

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## DIVINE MERCY

<b>Saturday</b> <b>15 Apr</b>	<b>5-00pm</b> <b>5-30pm</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Joyce Carr [LD]</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>16 Apr</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>DIVINE MERCY</b>	<b>Evelyn Corr [A]</b>
Monday 17 Apr		Weekday of Easter	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>18 Apr</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	<b>November Dead List</b> <b>2022/23</b>
Wed 19 Apr		Weekday of Easter	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>20 Apr</b>	<b>7-30pm</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	<b>November Dead List</b> <b>2022/23</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>21 Apr</b>	<b>9-30am</b>	<b>St Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of</b> <b>the Church</b>	<b>Malcolm Glover [LD]</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>22 Apr</b>	<b>5-00pm</b> <b>5-30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>John Buntain [A]</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>23 Apr</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Eileen &amp; Edgar Helliwell</b>

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

**Welcome** to our parish, looking toward the altar and the Heart of the church where the priest celebrates Mass in the midst of the congregation, the great image of Christ on the cross is there to remind you that he died that we might have life and that having risen from the dead he draws us with him into Resurrection - you can trust completely in Him. Thank you for your visit during this most holy season and may you travel on in safety.

**THE LADIES GROUP** will meet on Wednesday April 19 at 7pm. Hope to see you there.

**PARISH GIVING** - Many thanks to all who are so generously continuing to give much needed support to the Parish. **BANKED / 11 April £1055** 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

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

**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.

**HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** A date and time for your child's Baptism can be provisionally given once you have completed the parish form and established a relationship with the parish. The choice of godparents is important. A godparent is a role model for your child by living a fully Christian life, there are

usually two godparents. Godparents must be at least 16yrs of age, practising Catholics and should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents are responsible for instructing and forming their children in both the teaching and practice of the Catholic faith. Although Catholic schools exist to help parents in this regard, they are not a substitute for it. The best instruction that you can give your child is through commitment to the Mass. As you make this request for your child, it should also be a reality in your own life. If after reading this information you feel ready to present, your child to the Church for Baptism please see Fr Larkin after Mass for Pre-Baptism form.

#### **MASS ATTENDANCE JAN – MARCH TOTALS**

It is good to see that we are recovering from the pandemic and people feel confident to come to church.

<b>Total</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>2681</b>	<b>(2023)</b>
1845	(2022)
1196	(2021)
2525	(2020)
3872	(2019)

#### **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

**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.

**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.)

**RECRUITMENT OF NEW DIOCESAN LAY TRUSTEES:** Bishop Marcus is seeking to recruit additional Lay Trustees to join the Board of the Diocese of Leeds Trustee. The Board is hoping to secure the appointment of individuals in this round of recruitment with skillsets particularly in Catholic Education, Finance or Property, as well as Governance, Human Resources, Hospitality, Communications & Digital Media, Health & Safety. More information can be found at: [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**YOUTH AND LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION OFFICER:** 37 hours per week, based at Hinsley Hall and including some evening and weekend work. Salary: £25k per annum. Start date: September 2023 or earlier if possible. **Closing Date: Monday 17 April 2023 12noon.** For further information or to request an application pack, please contact Emma Nicholson at [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**FIRST COMMUNION** Please find information below relating to what will be offered to you and your child this year in terms of Sacramental Preparation. If your child is a baptised Catholic, has made their First Confession last/this year, he/she can continue their sacramental journey by making their **First Communion**

- **Sacrament of the Eucharist** this academic year whilst in Year 4. The after-school sessions which will be held here at Sacred Heart will help prepare your child and we would like to invite you to support the programme by accompanying your son/daughter to the following sessions.

Communion Workshops for **CHILDREN AND ADULTS** at Sacred Heart Voluntary Academy Sowerby Bridge

- Thursday 20 April 2023 (3:45 – 4:45pm)
- Thursday 27 April 2023(3:45 – 4:45pm)
- Thursday 11 May 2023 (3:45 – 4:45pm)
- Thursday 18 May 2023 (3:45 – 4:45pm)
- **Friday 19 May 2023 (3:45 – 4:45pm) Rehearsal in Church**
- First Communion Celebration – **Sunday 21 May (11-00am)** at Sacred Heart & St Patrick's Church.
- The programme will run on very similar lines to the First Confession programme in Y3, which your child has already been through. If your child attends all the preparation sessions he/she will be making their *First Communion at Sacred Heart & St Patrick's Church on Sunday 21 May 2023 (11am)*.
- This year we will be using 'Called to His Supper and there will be a charge of £10 for the book used.

Please be aware that there is an expectation that your child also attends Sunday Mass each week during their preparation. We would like you to attend so that you and your family can feel fully part of the preparation process. Please put all the relevant dates in your diaries to ensure you can attend all the workshops.

### **Sunday 16th + DIVINE MERCY**

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. 1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**FIRST READING** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM**

Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24

**RESPONSE:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.  
'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked, and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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