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Sunday 27th + DIVINE MERCY

Saturday 26 April	5-30pm	VIGIL	Dorothy Wildsmith [A]
Sunday 27 April	11-00am	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	Eileen & Edgar Helliwell [A]
Monday 28 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	ST GEORGE, MARTYR AND PATRON OF ENGLAND	FOR THE POPE - RIP
Tuesday 29 April	09.30am	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	Joan Bottomley [LD]
Wednesday 30 April			
Thursday 01 May	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Joseph the Worker	For the one who will be elected Pope
Friday 02 May	09.30am	St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	For Friends in need
Saturday 03 May	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Margaret Gray [LD]
Sunday 04 May	11-00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Ava Ellis-Henderson Family

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

WELCOME to our parish. 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 | 22 April £915.00 plus, standing orders **£1465** 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.

POPE FRANCIS 1936 – 2025 – RIP

Pope Francis passed away peacefully in the early hours of the morning, the day after Easter. After resting on Sunday and having a quiet dinner, he showed signs of illness around 5:30am. An hour later, he made a final gesture of farewell to his nurse before falling into a coma. His death was discreet and without suffering, in keeping with his private nature. Just the day before, he had given his final Apostolic Blessing, remaining close to the faithful with whom he had promised to walk since his election on March 13, 2013.

Prayer for Francis

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

After offering prayers for the repose of Pope Francis, consider the following prayer intentions:

- For the cardinals as they enter the conclave: That they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in their deliberations and strive to make their decision in accordance with the will of God.
- For one cardinal: You can "adopt" a cardinal for this conclave.
- For the one who will be elected Pope: That God grants him the grace to bear the significant responsibilities of the Papacy and to lead and serve the Church in alignment with God's will.
- It is recommended that we refrain from treating this conclave as if it were a political election, avoiding the commentary that speculates on frontrunners based on specific "policies."

It is important to remember that this process is not about political manoeuvring but about seeking God's will. Our prayers should focus on the repeated and sincere invocation, "Thy will be done". This conclave, like all aspects of life, is centred on our obedience to God's will.

Bishop Marcus will celebrate a Solemn Requiem Mass at Leeds Cathedral, on **Tuesday 29 April at 5:30pm**. You are most welcome to attend. Please be seated by 5.15pm

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

Behind every reverent silence, every well-prepared liturgy, every moment of grace shared in prayer, lies the hidden sacrifice of time, energy, and devotion. 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. Canon Larkin.

+ FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR – Peter Green RIP

Please pray for the repose of Peter's soul, for 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 – Gary Anthony Rimmer RIP

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

Funeral Service – Friday 2 May 2025 – 11.00 followed by Burial

+ FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR – Stephanie Hellowell RIP

Please pray for the repose of Stephanie's soul. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Funeral Service: St Mary, Cottonstones HX6 3EU with Revd Jeanette Roberts – Tuesday 6 May 2025 – at 11.00 followed by burial conducted by Canon Larkin

+ 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

THE LADIES GROUP AGM Wednesday April 30 at 7-00pm and then every 2 weeks.

FR TERRY BOYLE RIP of the Diocese of Hallam died the evening of 22nd April 2025. After his ordination at Leeds Cathedral in 1961, Fr Boyle served in two of our parishes, St Walburga's, Shipley, and St Joseph's, Pontefract, before moving to south Yorkshire. He remained in the newly formed Diocese of Hallam (1980) until his retirement to Bradford. In time he moved into the Little Sisters and after their closure to Aire View Care Home in Kirkstall where he died. He was 89 years of age. Please remember Fr Boyle and his family in your prayers at this time.

*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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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.

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 27 April 2025. Year: C(I).

Readings at Mass

First reading

Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a. R1

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.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the Lord say,
'His mercy endures for ever.' R

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad. R

We beseech you, O Lord, grant salvation;
we beseech you, O Lord, grant success.
Blest is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord is God, and has given us light. R

Second reading

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.'

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.'

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 grave-clothes 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

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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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