

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2024 + FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>SATURDAY</b> 17 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	<b>Confession</b> <b>VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Ellen Horsley Recovery</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 18 Feb	11-00am	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Peter Bridges [AB]</b>
Monday 19 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	Nov Dead List 2023/24
<b>TUESDAY</b> 20 Feb	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>Kathleen Larkin [AB]</b>
Wed 21 Feb	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	
Thursday 22 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, THE APOSTLE	Nov Dead List 2023/24
<b>FRIDAY</b> 23 Feb	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>Maureen Conway [LD]</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 24 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	<b>Confession</b> <b>VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>'The Mass of the four intentions'</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 25 Feb	11-00am	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Frank Ambrose [A]</b>

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

**WELCOME** to our parish, where, as we gather in our church and set our eyes towards the altar, our spirits are uplifted by the stirring symbol of our faith: the image of Christ on the cross. This profound emblem not only commemorates His supreme sacrifice but also heralds the season of Lent, a time of reflection, renewal, and preparation that leads us towards the celebration of Easter—the triumph of life and the Resurrection. As we journey through this sacred season, let us embrace the opportunities for growth, penitence, and closer communion with God. Thank you for being with us today, and may you continue your journey in safety, in the grace of God and the hopeful anticipation of the Resurrection.

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

**BANKED | 12 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.

**PRAYERS FOR THE KING'S HEALTH** We extend our prayers and heartfelt wishes for His Majesty's swift and complete recovery from cancer. We stand together in offering our unwavering support and spiritual solidarity. May God's grace and healing be with the King during this difficult time. We also pray for everyone suffering from cancer — and all those who care for them. God save the King.

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

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

**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. Collect a handout today from the back of the church.

**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

**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)

**ASK YOUR MP TO SUPPORT THE ABORTION TIME LIMIT REDUCTION AMENDMENT** Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. Take action: Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment.

**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 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. More information can be found at <https://sodality.co.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

**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.

**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)  
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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.

**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)

**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.

**Sunday 18th + FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**READINGS, PRAYERS AND MASS TEXTS** can be found at: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

**FIRST READING** A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

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

**RESPONSE:** Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

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 of St Peter

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf.Mt4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

## **GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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.'

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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