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Sunday 11th + GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus papam:

Pope Leo XIV

With joy and gratitude to God, we have a new pope:

Robert Francis Prevost, who has chosen the name Leo the Fourteenth.

Pope Leo XIV was elected on the fourth ballot of the conclave, a sign of unity and clarity among the cardinal electors. He is 69 years old, born in the United States, and was created a cardinal by Pope Francis in 2023. His pastoral experience, deep theological formation, and long service to the Church have prepared him for this moment of great responsibility.

In choosing the name Leo, the new pope recalls a line of remarkable predecessors. Most notably, Saint Leo the Great, who led the Church in the fifth century with clarity and strength during a time of great turmoil.

We give thanks that, through prayer and discernment, the Holy Spirit has guided the Church once again in choosing a successor to Saint Peter. As Pope Leo XIV now begins his pontificate, I invite you to join in

Prayer: May the Lord bless our new Holy Father with wisdom, courage, and compassion. May he be a shepherd after Christ's own heart, and may his leadership renew the Church in unity and holiness.

Saturday 10 May	5-30pm	VIGIL	Paul Connely [LD]
Sunday 11 May	11-00am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Bill McAdams
Monday 12 May	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Pancras, Martyr	November Dead List 2024/5
Tuesday 13 May	09.30am	Our Lady of Fatima	Bernard Tidswell [A]
Wednesday 14 May		ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	
Thursday 15 May	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List 2024/5
FRIDAY 16 MAY	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List 2024/5
Saturday 17 May	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Elizabeth Williams LD
Sunday 18 May	11-00am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER First Holy Communion	Andrzej Borzyszkowski [A]

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 – 1053 people attended Mass (APRIL).
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 | 06 MAY £460 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.

TODAY SUNDAY: Collection for the Priests' Training Fund

RECEIVED WITH THANKS - £353.10 – given so kindly in lieu of flowers in memory of Mary Devereux whose Requiem Mass took place on 10 March 2025. May she rest in peace. Amen.

LADIES GROUP Donation - £227 – received with thanks for the church.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERAL conference which will take place at Hinsley Hall, Leeds from Tuesday 13 May to Wednesday 14 May –

+ 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 to write to your MP - it takes 30 seconds.

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.

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 20 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. The bishop will preside at a special Liturgical Service in the Cathedral on Tuesday 20 May at 2:00pm. Everyone is warmly invited.

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 27 May** at 12:00noon. Archbishop-elect Sherrington has been an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and Titular Bishop of Hiltā since 14th September 2011. Please pray for him.

ONLINE CATHOLIC DIRECTORY various official Catholic Websites visit
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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) - Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13 May at 7.00 pm in the church hall. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the work we do or becoming a member is welcome to join us.

UPCOMING CHORAL CONCERTS IN BRADFORD

Echoes of Eternity – Music for Choir and Organ

Saturday 14 June, 6pm | Bradford Cathedral

A powerful and uplifting evening of choral music in the stunning setting of Bradford Cathedral, featuring works by Parry, Vierne, Judith Weir, and more with William Campbell at the organ console. Here is where to book tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bfcs/t-yaxljjd>

Handel's Messiah

Saturday 15 November, 7pm | St George's Hall, Bradford

Experience Handel's Messiah performed on period instruments with acclaimed ensemble Baroque in the North – a glorious evening of timeless music.

More information and tickets at: <https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/handels-messiah>

A Yorkshire Christmas

Friday 20 December, 6pm | Price Hall, Bradford Grammar School

Join us for a festive feast of music, carols, brass and Christmas cheer – including guest performances from the brilliant Rothwell Temperance Band. Enjoy a drink from the bar, sing along with familiar favourites, and let the music carry you into the spirit of the season.

Tickets and details: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bfcs/t-eaoeqdm>

VACANCIES

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Columba's Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Start: September 2025. Closing date: Wednesday 14 May 2025. Please contact the Trust HR department for details and to arrange a visit to the school: hr@bcwcat.co.uk

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Francis Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Start: September 2025. Closing date: Wednesday 14 May 2025. Please contact the school office for details and to arrange a visit: office@fra.bcwcat.co.uk

TEACHER OF MFL VACANCY: St. John Fisher Catholic Academy, Harrogate, Start: September 2025. Closing date: Thursday, 08 May 2025. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Paula Deacon, office@sjfchs.org

TEACHER OF MATHS VACANCY: St. Mary's, Menston,

Start: September 2025. Closing date: Friday, 09 May 2025. Further info:

<https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Jo-Anne Hughes, ja.hughes@stmarysmenston.org

ST BEDE'S AND ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, BRADFORD VACANCIES: Recruiting for:

Religious Education Curriculum Leader. TLR 1A (£9,782). Closing date 16/05/2025 and Lay Chaplain. NJC point 19 - 22; 37 hours per week Term Time Only plus 5 days (£26,842 - £28,213 (actual)). Closing date: 09/05/2025. Both roles September start. Details for both posts can be found at:

<https://sbsj.co.uk/vacancies>

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

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

Readings at Mass

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.

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.

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.'

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.

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.'

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

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