

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 20th + EASTER SUNDAY

Saturday 19 April	7-30pm	EASTER VIGIL	Anne Knowles [A]
Sunday 20 April	11-00am	EASTER SUNDAY	Tim & Kathleen, and Kathleen MM Larkin [A]
Monday 21 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	Monday Within the Octave	November Dead List 2024/5
Tuesday 22 April	09.30am	Tuesday Within the Octave	Joseph Reid [LD]
Wednesday 23 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	Wednesday Within the Octave	Mr & Mrs T Larkin [WA]
Thursday 24 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	Thursday Within the Octave	Susan Brown [A2019]
Friday 25 April	09.30am	Friday Within the Octave	For Brian
Saturday 26 April	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Dorothy Wildsmith [A]
Sunday 27 April	11-00am	DIVINE MERCY	Eileen & Edgar Helliwell [A]

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

WELCOME to our parish, looking toward the altar and the Heart of the church where the priest celebrates Mass in the midst of the congregation, the great image of Christ on the cross is there to remind you before you go that he died that we might have life - you can trust completely in Him. Thank you for your visit and may you travel on in safety.



MASS ATTENDANCE 2025 – 1247 people attended Mass (March).

I am Catholic; yesterday, today and forever - Just keep coming to Mass.

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

BANKED | 14 April £535.00 plus, standing orders **£1515** per month. Thank you.

Standing Order - If you have online or phone banking, then you can set this up yourself. Most people setup payments monthly. Please inform Canon Larkin if you change to this system. Bank details: HSBC / Sort Code: 40-27-15 / Account: 41017454. Thank you for supporting standing orders.

PASCHÆ GAUDIUM – EASTER JOY 2025 “*Surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia!*” (The Lord is truly risen, alleluia!)

As the radiant light of Easter breaks forth and the Church echoes with joyful alleluias, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to every one of you who played a part in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations here in our parish community. The sacred Triduum and the glorious Paschal feast were made truly beautiful by the loving dedication and tireless service of so many. To our gifted musicians and devoted choir, whose voices lifted our hearts in worship; to our readers who proclaimed the Word of God with clarity and reverence; to

the flower arrangers whose artistry adorned the sanctuary with splendour; and to whose unseen labours ensured the seamless flow of the sacred liturgies—I offer my most sincere thanks. Behind every reverent silence, every well-prepared liturgy, every moment of grace shared in prayer, lies the hidden sacrifice of time, energy, and devotion. **Gratias vobis ago ex toto corde**—I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am also deeply grateful to those who sent cards, letters, and Easter offerings. Your generous spirit and thoughtful kindness are a true encouragement and a sign of the vibrant Christian charity that animates our parish life. As we enjoy this sacred season of Eastertide, may the triumph of the Resurrection renew your hearts with faith, hope, and joy. May the peace of the Risen Lord dwell richly in your homes and lives and may the light of Christ illumine your path with blessings beyond measure. Canon Larkin.

+ FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR – Peter Green RIP

Please pray for the repose of Peter's soul, for his family and friends. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Funeral Service – Thursday 1 May 2025 - 12:15 followed by Committal – Park Wood– 13.30

+ FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR – Paul Connolly RIP

Please pray for the repose of Paul's soul, for his family and friends. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Funeral Service – Thursday 8 May 2025 at 12noon at Church.

The committal will follow at Park Wood Crematorium at 13.30

**A Prayer for Vocations
to the Priesthood
by Pope St John Paul II**

Lord Jesus,
as you once called the first disciples
and made them fishers of men,
continue to let resound today
Your sweet invitation:
"Come and follow me".
Grant to men of our diocese
the grace to trust
and respond to Your voice.
Mary, Mother of the Church,
Model of Vocations,
help us to say "Yes" to the Lord
who calls each one of us
to play our part in His plan
of salvation.
Amen.



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EASTER CARDS AND MASS CARDS Available at the back of Church

APPOINTMENT TO THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER OF

CANONS Canon Larkin will be formally installed at St Anne's Cathedral by Bishop Marcus and The Very Reverend Provost John Aveyard during the Mass of Installation, which will take place on **Wednesday, 28 May**, at 12:30 pm. Everyone is warmly invited.

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT I know so many of you have already emailed your MP asking them to oppose this Bill, it's important that you email them again. Take action and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction to write to your MP - it takes 30 seconds.

THE LADIES GROUP Raffle tickets for the Easter Egg draw made £225, thank you. Next meeting Wednesday April 30 which will be the AGM at 7-00pm then every 2 weeks

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE On Saturday 17 May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th

(Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church and send it to the Bishop's Secretary: Miss Anne Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or Email it to: bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, by Friday 2 May 2025

Please complete the following:

Wife's First Name:

Wife's Surname:

Wife's Maiden name:

Husband's First Name:

Husband's Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Date of Marriage:

Place of Marriage:

(Please include the name, town and county of the church in which you were married)

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR – Thursford Christmas Spectacular – Ladies and Gentlemen come and join the Sacred Heart & St. Patrick's Ladies Group on a festive adventure! Our trip will take place from Sunday 7 December to Tuesday 9 December at a cost of £345 per person (half-board). We plan to fill a 56-seater coach, allowing us to travel directly to our destination without any en-route pick-ups. For more details about the spectacular visit the Thursford website at www.Thursford.com or contact Marion (Chair of the Ladies Group) at 07873 907645. Posters are displayed on church noticeboards where you can add your name and contact details to register your interest. We look forward to sharing this magical experience with you.

DATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2025

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

Sunday 20 April 2025 *Liturgical Colour: White. Year: C(I).*

First reading

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24

Alleluia.

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.' ***Alleluia.***

The Lord's right hand is exalted.

The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord. **Alleluia.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes. **Alleluia.**

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Sequence

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with graveclothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So, Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the

other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Solemn Blessing

May almighty God bless you
through today's Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend you from every assault of sin.

Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,
endow you with the prize of immortality.

Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,
may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

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