

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

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]
Monday 13 Mar	Private Mass	Pope Francis Ten Years of His Pontificate	November Dead List 2022/23
Tuesday 14 Mar	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	
Wed 15 Mar		Weekday of Lent	
Thursday 16 Mar	7-00pm 7-30pm	Stations of the Cross Weekday of Lent	Wilfred Teesdale [BA]
Friday 17 Mar	09-30am	SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP & PATRON OF IRELAND	Joyce Carr [LD]
Saturday 18 Mar	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 19 Mar	11-00am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Stefan Mazur [A]

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

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH - SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP & PATRON OF IRELAND FEAST

It is also the Patronal Feast of our Church; Sacred Heart and St. Patrick. A Patronal Feast is the occasion on which a parish annually honours the saint who was chosen as the Patron Saint of the parish. Saint Patrick was born in Roman Britain around the end of the 4th century and died in Ireland about the middle of the 5th century. As a missionary bishop, he faced hardship and opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Yet he worked to reconcile, to evangelise, and to educate local chieftains and their families. Patrick is remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to those who had enslaved him in his youth.

PARISH GIVING - Many thanks to all who are so generously continuing to give much needed support to the Parish. **BANKED / 08 MARCH £370** 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 monthly. Please let Fr Larkin know if you do change to this system.

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

2023 -24 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES The new envelopes are available today.

Thank you for all your help in reducing costs by Switching to Standing Order.

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.

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

LEEDS CATHEDRAL LENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION Tuesday 28 March, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. Poster attached.

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

13.00 - 14.00 Fr B Owens

10.00 - 11.00 Mgr. M McQuinn

14.00 - 15.00 Mgr. P Owens

11.00 - 12.00 Fr M Hall

15.00 - 17.00 Fr J Hilton

12.00 - 13.00 Fr M Larkin

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

HALIFAX DEANERY MISSION 2023 15-18 May, St Mary's Church, HX1 5DH

(Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7pm), & Square Chapel, HX1 1QG (Tuesday, 7.30pm)

You are invited to go deeper in your faith journey at Mission Halifax. Experience reconciliation, praise and worship with creative collective One Hope Project, a healing service, and Mass of the Ascension with Bishop Marcus. For more information on each evening, follow Mission Halifax on Instagram or Facebook - @missionhalifax If this sounds like something that you would like to take part in feel free to contact Fr Michael Hall on 07525 419806 or michael.hall@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 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 at the back of church 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.

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

CATHOLIC CARE'S ANNUAL APPEAL will take place across the weekend of 18/19 March 2023. Last year the Charity supported over 2,750 people in need. We would ask you to give as generously as you are able to enable us to continue our work. If you are able to make a regular contribution you can set up a standing order. Our bank details are: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds) 05-00-20; 11472611. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact us for a Gift Aid form: finance@catholic-care.org.uk.

CATHOLIC CARE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES Would you like to join our team of Catholic Care Parish Representatives? Help us to promote the work of Catholic Care and engage with your parishioners to find out how Catholic Care can support your parish. Please contact michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk or visit our website www.catholic-care.org.uk for more details.

CATHOLIC CARE'S GIANNA BABY BANK Stocks are low. Needs baby wipes, nappies, baby clothes especially, 0-3 months, and larger items such as baby baths, Moses baskets and prams. Nappy and clothes sizes up to 12 months, not higher please. Items don't have to be new, but in good condition. For collection or further information, contact Emma Parnham, Senior Social Worker on 07525 406071 or Michelle Vink, Community Manager on 07739 975000

SPARK – SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT “Sustainability – Survival or Shutdown” – We are offering full sponsorship for 4 people to attend the National Justice and Peace Network weekend 21 - 23 July. If you are 18-30 see www.leedsjp.org.uk to apply

