

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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SUNDAY YEAR C - WEEKDAY YEAR I

+ SECOND SUNDAY +

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| Saturday 18 Jan | 5-00pm 5-30pm | Confession VIGIL MASS | Phyllis & Ronald Blackshaw [A] |
| Sunday 19 Jan | 11-00am | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Zygmunt Wisniewski [A] |
| Monday 20 Jan | NO PUBLIC MASS | St Sebastian, Martyr | November Dead List 2024/5 |
| Tuesday 21 Jan | 09-30am | St Agnes | November Dead List 2024/5 |
| Wednesday 22 Jan | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | |
| Thursday 23 Jan | NO PUBLIC MASS | Weekday in Ordinary Time | November Dead List 2024/5 |
| Friday 24 Jan | 09-30am | St Francis de Sales, | November Dead List 2024/5 |
| Saturday 25 Jan | 5-00pm 5-30pm | Confession VIGIL MASS | Moya Whitworth [R] |
| Sunday 26 Jan | 11-00am | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Peppendo Iaconnette [LD] |

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

A WARM WELCOME to our parish. Whether you are a regular member of our community or a visitor joining us for the first time, we are delighted to have you here. It is a true blessing to gather together in the sacred celebration of Holy Mass, united in prayer and worship. This Jubilee Year of 2025 is a time of grace and renewal, a beautiful opportunity to deepen our faith and embrace the abundant mercy of God. As we come together in faith, we are reminded of the rich heritage of the Church and the enduring promise of hope and salvation through Jesus Christ. May this year of Jubilee fill your heart with the joy and peace of Christ. Join us after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee in the parish hall, you are most welcome.

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

BANKED | 13 January £265.00 - 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.

THE LADIES GROUP will meet on Friday mornings from 10 AM to 12 pm on the following dates January 24th, February 7th, & 21st, March 7th and 21st, April 4th. All Ladies are invited to join them.

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. Let us, "keep coming to Mass" for it is here that we encounter the fullness of God's grace and mercy.

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.

HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM A date and time for your child's Baptism can be provisionally given once you have completed the parish form and established a relationship with the parish. The choice of godparents is important. A godparent is a role model for your child by living a fully Christian life, there are usually two godparents. According to Canon Law, the law governing the Catholic Church, godparents must be at least 16 years of age, practising Catholics and should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents are responsible for instructing and forming their children in both the teaching and practice of the Catholic faith. Although Catholic schools exist to help parents in this regard, they are not a substitute for it. The best instruction that you can give your child is through commitment to the Mass. As you make this request for your child, it should also be a reality in your own life for example: Do you regularly attend Mass? Do you make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Are you fully initiated into the Church through Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation? If after reading this information you feel ready to present, your child to the Church for Baptism please see Fr Larkin after Mass for Pre-Baptism form.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE. On **Sunday 26 January** the eve of Holocaust Memorial Day there will be a special Service of Evensong at **Halifax Minster** starting at **4.00pm**. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Douglas Charing (visiting Rabbi of Bradford Synagogue. This year Holocaust Memorial Day commemorates the 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp. All are welcome.

Also, you may be interested to know that on Sunday 06 April, as part of a bigger Lenten programme, Kim Leadbeater MP will be in conversation with Bishop Smitha Prasadam (Anglican Bishop of Huddersfield) on the subject of the Assisted Dying Bill followed by a Q & A. This will also be at Halifax Minster. I'm not sure of all the detail yet but it is probably something to get on your radar.

RECYCLING OLD LECTIONARIES At the Bishop's Conference in November 2024, the Bishops agreed that a Guardians of Creation project would be used to dispose and recycle old lectionaries using, in an environmental and sustainable way, as practical. Collect and Recycle have been engaged to facilitate this across all the Dioceses of England and Wales. As we are now using the new lectionaries, arrangements for the disposal of Parish's old lectionaries have been made. To keep costs to a minimum (a Curia expense), the firm engaged have a tight collection window and on how the lectionaries should be collated and boxed for their collection at a single Diocese collection point. I have arranged for the deanery to drop off the lectionaries after Christmas at a Deanery collection point (Sowerby Bridge) by 16 January 2025. Finance Office Colleagues will then collate all the Diocese's old lectionaries at Hinsley Hall as

required by the firm for their collection to meet their narrow time frame. In the new year a similar scheme for old Mass Books and other literature that is now also out of date will be implemented.

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

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.

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

THE DEANERY MARRIAGE COURSES will take place this year at 12.15 (after the 11am Sunday Mass at St Mary's) on 23 March, 6 April and 13 April.

SACRAMENTAL TIMETABLE FOR OUR PARISH 2024/25

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

MONDAY | 13th Jan 2025 | 27th Jan | 10th 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

NO ***SOWERBY BRIDGE INCINERATOR***

Permit approved - but the fight goes on!

RALLY

**Saturday 1st February
Meeting at The Moorings
Sowerby Bridge at 11am**

**SIGN THE PETITION
JOIN IN AND MAKE
YOUR VOICE HEARD!**



SAY NO TO WASTE INCINERATION IN RYBURN VALLEY

NO SOWERBY BRIDGE **INCINERATOR**



Permit approved - but the fight goes on!

Campaigners against the proposed incinerator at the Calder Valley Skip Hire site on Rochdale Road were deeply disappointed to hear that Calderdale Council had approved the Environmental Permit in November 2024.

Sowerby Bridge Ward Forum, chaired by the local councillors in January, was very well attended and the incinerator was the only item for discussion. Ian Hughes, Chief Legal Officer and David Dunbar, Senior Environmental Health Officer were in attendance and faced fifteen questions submitted in advance. The strength of feeling in the room was clear; people are very angry with the decision and with much of the evidence it is based on. Furthermore, they don't understand why the decision was made by a single officer rather than elected councillors.

Local residents are not satisfied that their questions have been answered or that the conditions of the Permit have been considered in sufficient detail. A recent news report stating the government will not allow any new incinerator developments may be helpful to the campaign.

A rally is planned for Saturday 1 February, meeting in front of the market on Wharf Street at 11am, please come along and make your objection to this proposal heard! Ask to join the email circulation list at thebenbowgroup@gmail.com

A campaign fund has been set up with Just Giving, please give what you can to help fight to keep our beautiful valley safe for future generations



Sunday 19 January 2025 Year: C(I).

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Sion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac. R3

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

O sing a new song to the Lord;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

O sing to the Lord; bless his name.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Proclaim his salvation day by day.

Tell among the nations his glory,

and his wonders among all the peoples.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples,

ascribe to the Lord glory and power;

ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Worship the Lord in holy splendour.

O tremble before him, all the earth.

Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

God called us through the gospel,
so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 2:1-11

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.' This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus *Ultimate Defence Against Modernism and the Culture of Death keep us safe.*

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