

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 12th + THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday – Day of Prayer for all victims of war

Saturday 11 Nov	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Fr Larkin Ordination 1989
Sunday 12 Nov	11-00am	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY	For Friends in need
Monday 13 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday	
Tuesday 14 Nov	09-30am	Weekday	November Dead List
Wednesday 15 Nov		St Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
Thursday 16 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop	
Friday 17 Nov	9-30am	St Hilda, Abbess	November Dead List
Saturday 18 Nov	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Annie Hayes [A]
Sunday 19 Nov	11-00am	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY	November Dead List

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 | 07 NOV £312 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 DEAD LIST During the year 2023– 2024 list has been closed and will be ready next week.

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.

In World War I civilian deaths due to war-related causes such as famines and disease are significant, and these figures vary widely, with some estimates around 7 million. The total number of deaths, including both military and civilian, is commonly estimated to be around 17 million. The Second World War lasted 6 years, 60 million lives lost. No Human life untouched. We will remember them.

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.

SVP - thank you to everyone who donated goods for the homeless at the Ebenezer Centre. Your generosity, as always, is very much appreciated.

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 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. 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.

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.

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

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. **December 8-10** at The Briery, Ilkley. To book or to find out more see below.

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

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

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

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).

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.

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 Book of Wisdom

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;

you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 62(63):2-8

RESPONSE: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt24:42 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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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