

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 22nd + THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Saturday 21 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Stefan Mazur [A]
Sunday 22 Jan	11-00am	+ THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +	Tess Stott [LD]
Monday 23 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 24 Jan	09-30am	St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Sr Cecily Boulding OP [LD]
Wed 25 Jan		THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE	
Thursday 26 Jan	NO MASS TODAY	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops	-
Friday 27 Jan	09-30am	St Angela Merici, Virgin	Joyce Carr [LD]
Saturday 28 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Miss N Purcell (1922)
Sunday 29 Jan	11-00am	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families

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

PARISH GIVING - Thank you for your continued generosity.

BANKED 20 JANUARY £315 plus standing orders of £1220 per month

ENERGY BILLS

GAS Billing period: 1 December 2022 to 31 December 2022

Total charges House, Hall, & Church **£2,296.23**

ELECTRIC Billing period: 1 December 2022 to 31 December 2022

Total charges House, Hall, & Church **£299.54**

ATTENDANCE AT HOLY MASS has seen a significant increase since the end of pandemic lockdowns. We can report a 56.6% increase in the number of people attending Mass 2021 to 2022. This trend is likely due to a variety of factors, including a heightened sense of spiritual longing and community during a time of crisis, as well as the reopening of churches and the lifting of restrictions on public gatherings. Additionally, we continue to encourage the use of hand gel, which may have made people feel more comfortable returning to church. Overall, the increased attendance at Holy Mass is a positive sign of hope and resilience during a challenging time.

Mass Attendance Numbers

5979 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2021)

9392 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2022)

THE QUARTER END RETURN 31 December 2022 - Q3 has been returned by email to the diocesan finance office on Thursday 19 January. I received the Statements from Diocese on Monday 16 January, so enabling the production of the trial balance report, which has been accepted.

PASTORAL STATISTICS FOR 2022 have been returned by email, to Bishop's House, 12 January 2023. This includes the following; Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Marriages, and Deaths.

PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY 2023 For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS FOR POPE BENEDICT XVI Bishop Marcus will celebrate a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Pope Emeritus at Leeds Cathedral on **Tuesday 24 January 2023**, 5:30pm. All welcome to attend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR peace in Ukraine, all who are sick, and our housebound and sick Parishioners; those in distress; and for all who have died recently; John Balmforth, Sheila Jackson, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR SHEILA JACKSON will take place at the Sacred Heart and St. Patrick, on Friday 27 January 2023 at 12.00 in Church and 1.30pm at Park Wood. All welcome to attend.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES JULY 2023 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

CATENIANS With the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage planned to go ahead in the summer, young people between the ages of 16 and 25 may wish to think about voluntary work they could get involved in. Funding could be assisted with financial help through the Catenian Bursary Fund:
<http://www.cateniansbursary.com>

"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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY would like to make an appeal for the following items which should be in a clean and good condition to help the homeless and others in need: sleeping bags, underwear, socks and gloves - small to medium size for men and small for women. We will leave a box in the church porch on 4/5 February, 11 / 12 February for donations. Thank you for your generosity which is very much appreciated.

FLAME Saturday 4 March 2023, be 1 of 10,000 young people this March.

The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at Wembley Arena in London. Tickets are

£60 per person (including return coach travel). There are plenty of tickets left!
Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book yours!

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY Support Worker – Outreach for Adult Care (including Mental Health, Older people and learning disability services) (Care Bank workers also required £11.09 inclusive). Salary: Spinal Point 3 – 7 Salary £20,812 – £22,369 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Post: Flexible working hours. Shift patterns to include weekends and bank holidays. Sleep in allowance payable. Location: Leeds, Skipton or Dewsbury. Closing Date: Until position Filled.
Interview Date: To be arranged with applicant. Please send CV to HR@catholic-care.org.uk

SCHOOL VACANCIES

Cardinal Heenan, Leeds:

- Business Administrative Assistant
- Teaching Assistant with Responsibility for leading on Numeracy

Closing date for both: 23rd January, 9am. Further details see website:
<https://www.cardinalheenan.com/job-vacancies/>

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY Calderdale Council in association with Holocaust Centre North, the Holocaust Survivors Friendship Association & Calderdale Interfaith Council will mark Holocaust Memorial Day with a gathering at Calderdale College (Francis Street, Halifax HX1 3UZ) on Wednesday 25 January from 6pm-8pm. Trude Silman MBE will give her testimony as a child who survived the Holocaust. All are welcome.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON AT THE QE2 CENTRE, LONDON - Sat 11 February.

Catholic Voices and *Word on Fire* are hosting a one-day conference called 'Sharing the Church's Story', 10am-5pm. The Vicariate of Education is looking at the possibility of hiring a coach to take people travelling from Leeds. If you are interested in attending the conference and travelling down on the coach, please contact Fr Henry Longbottom on henry.longbottom@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 0113 267 8257 before 13 January. For more information about the event visit www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

CLIMATE CHANGE & OUR PARISH - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? Join Bishop John Arnold, the lead Bishop for Climate Change in the Bishops' Conference (and chair of the CAFOD Trustee board), in conversation with John Battle, Commission Chair, to explore what more we, as Church, could and should be doing about Climate Change. Tuesday 17 January @7:30pm via Zoom. See the J&P website to register visit www.leedsjp.org.uk

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor –
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14/ **RESPONSE:** The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf.Mt4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-17

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.'

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

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.*