

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 24th + TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

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
Monday 25 Sep	Private Mass	Weekday	
Tuesday 26 Sep	09-30am	Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs	November Dead List 2022/23
Wednesday 27 Sep	Private Mass	St Vincent de Paul, Priest	
	11-00am	Funeral Service for JOHN O'GRADY [LD]	
Thursday 28 Sep	7-30pm	Ss Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs	St Vincent de Paul
Friday 29 Sep	9-30am	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS	November Dead List 2022/23
Saturday 30 Sep	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Fr Larkin from Ladies Group
Sunday 01 Oct	11-00am	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY	Tina Barratt [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 | 18 SEP £385.00 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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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE It is with great sadness to inform you of the following who died recently.

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.

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)

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!

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.

SVP - We would like to make a request for donations for the Happy Days charity based in Halifax which provides help and support to the homeless and those in crisis. The items they need are, new underwear, toiletries, men's deodorant, winter coats and shoes for their winter shelter. They are also always looking for food donations which will support the community supermarket and the free cafe. A box will be provided for your donations in the church porch. Thank you. Your generosity as always will be very much appreciated.

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

MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR/FUNDRAISER VACANCY Diocese of Leeds Music is seeking to recruit an Administrator and Fundraiser for thirty hours per week. More information and an application pack available from recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk, and a preliminary discussion can also be requested through this email address. Closing date is 12 noon on Tuesday, 3 October 2023.

SAFEGUARDING DBS ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY The Diocese of Leeds, based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds is looking to recruit a Safeguarding DBS Administrator for eighteen hours per week. Application form can be downloaded from our website www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies. Completed applications should be

sent to recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk by Friday, 29 September 2023. Further information, and a preliminary discussion, can also be requested through this e-mail address.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT Leeds Cathedral, Sunday 01 October 3pm. The Cathedral Choir (Girls and Scholars) join The Sixteen for a 45-minute performance of Catholic sacred music, directed by Harry Christophers. Admission is free and proceeds go towards supporting the young singers of the Cathedral Choir.

ST PAUL'S BOOKSHOP Based at Hinsley Hall, is now stocking a full range of items for Advent and Christmas including candles, calendars, nativity sets, cards and seasonal reading. Tel. 0113 275 4043

DIVINE RENOVATION RENEWAL NIGHT Join us for a special night of worship, teaching and ministry - to be renewed by the Lord, to experience the living Lord Jesus so that he might live in us. Ss Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, St George Walk, Standbridge Lane, WF2 7NR Friday 13 October 2023, 7-9pm.

LIVING WITH LOSS Weekend Retreat: 27-29 October. Abi May leads "Living with Loss" throughout the UK; for those struggling since the loss of loved ones to help find a way forward from a gentle, supportive perspective. More details www.briery.org.uk or contact the Administrators 01943 607287 admin@briery.org.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Saturday 30 September 2023. The Pilgrimage will begin with the Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:00 Noon at the Shrine near the Slipper Chapel. 2:30pm, 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.

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

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;

for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth

as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

RESPONSE: The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to

them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So, they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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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