

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 4th + FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 03 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 04 Feb	11-00am	FIFTH SUNDAY	Jeanie Phillips [LD]
Monday 05 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	Miss E Gill [A]
Tuesday 06 Feb	09-30am	Ss Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	Nov Dead List 2023/24
Wednesday 07 Feb		Weekday	
Thursday 08 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Jerome Emiliani	Nov Dead List 2023/24
Friday 09 Feb	09-30am	Weekday	Nov Dead List 2023/24
Saturday 10 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Jackie Lyons [A]
Sunday 11 Feb	11-00am	SIXTH SUNDAY	Andrzej Borzyszkowski [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 | 29 JAN £305 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 QUARTER END RETURN is due for submission to the Curia by Friday 2 February 2024.

The trial balance for the end of the Quarter has been submitted Friday 19 January and acknowledged.

ASH WEDNESDAY 14 February the days are slowly getting longer heralding the imminent arrival of spring, with Shrove Tuesday, Lent and Easter around the corner. The season of Lent is intrinsically linked to spring - Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent in the Christian calendar, has been observed for centuries. This is a day of penance for the whole Church of the Roman Rite, to be marked by fasting and abstinence from the eating of meat. The usual Penitential Act is omitted from the beginning of Mass. After the Gospel, the ashes are blessed and distributed (RM. 234-235). I invite you to attend Mass and receive the ashes on **Wednesday 14 February in the Parish at 9-30am.**

Also, **Mass at The Good Shepherd, Mytholmroyd - 12noon** Ashes distributed at all Masses.

MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME UPDATE due to the presence of Reinforced Aerated Autoclaved Concrete (RAAC) the Little Sisters of the Poor have had to make the difficult decision to close the Mount St Joseph's Care Home in Leeds. Over the next few months all **62 residents** will be found new homes and more than **90 staff** face redundancy. The Little Sisters are facing unexpected costs upwards of £500,000 to keep everyone safe until all residents are re-homed. Visit <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/urgent-appeal/> Please keep all the Sisters, as well as the residents and their families in your prayers.

THE LADIES GROUP will next meet on Friday, February 9, 2024, | Friday, February 23, 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.

Email: andrew.phillips@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS Please remember to keep in your prayers those who are unwell, Canon Joseph Taylor, Fr Dan Harrison, Fr John Carlisle, Rev Peter Rudd, and Rev Patrick Kelly. Please support with your prayers also, all the priests and deacons of our diocese who are burdened with long-term illnesses of various kinds and yet strive to carry out their ministry either in full-time parochial office or in retirement from office.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Mgr. Peter Grant who died on 26th December 2023, and Canon Joseph Smith who died on 25th January 2024. Canon Joseph Smith's Requiem Mass will take place at St Patrick's Church, Huddersfield, on 1st March at 11:00am. Further details will be sent out in due course.

Bishop Marcus wishes to express sincere gratitude to all who have kindly sent their condolences following the death on 05 January 2024 of his father, Ralph Ernest Frederick Stock. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS to all those clergy celebrating Presbyteral and Diaconal Jubilees this year: *Platinum* Rev Fr John Murphy | *Golden* Very Rev Canon John Galvin, Rev Fr Colum Kelly, Very Rev Canon Eugene McGillycuddy, Rev Fr Michael Smith (Diocese of Lancaster priest)

Silver Rev Fr Steven Billington and Very Rev Fr Eamonn Hegarty

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND DIACONATE

Please pray for the following men currently in formation for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Leeds:

Philip Thornley Pontifical Beda College, Rome

Rev Alex Noad St Mary's College, Oscott

Stephen O'Hara St Mary's College, Oscott

THE GARDENS OF GOD His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Roche has published recently (2023) a book called 'The Gardens of God'. The book is dedicated to his brother priests and contains reflections preached by him "to fellow priests and bishops in different parts of the world" and the book reminds us "that priests and bishops are called not only to be shepherds in God's kingdom; they are called also to be gardeners in that kingdom, their task to plant the seeds of living faith and cultivate the plot of land given to them by providence – whether that happens to be a parish or a diocese" (from the Foreword by Fr Paul Murray OP). From the very beginning of Scripture, key moments in God's plan of salvation have played out in gardens, from the Garden of Eden to the Garden of the Resurrection. In *The Gardens of God*, Cardinal Roche reflects on these gardens as images of the spiritual life. The sorrow of Gethsemane, the joy of the empty tomb, the intimacy of the enclosed garden, and the hope of paradise all speak to different moments in the journey of faith. Initially developed as retreat talks for bishops and priests, *The Gardens of God* will also appeal to all the faithful, inviting them to again walk with God in the garden of the soul.

The Publisher is 'Word on Fire' (ISBN: 978-1-68578-996-1) and can be ordered from

<https://uk.wordonfire.org/products/the-gardens-of-god>. It is also available as an eBook Kindle Edition via Amazon.

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 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

WALK IN FATHER BROWN'S FOOTSTEPS Pilgrimage for Priestly Vocations: Saturday 16 March 2024 following the route over Ilkley Moor taken 120 years ago when GK Chesterton first met Fr John O'Connor

(the Diocese of Leeds priest who was the inspiration for 'Fr Brown'). Starts at St Anne's, Keighley and ends with Stations of the Cross at Myddelton Calvary, Ilkley. More details:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/walking-towards-the-jubilee-in-father-browns-footsteps/>

Contact: communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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/>

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

LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Friday 05 - Thursday 11 July 2024. Bookings will be opening in the next few weeks and can be made either online or by telephone with the tour operator. Assisted pilgrims needing support please complete medical forms before booking with the tour operator (please contact stephturner100@gmail.com for medical form) All pilgrims who have travelled with us previously, will receive information from the tour operator. Information can also be found on the Diocesan website. We welcome new volunteers, particularly nurses and we need a GP for 2024. Please consider - volunteering, contact: lourdesrecruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Any questions, contact: lourdes.enquiries@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 only £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.

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.

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

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.

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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME Bishop Marcus Stock will be celebrating Confirmation on **Thursday 07 March 2024 / 7pm at St Mary's Church Halifax.**

LESSONS led by Mrs Hutchings

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.

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

FIRST READING A reading from the book of Job Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

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

PSALM Psalm 146(147):1-6

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 9:16f

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Please remember in your prayers the following intention:

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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