

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 19th + SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Saturday 18 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Jackie Lyons [A]
Sunday 19 Feb	11-00am	+ SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME+	Father D.F. O'Kane [LD]
Monday 20 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 21 Feb	09-30am	St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Kathleen Larkin [LD]
Wed 22 Feb	7-30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Day of penance for the whole Church of Roman Rite	Maurice Sweeney
Thursday - Stations of the Cross 7-00pm			
Thursday 23 Feb	7-30pm	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Peter Bridges [A]
Friday 24 Feb	09-30am	Friday after Ash Wednesday	For Bishop Philip Moger
Saturday 25 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 26 Feb	11-00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Paula Upton [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 to the Parish at the moment. **BANKED** 17 FEB £400 plus standing orders of £1220 per month

Switching to Standing Order I am grateful for your generous response - thank you so much for your support, truly first class. If you have online or phone banking facilities, then you can set this up yourself. Most people setup payments on a monthly basis. Please reference the monthly donation with surname plus first initial. Also, please let Fr Larkin know if you do change to this system.

Our bank details: Account name: DoL Sacred Heart & St. Patrick (Use - St. Patrick)

Bank: HSBC / Sort Code: 40-27-15 / Account: 41017454

THE LADIES GROUP will be holding a coffee morning on Friday February 24 from 10am onwards. All welcome to join them.

ASH WEDNESDAY the days are slowly getting longer heralding the imminent arrival of spring, with Shrove Tuesday, Lent and Easter around the corner. The season of Lent is intrinsically linked to spring - Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent in the Christian calendar, has been observed for centuries. This is a day of penance for the whole Church of the Roman Rite, to be marked by fasting and abstinence from the eating of meat. The usual Penitential Act is omitted from the beginning of Mass. After the Gospel, the ashes are blessed and distributed (RM. 234-235). I invite you to attend Mass and receive the ashes on the **Wednesday 22 February in the Parish at 7-30pm**. Also, **Mass at The Good Shepherd, Mytholmroyd - 12noon** Ashes distributed at all Masses.

CAFOD Syria Turkey Earthquake Appeal. Join us in prayer and if you can please donate to the CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>. Thank you.

SVP - We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to help the homeless over the last two weeks. The donations have been delivered to the Ebenezer Centre in Halifax.

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
Join the service via live-stream by following this link: https://youtu.be/6hqaJ3_Qp80

CONFIRMATION Tuesday 28 February 2023 at 7.00pm St Malachy's Church Ovenden
We have 5 candidates for the sacrament of confirmation, please pray for them.

RECONCILIATION On Saturday 25 April 2023 at 2pm - St Bernard's Church, Halifax

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION in our own parish 21 May 2023 at 11am

ATTENDANCE AT HOLY MASS

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

THE MARK 10 MISSION TEAM Tens of thousands of children have joined us each week

Click on <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/new-202122-episodes>

Visit **THE MARK 10 MISSION** YouTube channel – like, share and subscribe.

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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.

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 and Philip Thornley Pontifical Beda College, Rome

Alex Noad and 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

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

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.)

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 12: 6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.

My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING A reading from the book of Leviticus

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:

“Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

“You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

RESPONSE: The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord

all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord

and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,

who heals every one of your ills,

who redeems your life from the grave,

who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,

slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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