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Sunday 8th + SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY YEAR C - WEEKDAY YEAR I

Saturday 07 Dec	5-30PM	VIGIL MASS	Peter Connel [LD]
Sunday 08 Dec	11-00AM	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Fr Firth [R] Ladies Group
Monday 09 Dec	NO PUBLIC MASS	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	-
Tuesday 10 Dec	09-30am	Advent Weekday	Anne Marie Watkins & Parker Family
Wednesday 11 Dec	11-00am	Advent Weekday	-
Thursday 12 Dec	NO PUBLIC MASS	Advent Weekday	Peter Connel [LD]
Friday 13 Dec	NO MASS TODAY	St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	-
Saturday 14 Dec	5-30PM	VIGIL MASS	For Paul Connolly [H]
Sunday 15 Dec	11-00AM	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	Peter Bridges [A]

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm – 5.30pm
Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass (From 11.45 - 12.45)

WELCOME to our parish during this most blessed season of Advent and Christmas. 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. In this time of Advent, we prepare our hearts with joyful anticipation, reflecting on the virtues of hope, peace, love, and joy that Christ's birth brought into the world. The flickering candles of the Advent wreath illuminate our path towards the celebration of Christmas, a time when our community comes together in harmony and gratitude. As we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, our church becomes a beacon of light and warmth, echoing the message of God's unfailing love and mercy. We cherish these moments of togetherness, sharing in the joy and wonder of the season. May this Christmas fill your hearts with peace and your journey with blessings, as we remember that in Christ, we find our truest source of comfort and joy. Thank you for joining us in this sacred celebration, and may you travel onwards in safety and God's grace.

THE NEW EDITION OF THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS (Ordo Lectionum Missae) confirmed by the Apostolic See in 2023 comes into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024. By decree of the Bishops' Conference, "From that date forward, no other English language edition of the Lectionary for Mass may be used in the dioceses of England and Wales."

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR CANON FIRTH has recently been diagnosed with throat cancer. Thank you for keeping Fr. Firth in your thoughts and prayers.

MASS ATTENDANCE 2024 November 2024, attendance figures stand at **1016**. Just keep coming to Mass.

NO MASS ON FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

+ FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR – Marilyn Swann R.I.P.

Reception into The Good Shepherd - Sunday 15 December 2024 - 6:00pm

Requiem Mass The Good Shepherd - Monday 16 December 2024 - 10:30am followed by burial –

St Michael's Church Yard ~12Noon - Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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

BANKED | 02 December £360.00 - plus standing orders of £1430 per month.

Standing Order If you have online or phone banking, then you can set this up yourself.

Most people setup payments monthly. Please inform Fr Larkin know if you change to this system.

Bank details: HSBC / Sort Code: 40-27-15 / Account: 41017454. Thank you for supporting standing orders.

2025 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS The annual publication provides a very valuable physical record and guide to the life and mission of our Diocese, not only for immediate use but also for archival reference. Available today £5.00.

ADVENT FAYRE 2024 - The following outlines the funds raised over the two days of the Advent Fayre

Stall			Stall Total
Cakes & Cake Raffle			158.70
Bottle			173.50
Coloured Stall			220.00
Piety – Religious Cards			115.70
Refreshments			70.10
Raffle Draw			340.00
		Sub Total	£1078.00
	<i>Cost</i>		<i>£59.15</i>
		Total	£1018.85

THANK YOU I'm delighted to share the success of the Advent Fayre in 2024. With a total of £1018.85 raised over two days, it's evident that the event was a triumph. The various stalls, including Raffle, Cakes & Cake Raffle, Bottle, Coloured Stall, Piety – Religious Cards, and Refreshments, all played a role in contributing to this achievement. After deducting costs, the net proceeds of £1018.85 are truly commendable.

This success is a testament to hard work, commitment, and generosity of everyone involved, from the organizers to the participants, as well as the supportive community of school children, parents, and friends of the parish. The funds raised will make a positive impact, and it's heartening to see how the Advent Fayre brought joy and a sense of togetherness to the parish. Once again, thank you to all who contributed to this wonderful event, making it a special and memorable occasion for everyone involved.

SCHOOL PLACES for any children needing a school place in other year groups at any time within the academic year, they are more than welcome to visit – please contact the school if you would like an appointment with the headteacher contact the school office on 01422 831360

ADVENT CONFESSION this year will take place Saturday 14 December 2024 at St Mary's.

