

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 16th + FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| Saturday<br>15 July  | 5-00pm<br>5-30pm | Confession<br>VIGIL MASS                                    | Arthur Oldfield [AB]          |
| Sunday<br>16 July    | 11-00am          | FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN<br>ORDINARY TIME                        | November Dead List<br>2022/23 |
| Monday<br>17 July    | Private<br>Mass  | Weekday in Ordinary Time                                    |                               |
| Tuesday<br>18 July   | 09-30am          | THE DEDICATION OF THE<br>CATHEDRAL                          | Bridget Cassidy [H]           |
| Wednesday<br>19 July |                  | Weekday in Ordinary Time                                    |                               |
| Thursday<br>20 July  | 10-00am          | St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr<br>END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS  | November Dead List<br>2022/23 |
| Friday<br>21 July    | 9-30am           | St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest<br>and Doctor of the Church | November Dead List<br>2022/23 |
| Saturday<br>22 July  | 5-00pm<br>5-30pm | Confession<br>VIGIL MASS                                    | Wendy Dyson                   |
| Sunday<br>23 July    | 11-00am          | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN<br>ORDINARY TIME                        | Kathleen Larkin [M&D]         |

### 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 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** | 11 July £450 plus standing orders of ~£1220 per month (approx. £281.53 per week)

**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

### Reporting Timetable for the new financial year is summarised below:

|                                      |                                   |  |
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| <b>Quarter ending</b>                | Monday 15 January 2024            | <b>Gift Aid Claim Confirmation received by</b> |
| 30 June 2023                         | Monday 15 April 2024              | Friday 11 August 2023                          |
| 30 September 2023                    | <b>Parish Return submitted by</b> | Friday 10 November 2023                        |
| 31 December 2023                     | Friday 28 July 2023               | Friday 16 February 2024                        |
| 31 March 2024                        | Friday 27 October 2023            | Friday 17 May 2024                             |
| <b>Statements issued to Parishes</b> | Friday 2 February 2024            |  |
| Monday 17 July 2023                  | Friday 3 May 2024                 |  |
| Monday 16 October 2023               |                                   |  |

**MASS ATTENDANCE 2022 – 2023** - 9392 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2022)

And so far, this year **5912** people attended Mass (Jan – June 2023)

The Mass attendance figures above have shown varying trends over the past few years, 2022, witnessed a further increase in Mass attendance, reaching 9,392 individuals. As of June 2023, Mass attendance figures stand at **5,912** people. It is important to note that this data represents only the first half of the year. Given the ongoing potential fluctuations in attendance due to various factors, it is difficult to predict the final figures for the year. Nonetheless, the gradual recovery observed in recent years suggests a positive trend, as more individuals continue to engage in religious practices and attend Holy Mass. It is good to be together...

**SAFEGUARDING** Everyone shares the responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of the young and vulnerable within the Catholic Church. In the context of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, the overall responsibility for safeguarding rests with the Bishops Conference and Conference of Religious. These bodies have taken on the crucial task of ensuring that appropriate measures are in place to protect individuals from harm and to respond effectively to any instances of abuse or misconduct. They work closely with local dioceses, religious orders, and other relevant organizations to establish and enforce safeguarding policies and procedures. By taking a proactive approach and fostering a culture of vigilance and accountability, the Catholic Church aims to provide a safe environment where individuals can flourish and be protected from harm. Safeguarding Parish Irene Hellowell 07432121757 is available to provide advice, support whenever it is needed along with Safeguarding Administrator – Joanne Clark at the diocesan office | Tel: 0113 261 8046

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN** We are planning to run another 40 Days for Life Campaign from 27 September to 5 November, a peaceful and prayerful Christian witness outside the MSI Choices Leeds abortion facility. At the moment we are still free to witness and pray there. The Public Order Act 2023 section 9 would make it illegal for us to be nearer than 150m from the facility, but this section has not been put into effect as a commencement regulation is needed first. This a peaceful and prayerful Christian witness outside the MSI Choices Leeds abortion facility.

**SHALOM WORLD TV** Shalom Media Ministry aims to proclaim the Gospel through the visual media around the world. Shalom Media is a Catholic media ministry with a vision to propagate the peace of Christ to all corners of the world through publications and television channels. Shalom World TV is a free 24/7 high-definition family entertainment Catholic channel. They are currently producing a series on the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales: <https://www.shalomworld.org/show/40-martyrs-of-england-&-wales>. Shalom have asked if a brief note about them could be published in parish Sunday newsletters.

**THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY** is back in print as well as online. To subscribe for the paper to be sent direct to your home, please contact [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or 07436 617650.

**PIETY STALL** As you enter our beautiful church through the side entrance you will see the well-stocked Piety Stall. We have a wide selection of suitable cards.

**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.

**CATENIANS** Any Catholic men wishing to learn more about the Catenians can call Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

**ARE YOU GOING TO UNIVERSITY THIS YEAR?** Make sure you look out for your Catholic Chaplaincy. To find your local Chaplaincy, and for contact details of all the University Chaplains and Catholic Student Societies, visit [www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk](http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk).

## **Sunday 16th + FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING** A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM** Psalm 64(65):10-14

**RESPONSE:** Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows;  
you level it, soften it with showers;  
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Romans 8:18f

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in

one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf.1S3:9,Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,  
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,  
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,  
for fear they should see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their heart,  
and be converted  
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears

the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

Please keep the **Father Paul Moores** in your prayers Ordination to the Priesthood Saturday 01 July 2023.

Let us pray for the ears to hear God's call to help the vulnerable in our midst, including people with disabilities, people in hospital, those in nursing homes, the housebound, and the unborn. Lord hear us

Please pray for peace in Ukraine and Sudan, all who are sick, our housebound parishioners, for those in distress and bereaved; 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.

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