

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 21st + THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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]
Monday 22 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr	Nov Dead List 2023/24
Tuesday 23 Jan	09-30am	Weekday	Special Intention
Wednesday 24 Jan	6-00pm	Reception into church For Nancy Burns [LD]	-
Thursday 25 Jan	12-30	Requiem Mass	Nancy Burns [LD]
Friday 26 Jan	09-30am	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops	For Baby Leni Wallwork
Saturday 27 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Ellen Horsley Recovery
Sunday 28 Jan	11-00am	FOURTH SUNDAY	Zygmund Wisniewski [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. Thank you for joining us 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 | 15 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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NANCY BURNS

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.

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.

HOSPITAL Just a reminder, if a relative or friend goes into either Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, or Calderdale Royal Hospital, could you please let Deacon Andrew know on 07986537430.

Emai: andrew.phillips@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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 and 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.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING WEBPAGE Over the past few months, the diocese has developed a new safeguarding webpage, full of information and resources. It can be found at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/safeguarding/> We hope you all find this useful. If you would like to add anything, please contact the safeguarding team at Safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – Sadly Mount St. Joseph's Care Home in Headingley, Leeds, run by the Little Sisters of the Poor, will have to close by the end of **June 2024**, due to the fact that RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) has been found throughout 95% of the roof of the home. Following an inspection by architects and one of the UK's leading RAAC specialist surveyors, the insurers have stated that its condition is such that the home cannot continue to be used beyond next year. To ensure the safety of all the residents, staff, Sisters and visitors, the upper floors of the building have been evacuated and strengthening girders have now been installed to allow the safe use of the lower floors for the temporary occupation of some of the residents. At some point post-June, the present buildings, the majority of which were constructed in 1971, will need to be demolished. The Sisters have been incredibly supportive and provided outstanding care for so many lay-people and clergy over many years. As a Diocesan family we owe the sisters a great debt of gratitude. Please hold in your prayers all those affected by the impending closure of Mount St Joseph's and through our remembrance of the sisters support them as they make plans for the future, witnessing to a trust in God's providence that a way can be found for the mission of the sisters to continue in our diocese.

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

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.

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

THE BRIERY, ILKLEY The weekly online meditations will resume on Thursday 18 January. Join us for a short meditation on the Sunday Gospel 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 or call 01943 607287. The Spice of life - Tasting God in All Things – a quiet day of prayer and reflection led by Angela Rogerson on Wednesday 7 February 2024 10.00am to 4.00pm at The Briery, cost £48. Lenten Day of Reflection with Fr Dennis Cassidy on Saturday 24 February 10am to 4pm, cost £40

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.**

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

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Jonah Jonah 3:1-5,10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said, 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

RESPONSE: Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 7:29f

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand:
repent, and believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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.

For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities. Lord hear us.

God, it is good to see the church fuller than usual and enjoy a lighter atmosphere. The different decorations and flowers and special music are appreciated. And I love ordinary days like too. Days when we bring our best to you in the regular part of the Church's year. Days like today remind me how much of life is spent in Ordinary Time. We go to work. We go to school. We wish it was the weekend or holiday time or any day but today! God, give us the courage to live our lives. To live in your gift – the present. Help us to live well in the ordinary days of our lives and of the liturgical cycle. Remind us again that this day is a gift from you in all its ordinariness, routine, and regularity. For this day, we give you thanks, Gracious God, because you gave us another day to love you and to love each other. Amen.

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