

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

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| Saturday 25 Mar | 5-00pm 5-30pm | Confessions Vigil Mass | Josie McLaughlin [LD] |
| Sunday 26 Mar | 11-00am | + FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT + | Anne Barker [A] |
| Monday 27 Mar | | ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | |
| Tuesday 28 Mar | 09-30am | Weekday of Lent | Miss N Purcell [A] |
| Wed 29 Mar | | Weekday of Lent | |
| Thursday 30 Mar | 7-00pm 7-30pm | Stations of the Cross Weekday of Lent | Susan Robinson [LD] |
| Friday 31 Mar | 09-30am | Weekday of Lent | November Dead List 2022/23 |
| Saturday 01 Apr | 5-00pm 5-30pm | Confessions Vigil Mass | John Anthony Lang [LD] |
| Sunday 02 Apr | 11-00am | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD | November Dead List 2022/23 |

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

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.

THE EASTER CHOIR meet in the Church today Sunday 25 March at 12.15

PARISH GIVING - Many thanks to all who are so generously continuing to give much needed support to the Parish. **BANKED / 21 MARCH £430** 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 for those who use the envelopes, the new boxes are available to collect. 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.

LENT AND EASTER 2023

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 – Starting in the church hall.

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. All welcome to attend.

GOOD FRIDAY 07 April

10.00am Join us and Christians Together in Sowerby Bridge for our Walk of Witness. Starting from the church hall from 10.00am ready to begin at 10.30am.

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

First Holy Mass of Easter Day - Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd – 09-30am

Followed by Holy Mass at **Sacred Heart & St. Patrick - 11-00am**

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 the Holy Mass of the Ascension with Bishop Marcus which will be the only evening Mass for the Holyday. 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.

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED

I'm using an eco-friendly, award-winning company called smol for my cleaning products. Follow my referral link and you can grab their current free trials. Online account gives you complete control of deliveries and cancellation. Plastic-free, recyclable & compostable laundry and dishwash packs. Cruelty-free, carbon cutting, chemical reducing cleaning. Check it out: <http://smol.refr.cc/malachyl>

Sunday 26th + FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 129(130)

RESPONSE: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord

more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Romans

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.

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GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling
because he has the light of this world to see by;
but if he walks at night he stumbles,
because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS: Pray for peace in Ukraine, all who are sick, and our housebound and sick Parishioners; for the people killed in Madagascar, Mozambique, and Malawi as a result of a tropical cyclone, for those in distress; and for all who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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