

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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SUNDAY 10TH + TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

Saturday 09 Sep	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 10 Sep	11-00am	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Violet Grice [LD]
Monday 11 Sep	Private Mass	Weekday	November Dead List 2022/23
Tuesday 12 Sep	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	The Most Holy Name of Mary	November Dead List 2022/23
Wednesday 13 Sep		St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
Thursday 14 Sep	11.30am	Funeral Service for Simon Scully RIP	
	7-30pm	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	Blessed Fredric Ozanam (SVP)
Friday 15 Sep	9-30am	Our Lady of Sorrows	November Dead List 2022/23
Saturday 16 Sep	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Ellen Horsley [R]
Sunday 17 Sep	11-00am	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY	Nora Bradbury [LD]

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 – A Testament to your generosity.

TO BE BANKED | 04 SEP £1110 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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TODAY: Collection for the Catholic Education Service

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE It is with great sadness to inform you of the following who died recently.

SIMON SCULLY RIP Funeral Service Thursday 14 September 2023 at 11.30am church

We pray for all the lately dead, for family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

NO MASS Tuesday 12 September – Fr Larkin will be attending Safeguarding Training, Hinsley Hall, Leeds. Tues Sept 12 from 09.30-12.30. The safeguarding Team will be presenting Training for Clergy, Curia Staff,

The aims of the session include:

1. To increase your knowledge of safeguarding
2. Understand your responsibilities and relevance to your role.
3. Feel confident in recognising, responding, and reporting safeguarding concerns.
4. Know where to seek advice and support.

Fr Larkin's subscription to the DBS Update Service is due for renewal on 20 September 2023.

RACE NIGHT The parish will be holding a Race Night (the first one for a long time on **Friday 29 September** from 7.00pm. Any help with this event would be much appreciated. For more details, please ask Anne Bridges. This is the first one we've held for a few years. Tickets on sale soon

RUSHBEARING FESTIVAL Thanks to everyone who supported the festival and made it a success. See below what we made in previous years – with full results for 2023.

	2017	2018	2022	2023
Bar Profit	£237.00	£218.64	£103.10	£255.70 (increase of £152.60)
SVP - Raised	£133.60	£167.50	£155.00	£155.00
Ladies Group	£557.00	£700.01	£500.00+	£401.00

Summary:

- The **Bar Profit** had a fluctuating trend, with a notable dip in 2022 but a significant recovery in 2023, even surpassing previous years.
- The **SVP** raised amount saw a rise initially, then stabilized over the last two years.
- The **Ladies Group** funds began with an increase but then observed a decline in the following years, with 2023 being the lowest, mainly due to increase in costs of food etc.

SVP - thank you to everyone for their donations and support for our tombola stall. We raised £155 for our good causes. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

THE LADIES GROUP will be holding a Coffee morning on Friday 29 September from 10.00am as part of the nationwide McMillan coffee mornings. Please come and join us, more details nearer the date

ANNUAL MASS COUNT A reminder that the annual count of Mass attendance should be made over the last two weekends of September (16/17 and 23/24) and the first two weekends of October (30 September/1 October and 7/8 October). This allows for parishes to avoid the weekends of the school half-term holiday. Thank you for your cooperation in arranging the Mass count.

ANNUAL LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM The Annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 30 September 2023. The bishop will be in Rome for the Synod of Bishops, the Pilgrimage will be led by Rev Mgr. Andrew Summersgill VG. The Pilgrimage will begin with the Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:00 Noon at the Shrine near the Slipper Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a break for Lunch. At 2:30pm there will be a Solemn Procession into the Walsingham village, concluding with Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine around 3:30pm.

INSTALLATION OF NEW CANONS OF THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER I am pleased to inform you that the bishop appointed **Fr Martin Kelly** as members of the Cathedral Chapter. This and other appointments will fill the vacancies resulting from the retirement from office at the end of the month of August, of Canons Lawrie Hulme, **Kevin Firth**, and Michael Mahady.

The Very Reverend Canon **Martin Kelly** and others will be installed as Canons of the Cathedral Chapter during the celebration of Holy Mass at Leeds Cathedral on **Tuesday 31 October 2023, 12:30pm**. If anyone wishes to attend this Mass, please turn up in good time.

BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION I am delighted to inform you that Fr Eamonn Hegarty and the Parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession. The Procession will take place on Monday 02 October 2023, commencing at 7:30pm. The Procession will again follow the new simplified route starting at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and ending at the nearby St Mary of the Angels' Catholic Church. The Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. It is particularly valued by those who are unable to go on Pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine in Lourdes.

CATHOLIC CARE 160TH ANNIVERSARY This year marks the 160th Anniversary of Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds), the official diocesan charity and Caritas agency supporting people in need, whatever their faith or background. We have come a long way from the orphanage established in 1863. Today our staff and volunteers care for thousands of people every year, responding to contemporary needs and inspired by Catholic Social Teaching. Across the Diocese we offer services for babies and parents, children and young adults, people with learning disabilities, refugees, persons living with mental illness, older people, and the socially marginalised. In this special anniversary year, we want to thank God – and the Catholic community – for the many blessings received through Catholic Care in the past and present. As well as remembering our origins, we want to look to the future by ensuring our development for future generations. Visit <https://catholic-care.org.uk/>

ASK YOUR MP TO STOP ABORTION UP TO BIRTH The abortion lobby is running a campaign to fully 'decriminalise' abortion, which would introduce abortion up to birth! Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth to contact your MP now.

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 or 07436 617650.

CATENIANS 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

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) | August 2023, Mass attendance figures stand at **7584**
As of August 2023, the Mass attendance figures are 7,584. If we project this rate for the entire year (considering the same monthly attendance rate for the remaining months), the estimated total would be approximately **11,376** attendees. Just keep coming to Mass.

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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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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.

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

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

RESPONSE: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 13:8-10

Your only debt should be the debt of mutual love

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf.Jn17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:

consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between you two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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.*

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