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SUNDAY YEAR C - WEEKDAY YEAR I

+ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD +

Saturday 04 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Gabrielle Stansfield [LD]
Sunday 05 Jan	11-00am	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD At today's Mass, after the Gospel, the announcement may be made of the moveable feasts of the liturgical year.	Maureen Timlin [LD] Ladies Group
Monday 06 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	Monday after the Epiphany	Yorkshire Brethren 2025 JAN
Tuesday 07 Jan	09-30am	Tuesday after the Epiphany	Bridget Cassidy [LD]
Wednesday 08 Jan		Wednesday after the Epiphany	
Thursday 09 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	Thursday after the Epiphany	November Dead List
Friday 10 Jan	09-30am	Friday after the Epiphany	November Dead List
Saturday 11 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Peter Connel [LD]
Sunday 12 Jan	11-00am	+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD +	Silvia & Alexander Pachowko [A]

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR A heartfelt Deo Gratias for all the blessings, achievements, and graces of 2024. As we stand at the threshold of 2025, let us pause to give thanks to God for His faithfulness and love, which have accompanied us through the past year. I want to express my deepest gratitude for your kindness and generosity, shown so abundantly through your cards, letters, and Christmas offerings. Your support is a source of encouragement and joy, and I am profoundly thankful for the bonds of community and shared faith that sustain us all. As we step into this new year, let us marvel at the opportunities that newness brings—opportunities to reflect, to grow, and to renew our commitment to God and one another. A new year is a canvas of untold beauty, inviting us to paint it with acts of love, kindness, and hope. It is a fresh chapter, brimming with the potential to deepen our faith, mend relationships, and bring light to those around us. The beauty of a new year lies not only in its promise but also in its gentle reminder that each day is a gift, filled with the possibility to glorify God in all that we do. Let us embrace this time with open hearts and a spirit of gratitude, trusting that God will continue to guide and strengthen us in the days to come. This new year also marks another milestone for me as your parish priest. Having arrived here in August of 2015, I am blessed and humbled to celebrate with you another year. Over these years, I have witnessed the beauty of our parish community's faith and generosity, and I am continually inspired by your dedication to living out the Gospel. I would also like to extend a special and heartfelt thank you to all of you

who supported me in various ways throughout 2024. Your prayers, encouragement, and shared efforts in our mission have been a true testament to the body of Christ at work. Whether through your time, your talents, or your quiet acts of service, you have made a difference, and I am deeply grateful. As the year unfolds, let us go forward together with renewed faith and a shared resolve to reflect God's love in all we do. May 2025 be a year of grace, peace, and beauty for us all. Fr Larkin

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier. May this new year be a time of spiritual growth for us; a time of welcoming your graces and gifts; a time for forgiving freely and unconditionally; a time for growing in virtue and goodness and holiness. Come, Holy Spirit, be with us today and always. Amen.

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

BANKED | 30 December £1316.00 - plus standing orders of £1430 per month.

NEXT SUNDAY: Collection for the Diocese of Leeds Lourdes Fund

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.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE JUBILEE HOLY YEAR 2025: The Holy Father Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year, the theme for which is Pilgrims of Hope. In every Diocese across the world, the beginning of the Jubilee Holy Year is to be marked by the celebration of Mass in each Cathedral on 29 December 2024. Bishop Marcus will celebrate the 11:00am Mass at Leeds Cathedral on that day. Everyone welcome.

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

MASS ATTENDANCE 2021 – 2024 | 5979 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2021) | 9392 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2022) | 11438 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2023) | **10773** people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2024) - Over the past few years, it has been truly inspiring to see so many souls gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The numbers reflect a deep yearning for God and a rekindled commitment to live out the Gospel in our daily lives. Each Mass is an opportunity to encounter Christ, listen to His Word, and receive His Body and Blood, strengthening us for the journey ahead.

As we look forward to the Year of Jubilee, let us carry this spirit of faithfulness and joy into 2025. The Jubilee is a sacred time of renewal, reconciliation, and thanksgiving for the countless blessings God bestows upon us. It invites us to deepen our relationship with God and one another, celebrating the rich history of our Church while embracing the future with hope and trust. Coming to Mass is not just a routine but a transformative moment, where Heaven touches Earth, and we are reminded of the eternal love of God. To those who have been faithfully attending, your witness is a beacon of encouragement for others. To those who may be returning or attending for the first time, know that you are most welcome in this holy place. Sacred Heart and Saint Patrick's is more than a parish; it is a home, a family where everyone belongs. As we prepare our hearts for the Jubilee and beyond, let us continue to come together at Mass, drawing strength from the sacraments and each other, and radiating the light of Christ to the world around us. Let us, "keep coming to Mass" for it is here that we encounter the fullness of God's grace and mercy.

DEACON PATRICK KELLY It is with great sadness to inform you that Deacon Patrick Kelly, after a long illness, died (21 December 2024) at Kirkwood Hospice, Huddersfield. Pray for the repose of his soul and for his wife, family and friends at this time. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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 & 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.

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.

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

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

SACRAMENTAL TIMETABLE FOR OUR PARISH 2024/25

SACRED HEART - School - 3:30 - 4:30pm
MONDAY 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

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2025. *Year: C(I).*

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mal 3: 1; 1 Chr 29: 12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all round, and see;

they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from afar,

and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

Then you shall see and be radiant;

your heart shall thrill and exult,

because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,

the young camels of Midian and Ephah;

all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,

and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13. Rcf. 11

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgement to the king,

to a king's son your justice,

that he may judge your people in justice,

and your poor in right judgement.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

In his days justice shall flourish,

and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth.
All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

The kings of Tarshish and the islands
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.
All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,
the poor who have no one to help.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy.
All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia.
We saw his star when it rose
and have come to worship the Lord.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to

rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Noveritis

Announcement of the date of Easter and movable feasts

After the Gospel, following a long-established custom of the Church, the deacon or cantor may proclaim the movable feasts of the current year, in the following form.

Know, dear brethren (brothers and sisters), that,
as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Saviour.

On the fifth day of March will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the twentieth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-ninth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the eighth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the twenty-second day of the same month, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the thirtieth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

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