

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2024 + SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>SATURDAY</b> 24 FEB	5-00pm 5-30pm	<b>Confession</b> <b>VIGIL MASS</b>	'The Mass of the four intentions'
<b>SUNDAY</b> 25 FEB	11-00am	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Frank Ambrose [A]</b>
MONDAY 26 FEB	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	Nov Dead List 2023/24
<b>TUESDAY</b> 27 FEB	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>Moya Whitworth (Recovery)</b>
WEDNESDAY 28 FEB	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	-
THURSDAY 29 FEB	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	Nov Dead List 2023/24
<b>FRIDAY</b> 01 MAR	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>ST DAVID, BISHOP, AND PATRON</b> <b>OF WALES</b>	<b>For Friends in need</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 02 MAR	<b>5-00pm</b> <b>5-30pm</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Deceased of the Oldfield &amp;</b> <b>Teesdale families</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 03 MAR	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Nancy Burns [LD]</b>

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

**WELCOME** 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 to 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 | 19 FEB £420** 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.

**CONFIRMATION** Bishop Marcus will be celebrating Confirmation on **Thursday 07 March 2024** at 7pm at St Mary's Church Halifax. All welcome to attend.

**PRAY EVERY DAY THIS LENT** – download for free the **Hallow** app - Very high-quality design. Learn from theologians and religious leaders and meditate alongside your other brothers and sisters in Christ. The app is free to download and there are two options for using it. There is a free version that does not require any payment for Hallow and then there is an optional paid subscription. Hallow is priced at \$9.99 per month or \$69.99 per year (or about \$6 per month) that is billed once for full access to the content. There is a family plan for \$119.99/year that grants access to the Hallow subscription for up to six family and friends. Listen to Bible and Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike. Pray the Rosary and Stations with Bishop Barron.

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL LENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION** Tuesday 19 March, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

**THE LADIES GROUP** will next meet on | Friday, March 08, and March 22.

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

**LENT AND EASTER AT ST PAUL'S BOOKSHOP** A wide range of Lenten and Easter reading and devotional material for adults and children, and a good selection of Easter cards all now in stock. Open Monday - Friday, 10.00am - 4.00pm. 0113 275 4043 [hinsleyhall@stpauls.org.uk](mailto:hinsleyhall@stpauls.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.

**MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME UPDATE** 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 Bede 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.

**WHERE DO WE FIND RESILIENCE IN WORKING FOR JUSTICE & PEACE?** Hear how the lives of St Oscar Romero & Archbishop Dennis Hurley can inspire us. Thursday 14 March, 7pm, Leeds Trinity University. This is a presentation of the 2024 Romero Lecture organised by the J&P Commission in partnership with Leeds Trinity University. See our website for more details and to reserve a place at this free talk  
[www.leedsjp.org.uk](http://www.leedsjp.org.uk)

**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)

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**DISCIPLESHIP DAYS:** The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be holding monthly Discipleship Days at St Patrick's Church, Bradford, including Rosary, Holy Mass, Confessions, and Eucharistic adoration along with talks on Franciscan spirituality. 2024 marks 800 years since St Francis received the stigmata and the arrival of the first Franciscans in England. March 02, 11.45am-4.30pm.

## VACANCIES

**TRUSTEES VACANCIES:** Catholic Care is recruiting new Trustees to increase the breadth of knowledge and experience on its established Board of Trustees. Applicants with experience of property management are particularly welcome. If you want to live your faith through action, we would welcome an application from you. For further information and if you are interested in applying, please visit [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk).

**WEEKLY ONLINE MEDITATIONS FROM THE BRIERY** Join us for a short meditation on the Sunday Gospel from 7.30pm to 8.15pm on Thursdays. The Zoom opens at 7.15pm for a chat. All are welcome. Register for Zoom link by emailing: [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk) or call 01943 607287.

## Sunday 25th + SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 Genesis

Genesis 22:1-2f

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM**

Psalm 115(116):10,15-19

**RESPONSE:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

‘I am sorely afflicted,’

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord’s name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard:

‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

## **GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my

Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

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