

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 5th + THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 04 Nov	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	NOVEMBER DEAD LIST
Sunday 05 Nov	11-00am	THIRTIETH SUNDAY	Emant Broks [A]
Monday 06 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday	
Tuesday 07 Nov	09-30am	St Willibrord, Bishop	Margaret (Peggy) Miller [LD]
Wednesday 08 Nov	09-30am	Weekday	
Thursday 09 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	November Dead List
Friday 10 Nov	9-30am	St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	Mick Bacon [LD]
Saturday 11 Nov	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Fr Larkin Ordination 1989
Sunday 12 Nov	11-00am	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY Remembrance Sunday – Day of Prayer for all victims of war	For Friends in need

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 – thank you for all your support it is very much appreciated.

TO BE BANKED | 31 OCT £265 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.

Bank details: HSBC / Sort Code: 40-27-15 / Account: 41017454. Thank you.

NOVEMBER CEMETERY SERVICES I invite you to join me at **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.

WREATH LAYING This year I will represent the parish at a private wreath laying at the Memorial Gates, Crow Wood Park. Our poppy wreath will form part of the Remembrance services and highlights once again that the whole of our community came together in prayer to pay our respects to those who lost their lives while serving their country. The Soldier - If I should die, think only this of me: That there's some corner of a foreign field That is for ever England. There shall be In that rich earth a richer dust concealed; A dust whom

England bore, shaped, made aware, Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam, A body of England's, breathing English air, Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home. (Rupert Brooke)

THE ADVENT FAYRE will be held on Saturday December 2 & Sunday December 3. 2023. All support for this parish fundraiser is welcome. If you are willing to help on either of these days, please add your name to the list in the porch or speak with Anne Bridges. Donations of gifts for the stalls and the raffle will be welcome. Draw tickets will be available from this weekend. Please note there is a date misprint on the tickets. The date for the draw will be Sunday December 3 at **12.15** in the hall. Thank you.

MASS ATTENDANCE 2020 - 2023

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

9392 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2022) | October 2023, Mass attendance figures stand at **9371**

If the trend continues, the expected attendance will surpass the figures of 2022. Just keep coming to Mass.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CONCERT Leeds Cathedral Choir sings Fauré's beautiful Requiem and music for rest and remembrance by Byrd, Sheppard and Tallis. Sunday 12 November, 4pm, Leeds Cathedral. Free admission, with a retiring collection to support chorister singing lessons and development.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 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. Return the envelope on Sunday **05 November** thank you.

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.

THE LECTIO DIVINA GROUP Meetings will take place on Tuesdays at 1pm and will focus on the coming week's Gospel. More details or to join the group contact Malcolm or Mary Henry on 01422 831923.

EXHIBITION OF THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN REPLICA A full-size copy of the 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).

PAST PUPILS' DAY, ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, BRADFORD: Past pupils are warmly invited to attend Past Pupils' Day on Saturday 18 November at the College (Cunliffe Road, Bradford. BD8 7AP). Mass will be at 11:30am, followed by lunch and tours of the College. To book a place, contact mwoods@sbsj.co.uk or call 01274 941941 and ask for Madeline.

ADVENT PREACHED RETREAT: "See, I am doing something New!" (Isaiah 43:19) Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp will lead a weekend retreat welcoming the Ever-Coming God who makes all things new. Dec 8-10 at The Briery, Ilkley. To book a place, or to find out more: www.briery.org.uk email admin@briery.org.uk or telephone 01943 607287.

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION 'Advent – a Journey with Mary, Mother of God' A Day of reflection in preparation for the busy-ness of the Christmas season, led by Fr. Dennis Cassidy on either Friday 01 or Saturday 02 December. £40pp to include all refreshments and a home-cooked two-course lunch. To book a place, or to find out more: www.briery.org.uk email admin@briery.org.uk or telephone 01943 607287

ST MARY'S PARISH is hosting a Christmas party at Bertie's Crystal Ballroom in Elland on Thursday 7 of December from 7:30. Tickets cost £35 and include a three-course meal and dancing. All are very welcome. To reserve a place email office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or call 01422 352141

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY To subscribe for the paper to be sent direct to your home, michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk or 07436 617650.

FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE DIACONATE Please pray for **Mr Martin Fenlon**, and **Mr Nicholas Stoddart**, 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. 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.

