

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 23rd + SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22 July	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Wendy Dyson
Sunday 23 July	11-00am	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Kathleen Larkin [M&D]
Monday 24 July	Private Mass	St Sharbel Makhluf	
Tuesday 25 July	09-30am	ST JAMES, APOSTLE	November Dead List 2022/23
Wednesday 26 July		Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Thursday 27 July	7-30pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2022/23
Friday 28 July	9-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2022/23
Saturday 29 July	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Dougie Viney [LD]
Sunday 30 July	11-00am	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Helena Mazur [A]

### 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 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** | 18 July £270 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:**

**Quarter ending**  
30 June 2023

**Statements issued to Parish**  
Monday 17 July 2023

**Parish Return submitted on**  
Monday 17 July 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...

**THE SVP** will be having a tombola stall at the Rush Bearing Festival to raise money for our good causes. We are appealing to our parishioners to donate any unwanted gifts, toiletries, bottles etc for prizes for our stall. A box will be in the church porch for donations. Thank you.

**The school holidays** can be a difficult time financially for families and the SVP can provide support. There are also other agencies that can help as follows:

Healthy Holidays. Free holiday club places for children on benefits-related free school meals  
<http://www.calder.gov.uk/healthyholidays>

**Healthy start vouchers.** Help to buy fruit, vegetables, and milk if you are pregnant or have a child under 4 and are on a low income. Tel no 0300 330 7010 [healthystart.nhs.uk](http://healthystart.nhs.uk) - email [healthy.start@nhs.uk](mailto:healthy.start@nhs.uk)

**Children's Centres.** Support for issues affecting families including money, benefits, and debt.  
<http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/childrenscentres>

### **IT'S HERE: THE BIBLE & CATECHISM APP**

The word of God and the complete teachings of the Catholic Church. Answers and commentary by Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, and other experts. Video, audio, and textual commentary. Right on your phone. Download the Ascension App Now! Search App store or Google Play.

**A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND SOLIDARITY:** Archbishop John Wilson in Conversation on his visit to El Salvador  
On Wednesday, 26 July at 7:00pm, Archbishop Wilson will share his profound experiences and reflections on faith, solidarity, and the transformative power of connecting with communities in need. Discover how this journey shaped his perspective and inspired him to advocate for justice and compassion.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to engage with Archbishop John Wilson and gain insights into the profound impact of his visit to El Salvador. Register now to secure your spot for this thought-provoking event. [https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/ElSalvador?utm\\_bmc\\_source=SKD](https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/ElSalvador?utm_bmc_source=SKD)

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

**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.

**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).

**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.

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**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.

**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.

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**Parish Mass Book Vol 2 p105f**

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

**FIRST READING** A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom 12:13,16f

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.  
Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned  
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good hope  
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM** Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

**RESPONSE:** O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf.Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where

does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables  
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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.

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 who anniversaries occur at this time.

Let us pray for all those who are close to death, especially those who are alone, that they would always be treated with respect and have their human dignity upheld. Lord hear us

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

