

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 13th + NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 12 Aug	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Angelo Iaconette
Sunday 13 Aug	11-00am	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Brian Gordon Hume [A]
Monday 14 Aug	Private Mass	St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	
+Tuesday+ 15 Aug	7-30pm	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Terry & Doreen Carroll
Wednesday 16 Aug		St Stephen of Hungary	
Thursday 17 Aug	7-30pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Miss E Gill [A]
Friday 18 Aug	9-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Catherine Bellis [A]
Saturday 19 Aug	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Anthony McNicholas
Sunday 20 Aug	11-00am	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Colette Kendall [LD]

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

**Welcome** As summer graces us with its vitality, we extend a heartfelt welcome to our parish. As you turn your gaze towards the altar, the heart of our church, you'll find our priest celebrating the Mass amidst a congregation united in faith and reverence. Dominating this sacred space is the poignant image of Christ on the cross, a profound reminder that His sacrifice was made so that we might have life. Through His triumphant resurrection, He beckons us to join Him on a journey of rebirth and redemption. In this sacred haven, know that you can trust completely in Him. We are truly blessed by your presence. As you leave our sanctuary and step out into the embrace of the summer, may you travel onward in safety and peace.

**PARISH GIVING** – A Testament to your generosity.

**BANKED | 08 AUG £290** 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.

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### + TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST +

**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**.

**ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD**, we will gather in reverence and joy to mark the 70th anniversary of the original school's opening in 1953. The Holy Mass, a cornerstone of our faith, will be celebrated with the

special intention of commemorating the auspicious day of August 31, 1953, when the doors of the school were first opened in the house. This event is not just a testament to the enduring legacy of Catholic education but a heartfelt tribute to all who attended, walked its corridors, and became part of its rich history. After the Mass, in the spirit of community and shared memories, everyone is cordially invited for coffee and tea, accompanied by a special display of photographs capturing poignant moments from the school's first decade. It's a unique opportunity for all to reminisce, reconnect, and celebrate the institution that has shaped so many lives. The hall will be open to guests from 1-3pm, and all are welcome. Come, let's relive the moments, renew our connections, and rejoice in the journey of our beloved school.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** in your prayers the soul of Sr. Mary Lardner RSM, who was called to eternal rest on Monday, 7 August, at the age of 79. Formerly known as Sr. Monica, she was a cherished figure in the parish of St. Margaret Clitherow, Leeds, notably for her time as Headteacher of St. Joseph's Primary School in Hunslet. In her latter years, Sr. Mary dedicated herself as a valued member of the chaplaincy team serving the hospitals in Leeds. May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

### **MASS ATTENDANCE 2018 - 2023**

5168 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2020) | 5979 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2021)

9392 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2022)

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 the summer holidays, 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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**FOUNTAINS ABBEY MASS** There will be a Mass for the Feast of St Bernard at Fountains Abbey on **Monday 21 August at 12 noon**. It will be celebrated by Canon Michael Loughlin, the parish priest of English Martyrs, York. Entry is via the Visitors' Centre. There is ample parking and a shuttle bus to the abbey available. The National Trust has kindly agreed to waive the normal admission charges for those attending Mass.

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

**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

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Firstly, our deepest gratitude goes to every member of our community who has consistently shown generosity in supporting the Parish. Your dedication and kindness play an integral role in our Parish's growth, sustenance, and ongoing life.

One of the remarkable tools that has made this generosity so effective and consistent is the adoption of standing order payments. Standing orders provide numerous benefits:

1. **Consistency and Predictability**: With standing orders, the Parish can anticipate a regular flow of funds, enabling us to budget and plan more effectively. This predictability ensures that programs, events, and essential services continue uninterrupted.
2. **Ease of Administration**: Standing orders eliminate the frequent handling of cash and manual entry of donations. This reduces the administrative burden, ensuring that funds are received and accounted for seamlessly.
3. **Security and Transparency**: Standing orders are a secure method of transferring funds. The transactions are traceable, and donors have the assurance that their contributions are reaching the intended destination.
4. **Convenience**: Once set up, a standing order is an effortless way to contribute. There's no need to remember; the donation process is automated, making it easier for everyone.
5. Another instrumental component that further magnifies the impact of these donations is **Gift Aid**. For those who are UK taxpayers, Gift Aid allows the Parish to claim back 25p for every £1 donated at no extra cost to the donor. This means that a donation of £100, with Gift Aid, effectively becomes £125 for the Parish. We would strongly encourage those eligible to use the Gift Aid scheme. This enhances the value of your donation and provides additional vital funds to our Parish without you having to give more. Gift Aid forms available from Fr Larkin.

As of August, we received through banked payments a commendable total of approximately £1220 per month through standing orders. This equates to about £281.53 per week – a testament to the continuous support we receive from our community.

Furthermore, it's essential to highlight the beautiful link between the act of giving and our Catholic tradition. The Catholic Church has, for centuries, emphasized the importance of almsgiving and supporting one's church and community. This tradition is based on the teachings of Jesus, urging us to be selfless and considerate. In the act of giving, we not only support the church but also bear witness to our faith and commitment to the teachings of Christ.

By choosing to support the Parish through generous donations, our community is upholding this time-honoured Catholic tradition. Each contribution, whether big or small, strengthens the bond we share as a community and showcases our collective commitment to the church's mission.

In conclusion, our Parish thrives on the generosity of its members. Standing order payments, with their simplicity and effectiveness, act as a bridge, connecting the age-old Catholic tradition of generous giving with the modern methods of financial transactions. We are profoundly grateful for this unwavering support and pray for continued blessings on our community.

**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>

**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.

## **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.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary this coming Tuesday, let us pray to imitate Our Lady's spirit of welcome and charity, especially at the announcement of a new pregnancy. Lord hear us

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**FIRST READING** A reading from the first book of the Kings 1 Kings 19:9,11f

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM** Psalm 84(85):9-14

**RESPONSE:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper

and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf. Lk19:38,2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest heavens!  
Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night, he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said, 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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