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

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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME for children in Year 6 will commence on **Thursday 16 November 2023 3:30pm** and the sessions, led by Mrs Hutchings will be held here in school, lasting approximately one hour. If you are available, attend with your son/daughter to support and share their continuing journey in faith.

DATE	LESSONS	Time
Thursday 16 November	(1-2) The Gifts of the Father / The Gift of Baptism	3:30 -4:30pm
Thursday 30 November	(3-4) The Gift of the Son / The Gift of Reconciliation	
Thursday 14 December	(5-6) The Gift of the Holy Spirit (both sessions)	
Thursday 11 January	(7-8) The Gift of the Church / The Gift of Faith Handed On	
Thursday 25 January	(9-10) Eucharist / Prayer	
Thursday 08 February	(11-12) The Gift of Service / The Gift of Confirmation	

If you are unable to attend here, alternative dates/times for our Catholic family of schools can be found on our School Website. Bishop Marcus Stock will be celebrating Confirmation for all candidates in our Halifax deanery on **Thursday 07 March 2024 / 7pm at St Mary's Church Halifax.**

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS In the ebb and flow of life, there are some topics we instinctively shy away from, and one of those is the thought of our mortality. A small gesture of preparation can make a world of difference, particularly to those who mourn our passing. By engaging in a heart-to-heart conversation with our loved ones about our final wishes, we can offer them comfort and clarity in a time of grief. Consider discussing preferences for your Requiem Mass or funeral Service, your chosen Hymns, and Scripture Readings. These intimate details will not only reflect your personal faith journey but will also provide solace and direction to those you leave behind. For those contemplating a spiritual continuation of remembrance, the offering of a monthly Mass for a year is a beautiful tradition. With a donation, 12 Masses can be dedicated in your name, ensuring prayers for your soul and a continued bond with the community. Once decisions have been made, penning down these arrangements and placing them alongside your important documents in a safe location. In doing so, you provide a beacon of guidance when it's needed most, ensuring that, even in absence, your love and thoughtfulness continues to guide and comfort.

THE QUARTER END RETURN Statements from Diocese of Leeds to the parish have been received for the quarter ending 30 September 2023. In preparation for submitting the Quarter End Return, the transactions on all statements will be added to OPAS and reconciled to the 30 September 2023. Online and text donation amounts have been added to OPAS, and these values have been used for the reconciliation. The Quarter End Return is due for submission to the Curia by **Friday 3 November 2023**. The quarter end return for the parish has been submitted to the Curia on 17 October and acknowledged.

THE SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT The Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament is a Confraternity devoted to the Most Holy Eucharist, based at the Shrine Church of Corpus Christi in Covent Garden, London. Masses are offered each month for the intentions of Sodality members, wherever they might be in the world. There is a different guest preacher every month and the Masses are live-streamed for those who can't be there in person. A newsletter containing that month's homily, along with spiritual readings, is also emailed out to members along with a Monstrance lapel pin badge to wear as an outward sign of our devotion to the Eucharist. More information can be found at <https://sodality.co.uk/>.

VACANCIES - Diocesan Vacancy

Assistant Accountant The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds is recruiting an Assistant Accountant (an individual with AAT skills or similar). Minimum 22.5 hours per week and based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. More details at - www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/part-time-assistant-accountant/. Closing date for applications, 10 November 2023.

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY: Head Of Care, location - Head Office - Salary will be negotiable and commensurate with experience. Closing date: Until vacancy has been filled. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit.../latest-vacancies/> or telephone 0113 3885400 to request an application form

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY: School Social Worker - £29,269 - £33,945 (part time and full-time vacancies available). You must hold a Social Work Qualification. Closing date: Until appointed. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit.../latest-vacancies/> or telephone 0113 3885400 to request an application form

WEEKLY ONLINE MEDITATIONS WITH THE BRIERY Thursdays from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. The Zoom opens at 7.15pm for a chat. All are welcome. Register for zoom link by emailing: admin@briery.co.uk

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

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Malachi Malachi 1:14-2:2,8f

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 130(131)

RESPONSE: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and forever. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Thessalonians 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven.

Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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.*

Diocese www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Church www.sacredheartandstpatrickschurch.org.uk

School www.sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk

Readings and Holy Mass www.universalis.com

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