

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 30th + FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 29 Apr	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 30 Apr	11-00am	Good Shepherd Sunday	Cindy Townend [LD]
Monday 01 May	Private Mass	St Joseph the Worker	
Tuesday 02 May	09-30am	St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Doreen Carroll [A]
Wed 03 May		SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES FEAST	
Thursday 04 May	7-30pm	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS FEAST	SVP Blessed Fredric Ozanam
Friday 05 May	9-30am	Weekday of Easter in anticipation of the coronation	His Majesty the King
Saturday 06 May	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Terence Carroll
Sunday 07 May	11-00am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Mark Costello [R]

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.

PLEASE NOTE As in previous years, I will be attending the annual presbyteral conference **Tuesday 02 May and Wednesday 03 May** at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. The conference will be led by Karen House on the subject of conflict resolution in our ministry and environments. Karen has over 30 years of professional experience in Human Resources and currently specialises in helping organisations to develop the correct culture, processes and behaviours they need, with a particular specialism in coaching and mentoring, and effective facilitation & communication.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY It is 60 years ago that Pope Paul VI designated the fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On Good Shepherd Sunday we pray particularly for an increase in vocations to the Ordained or Consecrated Life, and this is right and proper - but as Catholics we know that God calls each one of us in a particular way to know and serve Him. In our diocese, we currently have 4 men in formation for the priesthood in seminary, Rev Paul Moores (Beda), Mr Philip Thornley (Beda), Mr Alex Noad (Oscott), and Mr Stephen O'Hara (Oscott). Please do keep our seminarians, and all who might be considering a vocation to the sacred priesthood, in your prayers, and particularly this coming weekend.

CORONATION MASS will be celebrated for the intention of His Majesty the King on Friday 5 May 2023 at 9.30am (day before the coronation).

THE LADIES GROUP are hosting an evening beginning with the Rosary in our church followed by a social and supper on **Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 7pm**. We will begin with the Holy Rosary in church (maybe outside by the Grotto, weather permitting) followed by a social and supper in the hall.

PARISH GIVING - Many thanks to all who are so generously continuing to give support to the Parish.

BANKED / 25 April £596 plus standing orders of £1220 per month.

Tea & Coffee transferred to parish Acc **£405 and £225 in cash** – Many thanks to all concerned.

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

EILEEN HARRISON AND MAURICE SWEENEY RIP It is with great sadness to inform you of the death of Eileen Harrison and Maurice Sweeney who died recently.

Requiem Mass for **Eileen Harrison** to be held on **Tuesday 9 May at 11.30**.

Requiem Mass for **Maurice Sweeney** to be held on **Friday 12 May at 10.00am**

We pray for Eileen Harrison and Maurice Sweeney, for her family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

THURSDAY 18 MAY + THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Please note Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be celebrated at **09.30am on Thursday at Sacred Heart & St. Patrick**

I encourage you to attend along with your parish priest and the Halifax Deanery Priests Mass for the **Holy Day at St Mary's, 7pm**. This Mass will be celebrated by His Lordship, Bishop Stock and concludes the Deanery Mission (See below Mission Halifax).

MISSION HALIFAX 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. There will be opportunity for 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

DIOCESAN BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION Sunday 21 May 2023, 3pm. Arrive at Hinsley Hall and you will be directed to the grounds of Mount St Joseph's for the beginning of the procession. Followed by BBQ and games for children. All welcome. Poster attached.

LEEDS DIOCESAN JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION Are you passionate about social justice? Faith and action for social justice go hand in hand. Is it time for you to do more? Come and join the Leeds Justice & Peace Commission to put your faith into action. See our website for more details www.leedsjp.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. If 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**.

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.

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. The Hotels Padoue and Eliseo are now fully booked. The flight from Leeds is now fully booked. If you still would like to join the pilgrimage, there is the option of flying from Manchester to Carcassonne. Wheelchair assistance is available on the Manchester flight, but all pilgrims requiring it will need to be assisted by an able-bodied pilgrim. Please contact Tangney Tours to book, or if you have any questions, on 01732 886666.

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 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.

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCIES

- Support Worker + Outreach; Salary: Spinal Point SP3 £21,029 to SP7 £22,369 (dependent on qualifications and experience). 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: Bingley or Allerton Park Leeds. Open until the vacancy has been filled Interview Date: To be arranged with applicant.
- Waking Nights Support Worker; Salary: Spinal Point SP3 £21,029 to SP7 £22,369 (dependent on qualifications and experience) Post: To ensure the safety, wellbeing and comfort of tenants between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7a.m. 18 hours per week. Shifts patterns to include weekends and bank holidays. Location: Leeds; Open until the vacancy has been filled. Interview Date: To be arranged with applicant.

To apply for these positions please download the application form, complete and submit online: <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit.../latest-vacancies/> or telephone 0113 3885400 to request an application pack.

SCHOOL VACANCIES:

- Teacher of History, St. Mary's, Menston. Start: September 2023. Closing date: Tuesday 09 May. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/trust-vacancies>. Further details attached.

LTU "LEADERSHIP, FAITH & SPIRITUALITY IN THE CATHOLIC CURRICULUM" CONFERENCE: Leeds Trinity University, 13 – 14 May. More details: a.mealey@leedstrinity.ac.uk. Poster attached.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:14,36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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 first letter of St Peter

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable, but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So, Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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