

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 17th + TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

Saturday 16 Sep	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Ellen Horsley [R]
Sunday 17 Sep	11-00am	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Nora Bradbury [LD]
Monday 18 Sep	Private Mass	Weekday	
Tuesday 19 Sep	09-30am	St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop	Albert Edward Bellis [LD]
Wednesday 20 Sep		Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	
Thursday 21 Sep	7-30pm	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	November Dead List 2022/23
Friday 22 Sep	9-30am	Weekday	November Dead List 2022/23
Saturday 23 Sep	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Kathleen Larkin [A] d.2021
Sunday 24 Sep	11-00am	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY	Mary Clark

### 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.

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**TODAY:** Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

The second collection of Evangelii Gaudium Sunday supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. In the last year this has included:

- Enabling the recording of the videos on the four constitutions.
- Bringing together a working group from across England and Wales to prepare materials for the Jubilee Year 2025 and Year of Prayer 2024.
- Supporting Patrimony experts to deliver funding to 39 projects at outstanding Grade I and II\* Catholic churches with the £6.6million awarded to the Catholic Bishops' Conference via Historic England through the governments' Culture Recovery Fund in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Supporting co-ordinators and their teams in dioceses through formation and sharing of best practice.

Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

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

**MARGARET (PEGGY) MILLER RIP** Service will be held on **Thursday 21 September** at 3-00pm Park Wood Crematorium. **JOHN O'GRADY RIP** Funeral Service **Wednesday, 27 September 2023** at 11.00am in 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.

**PARISH RACE NIGHT** Join us on **Friday, 29 September 7:00 pm** as we revive a much-missed tradition with our Race Night, an event we haven't hosted in a few years. Whether you've attended in the past or it's your first time, it promises to be a thrilling evening for everyone, it's a fun way to raise funds for the parish and enjoy an evening of entertainment. As this is a parish event, any assistance in organising before or on the night of the event would be greatly appreciated. Tickets are now on sale and for more details or if you're interested in helping, please contact Anne Bridges.

Let's come together and make this Race Night a memorable one!

**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.

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
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

**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.

**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.

**SUSPENSION OF HOLY MASS ON THURSDAYS AT 7:30 PM** As we approach the month of October with extended dark nights and noting that between 8 to 10 people usually attend, I have made the decision to suspend the regular Holy Mass on Thursdays at 7:30 pm during the winter months. The cold and early onset of darkness make it less attractive to come out of an evening, especially given the smaller number of attendees and those who journey from afar. This decision, though difficult, has been taken in the best interest of the parish. I appreciate your understanding and patience during this period. As spring approaches, bringing with it longer days and shorter nights, I eagerly await the return of this Mass. Until then, I invite you to participate in our other scheduled Masses. May the Lord's grace be with each of us during these colder, darker months. (Last Mass will be on 28 September at 7-30pm)

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**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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth) to contact your MP now.

**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

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

**FIRST READING** A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM** Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

**RESPONSE:** The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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