

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## LAETARE SUNDAY - YEAR A



<b>Saturday 18 Mar</b>	<b>5-00pm 5-30pm</b>	<b>Confessions Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Deceased of the Oldfield &amp; Teesdale families</b>
<b>Sunday 19 Mar</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT +</b>	<b>Stefan Mazur [A]</b>
Monday 20 Mar		ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
<b>Tuesday 21 Mar</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>Kathleen Larkin [LD]</b>
Wed 22 Mar		Weekday of Lent	
<b>Thursday 23 Mar</b>	<b>7-00pm 7-30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>Malachy &amp; Margaret Gort-House [A]</b>
<b>Friday 24 Mar</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>November Dead List 2022/23</b>
<b>Saturday 25 Mar</b>	<b>5-00pm 5-30pm</b>	<b>Confessions Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Josie McLaughlin [LD]</b>
<b>Sunday 26 Mar</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Anne Barker [A]</b>

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

As we celebrate Mothering Sunday, we pray for all mothers who are expecting. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Lord hear us.

**BISHOP PHILIP MOGER** At 7pm on **Friday, 28 April 2023** Bishop Philip will celebrate Holy Mass in St Mary's, Gibbet St, Halifax HX1 5DH. All welcome to attend.

**PARISH GIVING** - Many thanks to all who are so generously continuing to give much needed support to the Parish. **BANKED / 15 MARCH £270** 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.

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

**THE LADIES GROUP** will hold their coffee morning in the hall on **Friday March 24** at 10am following the morning mass. All welcome to join them. Hope to see you there.

### **LENT AND EASTER 2023 - REFLECT AND LOOK FORWARD**

How are you doing with your promise to fast from something through Lent?

Jesus was at his strongest and most powerful after fasting in the wilderness.

Ask for his help as you fast this week and see how he builds your strength too.

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

**HALIFAX DEANERY CONFESSIONS** - at St Mary's on Saturday 01 April between 9am and 5pm

### **PALM SUNDAY – 02 April – 11-00am**

The liturgy gives us a preview of the events we will celebrate in the Easter Triduum.

The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus are the focus of this and every Sunday celebration.

The Profession of Faith is said. The Proper Preface is used (RM. 311-312). Only EPs I-III may be used today.

### **THE CHRISM MASS – Holy Wednesday 05 April - 11:00am**

Leeds Cathedral, Cathedral House, Great George Street, LEEDS LS2 8BE

Tel: 0113 245 4545. All welcome to attend.

### **THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, and includes Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and Holy Saturday, centres upon the Easter Vigil, and concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection.

This year I invite you to join me at the **Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd** for **Holy Thursday 06 April 7-30pm** - Mass of the Lord's Supper – Watching before the Altar of Repose until 9-00pm

**GOOD FRIDAY 07 April 3-00pm** - Celebration of the Lord's Passion- A Day of Fasting and Abstinence

### **VIGIL OF EASTER SATURDAY 08 APRIL 7-30PM**

The celebration of the Easter Vigil begins in darkness, all the lights in the church having been put out.

### **EASTER SUNDAY 09 APRIL SUNDAY**

Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd – 09-30am / **Sacred Heart & St. Patrick - 11-00am**

**EASTER TIME** The Paschal Candle should be placed near the ambo or near the altar, and kept there for the whole Easter Time until the end of Pentecost Sunday. It should be lit for the more solemn liturgical celebrations, namely Mass and Morning and Evening Prayer. The Marian Antiphon for the Easter Time is the "*Regina Caeli*", which is also recited in place of the "*Angelus*".

**FIRST 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

**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.

**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.

### Sunday 19th + LAETARE SUNDAY

**READINGS, PRAYERS AND MASS TEXTS** can be found at: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.

Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**FIRST READING** A reading from the first book of Samuel

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10f

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his

appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM** Psalm 22(23)

**RESPONSE:** The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to

Ephesians

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

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### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

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

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

**GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

'As long as the day lasts  
I must carry out the work of the one who sent me;  
the night will soon be here when no one can work.  
As long as I am in the world  
I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.'

The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement  
that I have come into this world,  
so that those without sight may see  
and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see," your guilt remains.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

#### **PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE**

**I know that you will share my deep distress and concern about the terrible events which after a year of war continue to unfold in Ukraine. So much suffering and fear has been generated as a result.**

**Let us pray**

"We place the people of Ukraine under the protection of the Holy Family, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Most Holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, and the holy and righteous St Joseph the Betrothed."  
Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus** *Ultimate Defence Against Modernism and the Culture of Death keep us safe.*