

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 5th + FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Saturday 04 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass + FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +	Flo Clayton [LD]
Sunday 05 Feb	11-00am		Joyce Carr [LD]
Monday 06 Feb		Ss Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	The flowers of Manchester
Tuesday 07 Feb	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Raymond Kitcher [LD]
Wed 08 Feb		St Jerome Emiliani	
Thursday 09 Feb	7-30pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Bill & Mary Corboy [A]
Friday 10 Feb	09-30am	St Scholastica, Virgin	Patrick Carr [LD]
Saturday 11 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Wilfred Teesdale [A]
Sunday 12 Feb	11-00am		Jaqueline Ann Sweeney [A]

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

PARISH GIVING - Many thanks to all who are so generously continuing to give much needed support the Parish at the moment. **BANKED** 24 JANUARY £265 plus standing orders of £1220 per month

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.

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 /

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL at St Malachy's on **Tuesday 7 February at 7pm**. At the rehearsal seats will be allocated to the parish groups and we will go through the Confirmation Service so the candidates feel secure in what they are doing on the night. If possible, sponsors should also attend (but not all will be local) and parents are welcome.

ATTENDANCE AT HOLY MASS

627 people attended Mass (Jan –2022) - **848** people attended Mass (Jan –2023)

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; Joyce Carr, Patrick Carr, Sheila Jackson, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PETITION TO STOP THE INTRODUCTION OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH In 2021, abortion campaigners brought forward an amendment to a Government Bill that would have introduced abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion). This amendment did not go to a vote and pass, but the abortion lobby is expected to make another attempt to introduce this extreme abortion law change shortly. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would introduce one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. Right To Life UK is running a petition to ask the Prime Minister to do everything in his power to stop the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please add your name to the petition here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/signthepetitiontorishi>

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to all those clergy celebrating Presbyteral and Diaconal Jubilees this year:

Diamond Very Rev Canon Joseph Smith

Golden Rev Mgr Bernard Bickers / Rev Fr Peter Clarke / Rev Mgr Kieran Heskin / Rev Fr Paul Reid

Ruby Rev Fr Kevin Driver / Rev Fr Christopher Willis

Silver Rev Fr Neil Byrne / Rev Fr Michael Hall / Very Rev Canon Christopher Irving

Rev Fr Gregory Knowles / Rev Fr Eamon McGeough / Rev Fr Francis Smith

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND DIACONATE

Please pray for the following currently in formation for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Leeds:

Rev Paul Moores Pontifical Beda College, Rome

Philip Thornley Pontifical Beda College, Rome

Alex Noad St Mary's College, Oscott

Stephen O'Hara St Mary's College, Oscott

Please pray for the following currently in formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Leeds:

Danny Murphy, Jack Clark, Dominic Williams, Paul Coates, Martin Fenlon, and Nicholas Stoddart

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

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

DIOCESE OF LEEDS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023 6 nights from £745. 7-13 July 2023 by air from Leeds/Bradford Airport. To book please contact Tangney Tours, Tel 01732 886666, www.tangney-tours.com & follow links for Lourdes, Leeds. (Pilgrim's Mass, Saturday 20 May 12pm at Holy Name Church, Otley Old Road, LS16 6HW. Light buffet and social in the hall afterwards, also medical checks.)

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY Senior Residential Childcare worker, Leeds. Salary: SP 12-19 £27,949 – £31,305 (Dependent on qualifications). This post comes with a Golden Hello to the organisation of £1000. £500

being paid on commencement of role and £500 being paid on satisfactory completion of probation period. Hours per week: Full Time (Shift patterns include weekends, bank holidays and sleep-ins (8 per month). Contract type: Permanent. Closing date: Until appointed. Interview date: to arrange with candidate. Please send CV to HR@catholic-care.org.uk

EVENTS MANAGER VACANCY The Parish of St John Vianney, Leeds, is looking for an organised, enthusiastic individual to manage our two parish halls. Responsibilities include; generating and taking bookings, administration, supervising the bar manager and their team, organising social events and maintaining relationships with parish groups and outside agencies. The role is 14 hours per week. Remuneration is £11.60 per hour. For more information/to request an application pack email: office.stjohnvianney@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date for applications: Friday 10th February.

LOURDES DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER The Annual Diocesan Lourdes Dinner Dance will take place on Friday 24 February at the Met Hotel , Leeds . Ticket prices are £40 or £375 for a table of ten, ticket includes pre meal drink, 3 course meal and music/DJ, please contact Phil Marshall on 07766 148375 or email philmarshall49@hotmail.com for tickets or more info. Please consider joining in a great night that raises vital funds for the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

- **RACE NIGHT:** Friday 31 March 2023, Mount St Joseph's, Headingley. First race at 7:30pm. Fish & Chips, Bar, Raffle. Tickets: £15 available from reception. Tel: 0113 278 4101. Poster attached.
- **SPONSORED CYCLE:** Srs Caroline & Christina are joining staff and volunteers to raise money for new curtains. Just giving page: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mount-stjosephs-1?utm_id=1&utm_term=dyG47Ar76

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BRIERY ONLINE ZOOM MEDITATIONS on Thursday from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. We open at 7.15pm for a chat and start promptly at 7.30pm. It is a simple format of praying with the Sunday Mass Readings and sharing in small groups. To register, please email the Briery: briery@btconnect.com

A LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION led by Fr Dennis Cassidy at the Briery, Ilkley entitled "A Journey through Lent in the footsteps of Jesus" on Friday 3 March or Saturday 4 March. The day starts at 10am and ends approx. 3.30pm and includes morning coffee/homemade biscuits, a two course lunch and afternoon tea with cake. Offerings £40 per person. For further information and to book a place please contact Admin at The Briery on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

HOLY LAND TALK AND AFTERNOON TEA an illustrated slide talk by Mgr. Kieran Heskin followed by a delicious afternoon tea on Sunday 12 March at 2pm organised by the Friends of the Briery and takes place at the Briery, Ilkley. Tickets are £12 per person and are available from Admin at the Briery on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf.Ps 94: 6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:
Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and do not turn from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 111(112):4-9/

RESPONSE: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;

open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf.Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father 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.*