09.00 - 10.00 Fr J Hilton | 10.00 - 11.00 Mgr. M McQuinn | 11.00 - 12.00 Fr M Hall

12.00 - 13.00 Fr M Larkin | 13.00 - 14.00 Fr B Owens | 14.00 - 15.00 Mgr. P Owens | 15.00 - 16.00 Fr J Hilton

PRINCIPAL SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 December

5-30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas - Family Mass - a warm welcome to our families and children

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 December - Christmas Morning – 11-00am

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - September 2025 as we prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025, I invite you to make a special pilgrimage to Walsingham, following in the footsteps of kings, saints, and holy people of past centuries. This pilgrimage offers a profound opportunity to deepen our faith and strengthen our reliance on our Lord Jesus Christ. Our parish visit is planned for **Friday and Saturday, 26 & 27 September 2025**, to coincide with the pilgrimage of the Bishop of Leeds and others from our diocese. If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage, please speak with **Anne Bridges** at the back of the church. **Early bookings are essential** to confirm accommodation, so we encourage you to express your interest as soon as possible. Thank you for your support and participation in this important event.

DATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2025

First Reconciliation 29 March 2025 at 11am St Bernard's

First Holy Communion 18 May 2025 at 11am Sacred Heart & St. Patrick, Sowerby Bridge

Deanery Confirmation | Venue: St Malachy's Nursery Ln, Halifax HX3 5NS

Rehearsal: 25 February 2025 at 7pm | Confirmation: 4 March 2025 at 7pm

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages.

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

VACANCIES - CATHOLIC CARE DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER VACANCY: Salary over £70,000 pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision/skills for leadership, a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing/delivering strategy. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk. Contact Katrina on 0113 388 5400

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

POST - PLEASE NOTE I would suggest that your last mailing day 1st Class 20/21 December, if you are sending something 2nd Class 18 December this would enable your letters to arrive in time for Christmas.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

In the ebb and flow of life, there are some topics we instinctively shy away from, and one of those is the inevitable journey towards our own end. Though the thought of our mortality may be daunting, a small gesture of preparation can make a world of difference, particularly to those who mourn our passing. By engaging in a heart-to-heart conversation with our loved ones about our final wishes, we can offer them comfort and clarity in a time of grief. Consider discussing preferences for your Requiem Mass or funeral Service, your chosen Hymns, and Scripture Readings. These intimate details will not only reflect your personal faith journey but will also provide solace and direction to those you leave behind.

For those contemplating a spiritual continuation of remembrance, the offering of a monthly Mass for a year is a beautiful tradition. With a donation, 12 Masses can be dedicated in your name, ensuring prayers for your soul and a continued bond with your community.

Once decisions have been made, we recommend penning down these arrangements and placing them alongside your important documents in a safe location. In doing so, you provide a beacon of guidance when it's needed most, ensuring that, even in absence, your love and thoughtfulness continues to guide and comfort.

May you find peace in preparation, and in the knowledge that such gestures, though born of serious contemplation, can be among the most profound acts of love.

SACRAMENTAL TIMETABLE FOR OUR PARISH 2024/25

SACRED HEART - School - 3:30 - 4:30pm
MONDAY 16 th Dec 2024 13 th Jan 2025 27 th Jan 10 th Feb REHEARSAL TUESDAY 25 FEBRAURY, ST MALACHY'S CHURCH AT 7PM (candidate and sponsor to attend) CONFIRMATION TUES 4 MARCH AT 7PM, ST MALACHY'S CHURCH
MONDAY 10 Feb 2025 24 Feb 10 March 24 March RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAY 29 MARCH: ST BERNARD'S AT 10AM
MONDAY 31 March 2025 14 April 28 April 12 May HOLY COMMUNION ON SUNDAY 18TH MAY: SACRED HEART AND ST PATRICK'S AT 11AM

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

A reading from the prophet of Baruch

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness from God;

put on your head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting.

For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

For your name will for ever be called by God:

'Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height

and look towards the east and see your children gathered from west and east,
at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went forth from you on foot,

led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,

carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain

and the everlasting hills be made low

and the valleys filled up to make level ground,

so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree

have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy

in the light of his glory,

with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R3

RESPONSE: What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion,
we thought we were dreaming.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy. R.

Then they said among the nations,
'What great deeds the LORD worked for them!'
What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad. R.

Bring back our exiles, O LORD,
as streams in the Negeb.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves. R.

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,
'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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