

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 14th + SECOND SUNDAY

Saturday 13 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Ronald & Phyllis Blackshaw [A]
Sunday 14 Jan	11-00am	SECOND SUNDAY	Diana Cunningham & Mary O'Brian
Monday 15 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday	Nov Dead List 2023/24
Tuesday 16 Jan	09-30am	Weekday	Charlett Davenport [A]
Wednesday 17 Jan		St Anthony, Abbot	
Thursday 18 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday	Ann Buntain [LD]
Friday 19 Jan	09-30am	St Wulstan, Bishop	Kevin Green [LD]
Saturday 20 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 21 Jan	11-00am	THIRD SUNDAY	Sarah (Sadie) Johnson [A]

Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass today (From 11.45 - 12.45)

WELCOME to our parish as we gather in the warmth of our church, gazing towards the altar, our hearts are drawn to the poignant symbol of our faith, the image of Christ on the cross. This powerful representation serves as a solemn reminder of His ultimate sacrifice, offering us the gift of life and the promise of Resurrection. May this New Year fill your hearts with peace and your journey with blessings, as we remember that in Christ, we find our truest source of comfort and joy. Thank you for joining us in this sacred celebration, and may you travel onwards in safety and God's grace.

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

BANKED | 08 JAN £390 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.

THE LADIES GROUP will next meet on Friday, January 26, 2024 | Friday, February 9, 2024 | Friday, February 23, 2024 | Friday, March 8, 2024 | Friday, March 22, 2024

IT IS WITH SADNESS to inform you of the death of **Nancy Burns** who died recently.

Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her family and friends.

Funeral arrangements –

Reception into church **Wednesday 24 January 2024 at 6pm**

Requiem Mass **Thursday 25 January 2024 at 12:30** followed by burial at Stoney Royd.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

STOP TWO EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENTS Pro-abortion MPs, Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill.

Right To Life UK has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop

abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment. Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

DIOCESAN YEARBOOK 2024 The annual publication provides a very valuable physical record and guide to the life and mission of our Diocese. Available today £5.00.

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like a Mass offering for a particular intention or for the repose of the soul of a loved one, please put your offering in an envelope and write the name of the intention, the date requested and your contact details & pop it into the collection box or through the presbytery letterbox. In most parishes, there are never more than three maybe four weeks of Mass intentions outstanding at any one time.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS we tend to shun thinking about death and preparations for funerals. But sometimes a little preparation can help, especially those who are left behind. It might be an idea to have a chat with your family and friends about your funeral arrangement – Requiem Mass or funeral Service, Hymns, Scripture Readings. Perhaps having a monthly Mass said for the year. This will then be written down and placed with your papers in a safe place, so that when the time comes, we will know what to do.

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.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY To subscribe for the paper to be sent direct to your home, michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk or 07436 617650. Below is the link to the latest edition of the Newspaper:- <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/universe-weekly-newsletters/january-2024/UNIVERSE-05-JAN-2024.pdf>

VACANCY Secondment Opportunity for Deputy Headteacher, St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Required March 2024 – July 2024. Closing date: Friday 12 January 2024. To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Ben Lavin, ben.lavin@bcwcat.co.uk. Further details attached.

IN ENGLAND AND WALES a new translation of the readings at Mass will come into use from **Advent 2024**. This is based on the Catholic Edition of the English Standard Version Bible.

AID TO CHURCH IN NEED PILGRIMAGE Travel the pilgrim paths of the early church in Durham, Lindisfarne, Escomb, Ruthwell and Jarrow with Saints Cuthbert and Bede. Including reflections on the persecuted Church of today and history of the early church led by our pilgrim historian Suze Mathews who specialises in Anglo Saxon history and by Fr Howard. Opportunities for communal prayer of the Divine Office, daily Mass and devotions. 22 – 27 July 2024. More information and booking email Teresa.kehoe@acnuk.org.

HOW TO READ THE GOSPELS This short course prepared by the Vicariate for Education is an introduction to the gospel texts, their origins, and their shared and distinctive qualities. For use by individuals, it can be found at: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/our-faith/learning-about-ourfaith/resources-2/how-to-read-the-gospels/>

The full range of Resources can be found at:

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YORKSHIRE LAY DOMINICANS lay Dominicans are lay people, married and single, who commit themselves to lives based around prayer, study, community and preaching. For more details see <http://laydominicans.org.uk/about-us/> if you are interested in being part of a lay Dominican group in Yorkshire, please contact Simon Hewitt at s.hewitt@leeds.ac.uk

LEEDS DIOCESAN JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION are you passionate about social justice? Faith and action for social justice go hand in hand. Is it time for you to do more? Come and join the Leeds Justice & Peace Commission to put your faith into action. See website for more details www.leedsjp.org.uk

MASS ATTENDANCE 2018 - 2023

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

9392 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2022) | **11438** people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2023)

Back in August 2023 I published the following in the newsletter - As of August 2023, the Mass attendance figures are 7,584. 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. This would represent a good recovery after covid. As you can see, we have **11,438** people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2023) - Just keep Coming to Mass.

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. 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.**

DATE	LESSONS	Time
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.**

COME AND SEE MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP Mission Halifax invite you to a new monthly prayer group. Prayerful reflection, Adoration, praise & worship, and testimony, 7pm, Friday 12 January 2024. St Patrick's Church, Elland HX5 0PU. All welcome.

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CHANGE TO ST PAUL'S BOOKSHOP OPENING HOURS Due to staffing changes, from January 2024 St Paul's Bookshop at Hinsley Hall Leeds, will not regularly be open on Saturdays.

Sunday 14th + SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

FIRST READING A reading from the book of Samuel 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So, he went and lay down. Once again, the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord

had not yet been revealed to him. Once again, the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

RESPONSE: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 6:13f

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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 John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied, so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY 2024: For the gift of diversity in the Church: During the month of January, Pope Francis has asked the faithful to pray for the gift of diversity in the Church. He emphasized recognizing "the gift of different charisms within the Christian community.

Please pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East, for those affected by the recent earthquake in China, for all who are sick, our housebound parishioners, for those in distress and bereaved; and for all who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us.

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
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Safeguarding Parish Irene Hellowell 07432121757

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