

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

Saturday 25 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Julia Mordue [LD]
Sunday 26 Feb	11-00am	+ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT+	Eveyln Charge [LD]
Monday 06 Mar		Weekday of Lent	
Tuesday 07 Mar	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	Joyce Carr [LD] [SVP]
Wed 08 Mar		Weekday of Lent	
Thursday 09 Mar	7-00pm 7-30pm	Stations of the Cross Weekday of Lent	Bev Pickles [A]
Friday 10 Mar	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	Albert Edward Bellis [LD]
Saturday 11 Mar	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Philip Melia [LD]
Sunday 12 Mar	11-00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Albert Edward Bellis [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. **BANKED / 01 MARCH £340** plus standing orders of £1220 per month. **Switching to Standing Order** If you have online or phone banking, 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.

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

10TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL PRAYER INITIATIVE on the 13 March 2023, Pope Francis will be celebrating ten years of his pontificate. To highlight this milestone anniversary a special online map featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him as been set up. If you would like to offer a Hail Mary for Pope Francis, then please visit <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index> and you too can light your own digital candle.

ATTENDANCE AT HOLY MASS

901 people attended Mass (Jan –2023) and 815 people attended Mass (Feb –2023)

CANDLES please note that votive candles are now 50p they burn for six hours.

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

EASTER CARDS AND EASTER MASS CARDS Available at the back of Church

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.

LENT - REFLECT AND LOOK FORWARD

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

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS will take place at St Mary's on **Saturday 1 April**.

09.00 - 10.00 Fr P Nealon

10.00 - 11.00 Mgr. M McQuinn

11.00 - 12.00 Fr M Hall

12.00 - 13.00 Fr M Larkin

13.00 - 14.00 Fr B Owens

14.00 - 15.00 Mgr. P Owens

15.00 - 17.00 Fr J Hilton

CHRISM MASS I wish to invite you to join me and the priests and deacons in the Diocese to the Chrism Mass which takes place at 11:00am on the **Wednesday of Holy Week (05 April)** at the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Cookridge Street, Leeds LS2 8BE. All are asked to be seated by no later than 10:40am.

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

IF YOU HAVE MOVED HOUSE – and particularly if you have completed a Gift Aid Declaration – please let us know by email using pp.sacredheart.sowerbybridge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

2023 -24 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES The new envelopes will be available soon. Thank you for all your help last year as we looked at reducing costs by reducing the number of boxes.

"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

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.)

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE Sat 12 May, Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples celebrating their 25th , 40th , 50th , 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries this year. To attend fill out the application form available at the back of church; send to Miss A Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or email it to bishop@dioceseofleeds.org.uk by Fri 28 April.

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 17 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

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE 2023 Celebration of Married Life: On Saturday 12 May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available below and send it to Miss Anne Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or email it to bishop@dioceseofleeds.org.uk by **Friday 28 April 2023**. I encourage you who are celebrating the Jubilee of your wedding to take part.

APPLICATION FORM On Saturday 13 May 2023, there will be a special Thanksgiving Mass at 12:00noon at Leeds Cathedral for couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond and Platinum Wedding Anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the Mass.

If you are celebrating one of these special Anniversaries and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out this form and return it as soon as possible, by post or email, to the address below by Friday 28 April 2023 at the latest.

Please complete the following:

Wife's First Name:

Wife's Surname:

Wife's Maiden name:

Husband's First Name:

Husband's Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Date of Marriage:

Place of Marriage:

(Please include the name, town and county of the church in which you were married)

Please send the completed form to: Miss A Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or email to: bishop@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Data Protection: Your personal details given above will be stored and used by the Diocese only for the purposes of the administration of the Mass for Married Life. Personal details will not otherwise be disclosed outside the Diocese. Details of how we process your data, and your rights, are on the full Privacy Notice which is available at <http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/privacy-notice/>

Sunday 5th + SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON 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 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

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

PSALM Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

RESPONSE: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf.Mt4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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