

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 14th + SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 13 May	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 14 May	11-00am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Wedding Anniversary
Monday 15 May	Private Mass	Weekday of Easter	-
Tuesday 16 May	11-00am	Weekday of Easter	Requiem Mass Nice De Baise [LD]
Wed 17 May		Weekday of Easter	
Thursday 18 May	9-30am	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	November Dead List 2022/23
Thursday 18 May	7pm	THE ASCENSION celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Stock - St Mary's, Halifax	-
Friday 19 May	10.00am	St Dunstan, Bishop	Bernard Tidswell [A]
Saturday 20 May	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	November Dead List 2022/23
Sunday 21 May	11-00am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Malcolm Glover [LD] SVP

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.

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

BANKED / 10 May £286 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

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, and Mass of the Ascension with Bishop Marcus. More information follow Mission Halifax on Instagram or Facebook - @missionhalifax

MASS ATTENDANCE 2018 - 2022

13,375 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2018)

14,358 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2019)

5168 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2020)

5979 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2021)

9392 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2022)

And so far, this year **3882** people attended Mass (Jan – April 2023)

It is good to be together...

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 3.45pm rehearsal in church

FIRST COMMUNION The after-school sessions which will be held 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 Sowerby Bridge

- Thursday 18 May 2023 (3:45 – 4:45pm)
- First Communion Celebration – **Sunday 21 May (11-00am)** at Sacred Heart & St Patrick's Church.

Please be aware that there is an expectation that your child also attends Sunday Mass each week during their preparation. Put all relevant dates in your diaries to ensure you can attend.

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.

ST VINCENT'S CENTRES need donations of small electrical appliances. We are accepting kitchen appliances such as toasters, microwaves, slow cookers, sandwich makers and kettles etc. and small domestic appliances such as hairdryers, straighteners, heaters, irons, and table/floor lamps. All donated items should be clean and in working condition and CE marked. Boxes and instructions not essential but please provide if possible. A box will be provided for your donations in the church porch. Thank you.

LOURDES PILGRIMS' MASS Saturday 20 May 12 noon, at Holy Name, Otley Old Road, Leeds, LS16 6HW. Pilgrims' past, present and future are welcome to join us for Holy Mass to prepare us for our forthcoming pilgrim to Lourdes in July. After which, a social will take place in the hall next door. Medical checks will be available, as will light refreshments, raffle, and entertainments.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY is back in print as well as online from 19 May 2023. To subscribe for the paper to be sent direct to your home or for copies at the back of church, please contact michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk or 07436 617650.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL in England and Wales is organizing a big Conference called 'Overflow' in West Bromwich on the 01 July 2023. There is a coach that will be leaving from Holy Rosary, Chapeltown, Leeds, LS7 4BZ at 07.00 which costs £30 per head. For more information call 07983776337.

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.

SACRED HEART VOLUNTARY ACADEMY PLATINUM JUBILEE 16TH JUNE 2023 Sacred Heart Primary School as some of you may know it, is celebrating its 70 Anniversary this year. The school is looking to host an event on **16 June 2023** which will be the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The event will tell the story of the school and be open to all parishioners, friends, and families. The aim is to have photos and memories of the school from its past as well as from more recent times – the school began life as part of the Church building and moved to its current premises some years later so memories from when it first opened would be gratefully received. If you have any questions or any items that will help, please either contact the school by email admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk or alternatively by phone on 01422 831360.

EVENTS AT THE BRIERY

- **Jonathan Tulloch – A Reflection Upon Nature** – the award-winning novelist and Tablet columnist Jonathan Tulloch will deliver a day of reflection at The Briery, Ilkley on Saturday 24 June.
- **Margaret Silf – Harvest Home** – A Day to reflect on the harvest of our lives, guided by scripture and story, on Wednesday 20 September.

For further information on either of these days please contact the Administrators on 01943 607287

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.

Sunday 7th + FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

RESPONSE: *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a

precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to **John 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time,

Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,

so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

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.*