

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 6th + THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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| <b>Saturday</b><br>05 Aug | 5-00pm<br>5-30pm | <b>Confession<br/>VIGIL MASS</b>              | <b>Deceased of the Oldfield &amp;<br/>Teesdale families</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>06 Aug   | 11-00am          | <b>THE TRANSFIGURATION<br/>OF THE LORD</b>    | <b>Catherine Bentley</b>                                    |
| Monday<br>07 Aug          | Private<br>Mass  | Ss Sixtus II, Pope and<br>Companions, Martyrs |   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>08 Aug  | <b>09-30am</b>   | <b>St Dominic, Priest</b>                     | <b>Terry &amp; Doreen Carroll</b>                           |
| Wednesday<br>09 Aug       |                  | ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE<br>CROSS           |   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>10 Aug | <b>7-30pm</b>    | <b>ST LAWRENCE, DEACON AND<br/>MARTYR</b>     | <b>Catherine Bellis [A]</b>                                 |
| <b>Friday</b><br>11 Aug   | <b>9-30am</b>    | <b>St Clare</b>                               | <b>Steven Anderson [R]</b>                                  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>12 Aug | 5-00pm<br>5-30pm | <b>Confession<br/>VIGIL MASS</b>              | <b>Angelo Iaconette</b>                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>13 Aug   | 11-00am          | <b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN<br/>ORDINARY TIME</b> | <b>Brian Gordon Hume [A]</b>                                |

### 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** | 31 July £340 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

**TUESDAY 15TH + THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** Holy Day of Obligation

I invite you to join me at Holy Mass here on Tuesday 15 August at **7.30pm**.

If the morning is better for you, join me at The Good Shepherd, Holy Mass at **12noon**.

**DAILY SERVICE BBC RADIO 4** at 8.15 Sunday 13 August – I encourage you to listen to it.

### MASS ATTENDANCE 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)

And so far, this year **6896** people attended Mass (Jan – July 2023)

The Mass attendance figures above have shown varying trends over the past few years, reflecting the impact of external factors and societal changes. In 2018, a total of 13,375 individuals attended Mass from January to December. This number saw a slight increase in 2019, with 14,358 people participating in Mass services. However, the year 2020 brought a significant decline in Mass attendance, as only **5,168** individuals attended Mass amid the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated restrictions on public gatherings.

In 2021, there was a noticeable recovery in Mass attendance, with **5,979** people returning to worship. This increase indicates the gradual easing of restrictions and the willingness of individuals to resume religious practices. The following year, 2022, witnessed a further increase in Mass attendance, reaching 9,392 individuals. This recovery can be attributed to the continued relaxation of pandemic-related measures, allowing more people to safely attend religious services.

As of July 2023, Mass attendance figures stand at **6896** people (compare total for 2020/21). It is important to note that this data represents 7 months of the year. Given the ongoing 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 people continue to attend Holy Mass. It is good to be together...

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**CATENIANS** Any Catholic men wishing to learn more about the Catenians can call Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042. The monthly meeting on **Tuesday 15 August** will be preceded by Mass said at 7.00 pm for the Deceased Brothers of Province 3 North which will be held in their usual venue at Meltham Golf Club. On **Monday 21 August**, many Catenians will be among the congregation at Fountains Abbey for the Annual Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Bernard commencing at 12.00 noon.

**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.

**SAFEGUARDING** 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

**HYMN BOOK AMNESTY** "Embracing Senior Moments" We all experience "senior moments" occasionally. If you've had one in the past that led to taking home one (or more!) of our hymn books, we kindly request you to bring it/them back – we appreciate it.

**THE SACRED RITE OF BAPTISM** To arrange the Baptism for your child, kindly complete the parish form and establish a connection with the parish. A date and time for the Baptism can be provisionally given afterward. The selection of godparents holds great significance. They serve as role models, guiding your child in living a fully Christian life. Typically, two godparents are chosen. Godparents need to meet specific criteria: they must be at least 16 years old, practicing Catholics, and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Parents bear the responsibility of instructing and nurturing their children in the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith. While Catholic schools can help, they cannot replace the vital role of parents. The most powerful instruction you can offer your child is by committing to attending Holy Mass regularly.

Demonstrating this commitment in your own life sets a strong example. If you feel prepared to present your child to the Church for Baptism after considering this information, please approach Fr. Larkin after Mass to obtain the Pre-Baptism form. All Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays. Time - 12noon.

**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@nhsbas.uk](mailto:healthy.start@nhsbas.uk)

**Children's Centres.** Support for issues affecting families including money, benefits, and debt.

<http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/childrenscentres>

## **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 whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The intrinsic human dignity that elevates all human beings is sometimes masked by outward appearances. Let us pray that the human dignity of those with disabilities, the homeless, and the unborn is always respected and protected. Lord hear us

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

**FIRST READING** A reading from the book of Daniel Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire.

A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held, and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM** Psalm 96(97):1-2,5-6,9

**RESPONSE:** The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. **R.**

The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. **R.**

For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth,  
exalted far above all spirits. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf. Mt17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, the Beloved:

he enjoys my favour.

Listen to him.

Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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