

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 2023 - YEAR A + THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD +

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]
Monday 09 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 10 Jan	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Catherine Bellis [A]
Wed 11 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 12 Jan	7-30pm	St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI [LD]
Friday 13 Jan	09-30am	St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Thomas Martin [LD]
Saturday 14 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Phyllis and Ronald Blackshaw [A]
Sunday 15 Jan	11-00am	+ SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +	Zygmunt Wisniewski [A]

Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass today (From 11.45 - 12.45)

PARISH GIVING - BANKED JANUARY 2022 £2061.00 Thank you so much for your support.

STANDING ORDERS monthly benefit to the parish **£1220**

THANK YOU for the wonderful Christmas collection of **£924.18** - lovely cards & letters of thanks

MASS ATTENDANCE 2018 - 2022

13,375 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2018)

14,358 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2019)

5168 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2020)

5979 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2021)

9392 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2022) It is good to be together...

BENEDICT XVI'S LAST WORDS "Lord, I love you!" Archbishop Georg Gänswein, Prefect of the Papal Household, recounts Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's last words spoken during the night several hours before he died. It was precisely his seeking Jesus, "the beloved", that was the distinguishing hallmark of Joseph Ratzinger's priestly service, as Pope Francis himself recalled in 2016. The last words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI were heard in the middle of the night by a nurse. It was around 3am on 31 December, several hours before he died. Joseph Ratzinger had not yet entered his final moments, and at that time his collaborators and assistants were alternating in his care. With him at that precise moment there was only one nurse who does not speak German. "Benedict XVI," his secretary, Archbishop Georg Gänswein, recounts emotionally, "with just a whisper of a voice, but in a clearly distinguishable manner, said in Italian: 'Signore ti amo!' ('Lord, I love you!') I was not there at the moment, but the nurse told me about it shortly

afterwards. These were his last comprehensible words, because afterwards he was no longer able to express himself."

A prayer for the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict, who governed your Church with love. In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care to the reward you have promised your faithful servants. May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you for ever in heaven. In your wise and loving care, you made your servant teacher of all your Church. He did the work of Christ on earth. May your Son welcome him into eternal glory. May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom. Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love. We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence. In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love. We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence. In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love. May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints. Through Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

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

JOHN BAMFORTH RIP, please pray for John's wife, family, and friends. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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.

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.

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

Sunday 8 January 2023 The Baptism of the Lord - Feast
Liturgical Colour: White. Year: A(I)

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

Entrance Antiphon
Cf. Mt 3: 16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First reading
Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Here is my servant, in whom my soul delights

Thus says the Lord:
Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 28(29):1-4,9-10

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord, you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second reading
Acts 10:34-38
God had anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation
cf.Mk9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 3:13-17

'This is my Son, the Beloved'

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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