023

Call for Nurses and Carers

The annual Diocese of Leeds Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place in 2023 from 7-13 July. This is a call for nurses and carers to be part of the amazing Hospitality Team who help to take care of the assisted and sick pilgrims on the pilgrimage. Helping our sick pilgrims to visit the shrine of Our Lady is a wonderfully fulfilling role. Preparation and training are provided. All enquiries to Anita: anita.bodurka@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or Angela: psr.aharvey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

"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](https://www.facebook.com/missionhalifax) | Twitter: [@halifaxmission](https://twitter.com/halifaxmission) | Instagram: [@missionhalifax](https://www.instagram.com/missionhalifax)

FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD Please pray for Rev Marc Pitson, who currently serves as a deacon in the parish of St John Mary Vianney, Leeds. Marc will be ordained (DV) to the Priesthood at Leeds Cathedral on Saturday 28 January, 11:00am. All are invited to attend the Ordination. Looking further ahead, Rev Paul Moores, who is currently in his final year of formation at the Pontifical Beda College, will be ordained (DV) to the Priesthood at Leeds Cathedral on Saturday 1 July, 11:00am.

PASTORAL STATISTICS FORM 2022 One form should be completed per parish, regardless of the number of churches within the parish, and submitted either by email or as a hard copy and returned to Bishop's House no later than Monday 16 January 2023. Please note that this is a nationally produced form; with details of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation Marriages, Funerals, and average Mass attendance in September and October 2022.

BISHOP-ELECT PHILIP MOGER His Episcopal Ordination will take place on Tuesday 21 February 2023 in St George's Cathedral, Southwark. More details will be made public as soon as they are available.

NEW YEAR How to save £667.95 in 2023 with 1p Savings. You start by saving 1p on 1 January, then 2p on 2 January, then 3p on 3 January and so on – saving what you saved the day before, plus a penny more each day – right the way up to £3.65 saved on the last day of December. Or you could put away the month's total in one. January £4.96, February £12.74, March £23.25, April £31.65, May £42.16, June £49.95, July £61.07, August £70.68, September £77.55, October £89.59, November £95.85, December £108.50.

APOSTOLIC NUNCIO The Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed His Excellency, The Most Reverend Claudio Gugerotti, until now Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, as Prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches. Please pray for Archbishop Gugerotti, that the Lord will bless him abundantly and give him the graces necessary to carry out the new ministry which he has been asked to undertake in the service of the Holy See and the worldwide Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – We have had a request from Annette Haigh, local SVP area Manager for the shops in Halifax, Brighouse, 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, Casual drivers to support the shops clearing clothing banks etc Bradford

Assistant manager at Sunbridge Road Bradford. Also, a volunteer Pat tester for our shops, keyholder volunteers needed in the shop at Halifax to help with covering shop managers day off.

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

INQUIRY INTO ASSISTED SUICIDE From the Anscombe Bioethics Centre: “The House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee has launched an Inquiry into assisted suicide, and is inviting comments from individual members of the public and interested organisations to comment. Assisted suicide presents profound dangers to public safety and the common good, and so it is crucial that as many people as possible engage with the Parliamentary Inquiry and oppose the introduction of assisted suicide into UK law. Submissions must be in by Friday 20 January 2023. The Anscombe Bioethics Centre has produced a short two-page Briefing (also attached) to help anyone interested in responding, whether as an individual or as an organisation. Anyone with any questions can contact the Anscombe Centre at admin@bioethics.co.uk.”

Sunday 1st January + SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD +

READINGS, PRAYERS AND MASS TEXTS can be found at: www.universalis.com

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

FIRST READING A reading from the book of Numbers

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.”

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 66(67):2-3,5,6,8 / RESPONSE: O God, be gracious and bless us.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. R.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. R.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Galatians

Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY 2023

Please remember in your prayers the following intention:

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.