

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 29th + FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Saturday 28 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Miss N Purcell (1922)
Sunday 29 Jan	11-00am	+ FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME+	Maurice Sweeney
Monday 30 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 31 Jan	09-30am	St John Bosco, Priest	Malachy & Margaret Gort-House [A]
Wed 01 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 02 Feb	7-30pm	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Albert Edward Bellis [LD]
Friday 03 Feb	09-30am	St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr	Jason Carr [A]
Saturday 04 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Flo Clayton [LD]
Sunday 05 Feb	11-00am	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Joyce Carr [LD]

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

PARISH GIVING - Thank you for your continued generosity.

BANKED 24 JANUARY £265 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**

Parish assessment - 31 December 2022 Assessment 2022/23 Qtr 3 **£837.00**

Parish insurance premium - 31/12/2022 Insurance 2022/23 Qtr 3 **£548.33**

FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD Please pray for Rev Marc Pitson. Marc will be ordained to the Priesthood at Leeds Cathedral on Saturday 28 January.

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.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS Have you thought about being a school governor? This is a voluntary role which only involves 4-6 meetings a year. Foundation governors play a vital role in promoting our catholic faith and traditions. You don't need to have any special skills just a desire to be involved in the running and organisation of our school. All governors have to have a full DBS check (which the Diocese complete on your behalf). If you are interested, please have a word with Fr Larkin. If you have questions, contact the Vicariate for Education, 0113 261 8040 /

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 (correction)

6344 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2021)

9757 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2022)

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; Sheila Jackson, Baby Archer and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CATENIANS Any Catholic men interested in expanding their connections with similar thinking Catholics may learn more about the Catenians by taking a look at their website: www.thecatenians.com Or calling the Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND A weekend residential programme for renewal, rediscovery and healing for marriages. 24 – 26 February, Welwyn Garden City.
More information: <https://www.retrouvaille.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 | Twitter: @halifaxmission | Instagram: @missionhalifax

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.

BISHOP-ELECT PHILIP MOGER will be ordained a bishop on 21 February. He served for over 20 years at Leeds Cathedral and also at the Holy Rosary Church Leeds. Please keep him in your prayers

CHANGE OF ADDRESS Please let us know if you have moved house; this is especially important for those who have signed a Gift Aid Declaration. With thanks.

SCHOOL VACANCIES

- **Headteacher**, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Otley. Start: September 2023. Closing date: Monday 20 February 2023 12 noon. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/trust-vacancies>. To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Pauline Younts Ed.D., Academy Council Chair, p.younts@stjosephsotley.org. Further details attached.
- **Deputy Headteacher**, St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy, Halifax. Start: September 2023 or sooner if possible. Closing date: Wednesday 8 February 2023 12 noon. Further info please email Mrs Maseela: admin@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk Further details attached.
- **Teacher of Science** (required for Sept 23): Corpus Christi Catholic College, Neville Rd, Leeds LS9 0TT. For further information and to apply please visit our website www.corpusleeds.org or email hr@corpusleeds.org

- **Teacher of Geography** (required for Sept 23): Corpus Christi Catholic College, Neville Rd, Leeds LS9 0TT. For further information and to apply please visit our website www.corpusleeds.org or email hr@corpusleeds.org
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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!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 There are still places available on the Diocese of Leeds Youth Service pilgrimage for World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from 31 July – 7 August 2023. A week-long youth festival with Pope Francis and young people from across the world for those aged 15-30. The Cost of £1200 includes accommodation, travel, WYD package and more. For help with fundraising and to book, Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12f

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity, seek humility:

you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong, will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 145(146):6-10 /

RESPONSE: How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf.Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12a

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

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.*