

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

Bolton Brow, Sowerby Bridge HX6 2BA

Roman Catholic Diocese of Leeds | Registered Charity No. 249404

Parish Priest Fr Larkin | Tel: 01422 832085 | email pp.sacredheart.sowerbybridge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

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]
Monday 27 Feb		Weekday of Lent	
Tuesday 28 Feb	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	Patrick Carr [LD] [SVP]
Wed 01 Mar		ST DAVID, BISHOP & PATRON OF WALES	
Thursday 02 Mar	7-00pm 7-30pm	Stations of the Cross Weekday of Lent	Malachy & Margaret Gort-House [A]
Friday 03 Mar	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2022/23
Saturday 04 Mar	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Julia Mordue [LD]
Sunday 05 Mar	11-00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Eveyln Charge [LD]

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** 21 FEB £320 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 10 March from 10am onwards. All welcome to join them.

LENT - REFLECT AND LOOK FORWARD

In Lent we **pray**, **fast** and **give**.

Can you make three Lenten promises?

1. Decide a time to **pray** each day.
2. Choose to **fast** from something you enjoy throughout Lent.
3. Think of a way you can **give** your time to someone else each week of Lent.

LENT - READING How to get the **Catholic Calendar app** The Catholic Calendar is free. If you want, you can subscribe to Liturgy of the Hours and Mass readings from within the app, after a **free one-month trial**. In the app stores, "Catholic Calendar from Universalis" is what you are looking for.

- [Get it from Google Play.](#)

- Get it from Amazon: [UK](#) ·
- [Download it directly from Universalis.](#)
- [Available only on the App Store for iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch.](#)

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.

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

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

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.

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.

"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.)

EVENT FOR ASPIRING LEADERS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: An information session for Catholic teachers who are interested in leading in a catholic school to be held on Friday 17th March at Hinsley Hall, 1.30pm – 3.30pm. This session invites Catholic teachers who may wish to explore senior leadership in Primary and Secondary Catholic School over the next five years. For further information and to book a place please email Emma at education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Sunday 26th + FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Cf. Ps 90: 15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So, she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So, they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17

RESPONSE: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf.Mt4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:
You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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.*