RESPONDING TO THE CRY OF THE POOR TODAY Come and hear Peggy Healy, a Central America expert, on a short speaking tour sponsored by the St Oscar Romero Trust. Tuesday 21 March, 7:30pm, Leeds Trinity University. See the J&P website for full details and to reserve a place www.leedsjp.org.uk

YOUTH 2000 LEEDS RETREAT: Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 March 2023, Leeds Trinity University. The Youth 2000 Retreat with Leeds Trinity University Chaplaincy promises to be a weekend packed with fun, friendship, and prayer as we come together as a community of young people to draw closer to Jesus Christ with the support of the church. The retreat is for anyone between the ages of 16 - 35. If you are under 18 you will need to be accompanied by someone who is over 18. For more information and to book, please visit: <https://linktr.ee/youth2000uk>

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCIES:

- **Support Worker + Outreach: Salary: Spinal Point SP3 £21,029 to SP7 £22,369 (dependent on qualifications and experience) Post: Full Time, Part time & Care Bank positions available. (Would consider, flexible and weekend working contracts). Shifts patterns to include weekends and bank holidays. Sleep in allowance payable. Location: Dewsbury. Closing Date:** Open until the vacancy has been filled. Interview Date: To be arranged with applicant.
- **School Social Worker: Salary: Spinal Point 18 -25 currently £26,182 – £30,998 pro rata dependent on qualifications and experience, plus car allowance. Post: Permanent: Both Full / Part time hours**

available. Location: West Yorkshire. Open until the vacancy has been filled. You must hold a Social Work Qualification.

Please send CV or a completed Application Form to HR@catholic-care.org.uk.

More info: www.catholic-care.org.uk.

SCHOOL VACANCIES

- **Headteacher, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Tadcaster**, Start: September 2023. Closing date: **Thursday, 16 March 2023**. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/trust-vacancies>. To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Claire Norman, admin@st-josephs-tadcaster.n-yorks.sch.uk . Further details attached.
- **Corpus Christi Catholic College, Leeds**. For further information and to apply please visit our website www.corpusleeds.org or email hr@corpusleeds.org.

Closing date for all the following: 22 March 2023

- **Teacher of Maths (MPS/UPS)**
- **Teacher of English (MPS/UPS)**
- **Teacher of Science (MPS/UPS)**
- **Teacher of RE, Catholic Life & Chaplaincy (MPS/UPS + TLR 2b)**

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.

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Friday 10 March 2023 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

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

BRIERY JOB OPPORTUNITY a job share part time Administrator is required at the Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley for 15 hours per week. For further details and a job description please email www.briery@btconnect.com. All applications to be received by Friday, 17 March 2023.

"FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING" Scripture Scholar Joe Fitzpatrick will give a series of talks under the umbrella of "Faith Seeking Understanding" via zoom. The next talk is Tuesday 14 March from 7-8pm - Focus on Mark and Tuesday, 04 April – Focus on Luke. There will be an opportunity for questions. To register contact the Briery Retreat Centre: briery@btconnect.com

VACANCY: A qualified, experienced Manager required for Elmleigh Residential Home, 42 King's Road, Ilkley. For a full job description please email: sakina@crossandpassion.com

LEEDS PEOPLE FOR LIFE: PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 25 March 2023. Please join us on a Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life, on the Feast of the Annunciation. Pick-up points in Bradford and Leeds. The cost is £30. To book your place or for further details, contact Kate on 07505 76 74 15.

Sunday 5th + SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Sunday 12th + THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING A reading from the book of Exodus

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

RESPONSE: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Romans

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Lord, you are really the saviour of the world:

give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

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

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him,
welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman,
the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know:
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come
– in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.
God is spirit,

and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me,
and to complete his work.
Have you not got a saying:
Four months and then the harvest?
Well, I tell you:
Look around you, look at the fields;
already they are white, ready for harvest!
Already the reaper is being paid his wages,
already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life,
and thus sower and reaper rejoice together.
For here the proverb holds good:
one sows, another reaps;
I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for.
Others worked for it;
and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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