

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 21st + SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 20 May	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	November Dead List 2022/23
Sunday 21 May	11-00am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER First Holy Communion Sunday	Malcolm Glover [LD] SVP
Monday 22 May	Private Mass	Weekday of Easter	
Tuesday 23 May	09-30am	Weekday of Easter	Albert Edward Bellis [LD]
Wed 24 May		Weekday of Easter	
Thursday 25 May	7-30pm	St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church	Catherine Bellis [A]
Friday 26 May	09-30am	St Philip Neri, Priest	Beverley Ward [R]
Saturday 27 May	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Maurice Sweeney [LD]
Sunday 28 May	11-00am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Phillip Bell [LD]

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

Welcome As you enter our church, let your gaze be drawn toward the altar—the heart of our church—where the priest celebrates Mass in the midst of the congregation. It is here that we come together to worship, to reflect, and to seek solace in the presence of God. The altar represents the focal point of our faith, a place of reverence and communion with the divine. Adorning the sanctuary wall of our church, you will find the great image of Christ on the cross—a powerful reminder of his ultimate sacrifice for humanity. This symbol of love, forgiveness, and redemption invites us to contemplate the depth of God's mercy and to find hope in the face of adversity. Just as Christ conquered death and brought forth the resurrection and life, we too are called to embrace the transformative power of faith in our own lives.

In this church, you will discover a spiritual home, a place where hearts and minds are nourished, and where the bonds of fellowship are formed. Whether you are a long-time member of our community or a first-time visitor, we encourage you to open your heart to Jesus. May your time here be filled with moments of reflection, inspiration, and profound encounters with God. Thank you for your visit during this most holy season and may you travel on in safety.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – I am delighted that you join us in celebrating First Holy Communion today, a momentous event in the spiritual journey of our young children. It is with great joy and reverence that we witness these children take this significant step in their faith. Today marks a milestone as our young children receive the body and blood of Christ for the first time. It is a moment of deep reflection, gratitude, and commitment to a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. I invite you join in prayer and support these children as they embark on this most beautiful sacramental journey. Your presence will undoubtedly make today even more meaningful for them. I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the families

and our catechists; Mrs McManamin, Miss Chapman, Mrs. Woodhead who have dedicated their time and effort in preparing the candidates for this significant event. Their dedication and guidance have been invaluable in nurturing the faith of these children. Following the ceremony, a reception will be held in the church hall to celebrate the First Holy Communion. It will be a time for families, friends, and the community to come together and rejoice in this blessed occasion. Please keep the First Holy Communion children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

SACRED HEART VOLUNTARY ACADEMY PLATINUM JUBILEE It is with immense pride and joy that we reflect upon the rich history, cherished memories, and countless achievements that have shaped our Catholic school community over the past seven decades.

Since its inception, Sacred Heart Primary School has been a beacon of knowledge, compassion, and excellence in education. It has been a place where generations of children have grown, flourished, and forged lifelong friendships. Our remarkable journey would not have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of our children, parents, and staff members.

To mark this momentous occasion, we have planned a series of special events and activities. These celebrations aim to honour the legacy of Sacred Heart Primary School and commemorate the positive impact it has had on countless lives.

The Staff, Children and Governors of Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy, would like to invite you to join us as we celebrate our Platinum Jubilee.

Open afternoon in school **Wednesday 14 June 1.30pm**

***Mass at Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's *** **Friday 16 June 10-00am**

Family Fun afternoon in school **Friday 16 June 2.30-4.30pm**

You are welcome to attend any of these events. Please let us know your intentions.

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I encourage everyone to actively participate in the 70th Anniversary Celebration and contribute to its success. Your presence, enthusiasm, and support will make these events truly memorable.

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.

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.

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.

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

BANKED / 16 May £395 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

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

2018 - 2023

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)

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It is good to be together...

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.

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.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 26: 7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

FIRST READING A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went

to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 26(27):1,4,7-8

RESPONSE: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

1 Peter 4:13-16

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me.

They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me,

because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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.*