

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 11th February + SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Jackie Lyons [A]
Sunday 11 Feb	11-00am	SIXTH SUNDAY	Andrzej Borzyszkowski [A]
Monday 12 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday	Nov Dead List 2023/24
Tuesday 13 Feb	09-30am	Shrove Tuesday	Jacqueline Ann Sweeney [A]
WEDNESDAY 14 Feb	09-30am	ASH WEDNESDAY	Anne Knowles [A]
Thursday 15 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Nov Dead List 2023/24
Friday 16 Feb	09-30am	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Paul Collins [LD]
Saturday 17 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Ellen Horsley Recovery
Sunday 18 Feb	11-00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Peter Bridges [AB]

### 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 | 5 FEB £295** 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** As the days gradually lengthen, heralding the much-anticipated arrival of spring, our thoughts turn to the spiritually significant time that lies ahead in the Christian calendar. We are swiftly approaching Shrove Tuesday, followed by the solemn and reflective season of Lent, culminating in the joyous celebration of Easter.

Ash Wednesday, which falls on 14 February this year, marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day rich in tradition and spiritual significance, observed for centuries within the Church of the Roman Rite. Ash Wednesday invites us all to a collective act of penance, marked by fasting and abstinence from meat, as we embark on our Lenten journey of spiritual introspection and renewal.

In accordance with our liturgical practices, we will not include the usual Penitential Act at the beginning of the Mass on Ash Wednesday. Instead, following the Gospel reading, there will be a solemn blessing and distribution of ashes, as outlined in the Roman Missal (RM. 234-235). These ashes, a symbol of our mortality and repentance, serve as a tangible reminder of our commitment to spiritual growth and renewal during this holy season.

I cordially invite you to attend the Holy Mass and participate in the distribution of ashes, as we come together in faith and community. Our Ash Wednesday services will be held at two convenient times:

**At 09:30 am in our Parish.**

At 12:00 noon at The Good Shepherd, Mytholmroyd.

Ashes will be distributed during both services.

This Lenten season is a valuable opportunity for us to deepen our faith, engage in meaningful reflection, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter. Let us gather in unity and devotion to observe these sacred traditions. May this time of Lent bring you peace and spiritual growth.

**PRAYERS FOR THE KING'S HEALTH** It is with a heavy heart that we have learned about His Majesty King Charles's diagnosis and subsequent treatment for cancer. In these challenging times, we extend our deepest prayers and heartfelt wishes for His Majesty's swift and complete recovery. We stand together in offering our unwavering support and spiritual solidarity. May God's grace and healing be with the King during this difficult period. We also pray for everyone suffering from cancer — and all those who care for them. God save the King.

#### **MASS ATTENDANCE 2024**

853 people attended Mass (Jan 2024) | Just keep coming to Mass.

**A TAPESTRY OF FAITH AND ARTISTRY** Celebrating Prayer Boards from Our Local Catholic Schools.

At the back of church, a vivid and inspiring exhibition has taken root, courtesy of the talented young artists from our six local Catholic schools. This display, a kaleidoscope of colour and devotion, brings to life the cherished prayers of our faith through a series of beautifully crafted prayer boards.

Each board, a unique masterpiece, represents a different prayer - the 'Our Father', 'Salve Regina', 'The Angelus', 'Hail Mary', and more. These prayers, foundational to our Catholic tradition, are presented in a fresh and dynamic way, capturing the imagination, and deepening the faith of all who view them.

The boards encourage a deep sense of faith and confidence in God's providence, a message that is both timely and timeless. This exhibition is not just a display of artistic talent; it is a testament to the living faith in our schools and a reflection of the vibrant spirituality in our young people. It encourages us all to engage with our prayers in a more profound and personal way. I invite the entire parish to have a look at this colourful and vibrant display at the back of church.

**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.

**VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD** *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 LADIES GROUP** will next meet on | 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](mailto:andrew.phillips@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**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/>.

**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.

**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

**THE GARDENS OF GOD** His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Roche has published recently (2023) a book called 'The Gardens of God'. 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](mailto:s.hewitt@leeds.ac.uk)

**THE BRIERY, ILKLEY** emailing: [admin@briery.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lourdesrecruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)  
Any questions, contact: [lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto: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.

**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](http://www.universalis.com)

**FIRST READING** A reading from the book of Leviticus Leviticus 13:1-2f

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM** Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

**RESPONSE:** You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 10:31f

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf.Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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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