

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 4th + THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| <b>Saturday<br/>03 May</b> | <b>5-30pm</b>            | <b>VIGIL</b>                     | <b>Margaret Gray [LD]</b>         |
| <b>Sunday<br/>04 May</b>   | <b>11-00am</b>           | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>    | <b>Ava Ellis-Henderson Family</b> |
| Monday<br>05 May           | NO PUBLIC<br>MASS        | Weekday of Easter                | The forthcoming conclave          |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>06 May</b>  | <b>09.30am</b>           | <b>Weekday of Easter</b>         | <b>Peter Green [LD]</b>           |
| Wednesday<br>07 May        |                          | St John of Beverley, Bishop      |                                   |
| Thursday<br>08 May         | NO PUBLIC<br>MASS        | Weekday of Easter                | November Dead List 2024/5         |
| <b>Friday<br/>09 May</b>   | <b>09.30am</b>           | <b>Weekday of Easter</b>         | <b>Jozef Szoke [LD]</b>           |
| <b>Saturday<br/>10 May</b> | <b>5-00pm<br/>5-30pm</b> | <b>Confession<br/>VIGIL MASS</b> | <b>Paul Connely [LD]</b>          |
| <b>Sunday<br/>11 May</b>   | <b>11-00am</b>           | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>   | <b>Bill McAdams</b>               |

**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 | 28 April £425** plus, standing orders **£1415** 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.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Collection for the Priests' Training Fund

**POPE FRANCIS 1936 – 2025 – RIP *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.

Having offered our heartfelt prayers for the repose of Pope Francis, we now turn our thoughts toward the future. The forthcoming conclave will elect a new Supreme Pontiff, who will undoubtedly seek to draw from the rich legacy of his predecessors. Like those elected in 1914 and 1939 — moments shadowed by gathering storms of global conflict — the next pope may be called to exercise a profound pastoral role amid tense and uncertain geopolitical times. Yet this successor will also face a challenge unprecedented in the Church's two-millennia-long history: the reaffirmation of the very nature of humanity itself, in an age increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence and technological transformation. I warmly encourage you to "adopt" a cardinal spiritually for the coming conclave. You may visit <https://praycardinal.com/> to be assigned a cardinal for whom you can pray for by name. Above all, let our prayers rise with one constant, sincere invocation: "Thy will be done." May the Holy Spirit guide the Church in choosing a shepherd after Christ's own heart.

**+ 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 - Park Wood Crematorium at 13.30

**+ FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR – Irene Mary West RIP - Requiem Mass - Thursday 22 May 13-00**

Please pray for the repose of Irene's soul and for her family. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**DATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2025**

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

**CELEBRATION OF PRIESTHOOD** will take place at Leeds Cathedral on the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ The Eternal High Priest, Thursday 12 June 2025, 11:30am. Everyone is warmly invited.

**RENEWED CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 JUBILARIANS** As we approach our Celebration of Priesthood, we renew our congratulations to all those celebrating presbyteral Jubilees this year:

Platinum Mgr. Canon Bryan Sharp (17th July 1955)

Diamond Fr Michael Kelly (12th June 1965) | Golden Cardinal Arthur Roche (19th July 1975)

Canon Lawrence Hulme (25th July 1975) | Ruby Fr Richard Carter (9th February 1985)

Pearl Archbishop John Wilson (29th July 1995) | Silver Fr Michael Hughes (1st July 2000)

Fr Simon Lodge (1st July 2000) | Fr Peter Smith (1st July 2000)

**WE CAN STILL DEFEAT** Assisted suicide Bill - less than 2 weeks left! Report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is 16 May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue. 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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction) to write to your MP - it takes 30 seconds.

**NEWLY APPOINTED ARCHBISHOP OF LIVERPOOL** The Holy Father has appointed The Right Reverend John Sherrington as the tenth Archbishop of Liverpool in succession to Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP. The installation will take place in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, on Tuesday 27th May at 12:00noon. Archbishop-elect Sherrington has been an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and Titular Bishop of Hiltia since 14th September 2011. Please pray for him.

**LITURGY AT LEEDS CATHEDRAL FOR THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE 2025**

This year's Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse in the Dioceses of England and Wales is Tuesday 20th May 2025. It is an opportunity to reflect on the impact of abuse on individuals, their families and friends, and the communities of which they are part.

I will preside at a special Liturgical Service in the Cathedral on Tuesday 20th May at 2:00pm. The liturgy will comprise the Office of None from the Liturgy of the Hours and prayers for victims and survivors of abuse. During the liturgy, I will also solemnly bless an Icon of St Raphael the Archangel which I have commissioned as a memorial to the victims and survivors of abuse. Everyone is warmly invited.

## **THANK YOU**

**To: Revd Heathcoat**

St Paul's Church, Sowerby Bridge

Hebden Royd Churches Together

Dear Revd Kathie,

On behalf of the Catholic community of the Sacred Heart and St Patrick, Sowerby Bridge, and the Good Shepherd, Mytholmroyd, I write to thank you most sincerely for your beautiful card and message of sympathy sent following the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

Your kind words and prayers are deeply appreciated by our whole congregation as we grieve the passing of our Holy Father. It is a source of great consolation to us to know that we are being upheld in prayer by our fellow Christians here in Sowerby Bridge and Hebden Royd, with whom we share so much in faith, witness, and hope.

The bonds of friendship and unity between our churches are a blessing, and your thoughtful gesture has strengthened those bonds.

We send to you and your parishioners our heartfelt gratitude and the assurance of our own prayers. May the Risen Christ fill you with His light and joy in this Eastertide, and may the Holy Spirit guide us all.

Canon Larkin

**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](mailto: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)*

**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.

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.



Vocations Promotor:  
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**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](http://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.

**Sunday 11 May 2025** *Liturgical Colour: White. Year: C(I).*

## Readings at Mass

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### First reading

#### Acts 13:14, 43b-52

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." ' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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### Responsorial Psalm

#### Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R3c

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

***We are his people, the sheep of his flock.***

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us; we belong to him.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

***We are his people, the sheep of his flock.***

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

***We are his people, the sheep of his flock.***

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## **Second reading**

### **Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17**

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

### **John 10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia.

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## **Gospel**

### **John 10:27-30**

At that time: Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'

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