

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 15th + TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY

Saturday 14 Oct	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Jane McGlynn [LD]
Sunday 15 Oct	11-00am	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY	Special Intention
Monday 16 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	-
Tuesday 17 Oct	09-30am	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	November Dead List 2022/23
Wednesday 18 Oct		ST LUKE, EVANGELIST	
Thursday 19 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Paul of the Cross, Priest	-
Friday 20 Oct	9-30am	Weekday	November Dead List 2022/23
Saturday 21 Oct	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	For Ellie [B]
Sunday 22 Oct	11-00am	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY	Maureen Kennedy [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.

TEA AND COFFEE £250.00 thank for all your support.

TO BE BANKED | 09 OCT £345 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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WE REGRET to inform you that our much-anticipated event, '**COME TO THE CABARET**,' will be postponed until next year (Feb 2024). This decision has not been made lightly, but with the well-being and enjoyment of all in mind. While we share in the disappointment, we also look forward to reconvening for what promises to be an unforgettable evening next year. Our talented Players and Friends are already excited to share their gifts with you in a celebration that will most certainly entertain and uplift. We thank you for your understanding and continued support, and we can't wait to welcome you to the rescheduled event.

PARISH RACE NIGHT Thank you to all who join us as we revive a much-missed tradition with our Race Night, an event we haven't hosted in a few years. Thank you to all who helped with the organisation and

on the night and to all who attended. Thank you to all who sponsored races, bought horses, and helped in different ways. A total of **£472.80** was raised for Church funds. Thank You.

THE LADIES GROUP would like to thank all who attended and supported the McMillan Caffee Morning on Friday morning. A final total of **+£300**. Thank you one and all.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER is associated with prayer for the Holy Souls. Masses will be offered throughout the year for those whose names are on the November Dead List. Envelopes are available for this purpose at the back of the church. Please **PRINT** your family name on the outside of the envelope (e.g., The Larkin Family).

Place a printed list with the names of your deceased relatives and friends, in an envelope together with your offering. Once the list has been closed at the end of October, the offerings are made into £10-00 Mass intentions and celebrated throughout the year. The Envelopes can be handed to the parish priest or one of the stewards. Last year **75** Masses were offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the parish. Please return the envelope before Sunday **29 October** thank you.

NOVEMBER CEMETERY SERVICES The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." I invite you to join me at both services.

Sowerby Bridge Cemetery Saturday 4 November at 3pm – our annual observance when we pray the rosary and process through the cemetery visiting the graves of family friends and parishioners. We remember all those buried in this cemetery - Requiescant in Pace.

Stoney Royd Cemetery Halifax Sunday 5 November at 3pm - Since the beginning of Christianity it has been a practice to honour the dead by visitations to the place of burial. We return to remember all those buried in this cemetery - Requiescant in Pace.

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY The annual Mass for the deceased bishops, priests and deacons of the Diocese will take place at Leeds Cathedral on Friday 17 November, 12:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

MASS ATTENDANCE |September 2023, Mass attendance figures stand at **8525**.

The data on Mass attendance from 2020 to the partial figures for 2023 is quite encouraging and certainly offers a positive outlook. Here's a brief analysis, followed by an end-of-year projection:

Mass attendance was significantly impacted in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to a drop in attendance across various social and religious gatherings. Attendance picked up in 2021 with 5979 attendees, which is an increase of approximately 15.7% over 2020.

The year 2022 stands out with a remarkable increase in attendance, with 9392 people attending Mass from January to December. This surge can be attributed to successful community outreach and engagement.

As of September 2023, the Mass attendance figures stand at **8525**. Assuming the trend continues, it is quite likely that the numbers for the full year will surpass the impressive 2022 figures.

Let's consider a simple projection to estimate the end-of-year attendance for 2023. If we take the attendance from January to September (8525 people) to a full year, we get projected attendance for 2023 could potentially reach **11,400** attendees. This consistent and substantial upswing in Mass attendance from 2020 to the projected figures for 2023 is undoubtedly a positive indicator. It is indeed heartening and serves as a reinforcement to the central message: Just keep coming to Mass.

FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE DIACONATE Please pray for **Mr Martin Fenlon**, from the parish of St Wilfrid, Ripon, and **Mr Nicholas Stoddart**, from the parish of St John Mary Vianney, Leeds, who are both in formation for the permanent diaconate for our diocese. Martin and Nicholas will be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday 25 November 2023, 11:00am at Leeds Cathedral. All are invited to attend the Ordination Mass.

Please pray also for **Mr Alex Noad**, in formation for the priesthood for our diocese. Alex will be ordained by Bishop Marcus to the diaconate on Saturday 16 December 2023 St Mary's College, Oscott.

PRAYER FOR THE XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The bishop has requested that parishes include the prayer, Adsumus Sancte Spiritus, following the Prayer after Communion and before the dismissal at the conclusion of weekday and Sunday Masses from October 04 to the 29.

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

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

EXHIBITION OF THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN REPLICA A full-size copy of the world-famous Shroud of Turin is coming to Leeds Cathedral. It will be on display from Sunday 12 – Thursday 30 November and will be available to view outside of service times. Free talks about the Shroud on 18 November (12.40pm) and 27 November (2pm).

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 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 22(23)

RESPONSE: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd;

there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures

where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,

to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;

he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness

no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;

with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me

in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;

my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell

for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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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