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## Sunday 3rd + EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Saturday</b> <b>02 Aug</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>Helena Mazur [A]</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>03 Aug</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>For Anne Bridges [R]</b>
Monday 04 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St John Vianney, Priest	November Dead List 2024/5
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>05 Aug</b>	<b>09.30am</b>	<b>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</b>	<b>Thanks for skilled surgeons (babby Addison)</b>
Wednesday 06 Aug		THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	
Thursday 07 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	Ss Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs	November Dead List 2024/5
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>08 Aug</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>St Dominic, Priest</b>	<b>Marriage of Emma Kate Wisniewski and Robert James Fishpool</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>09 Aug</b>	<b>5-00pm</b> <b>5-30pm</b>	<b>Confession VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Paul Connely [LD]</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10 Aug</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Rosina Sirianni and Pascali Iaconetti [A]</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** – 1020 people attended Mass (July).  
Just keep coming to Mass.

**PARISH GIVING** – thank you for all your support it is very much appreciated.  
**BANKED | 28 JULY £400.00** plus, standing orders **£1415** per month. Thank you.  
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**WITH GREAT JOY**, we announce the forthcoming marriage of **Emma Kate Wisniewski** and **Robert James Fishpool** who will be united in Holy Matrimony on Friday, 8th of August 2025 at 11am. Let us keep Emma and Robert in our prayers as they prepare to enter this sacred covenant, asking God to bless their union with grace, peace, and enduring love.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIV FOR AUGUST 2025** The monthly prayer intentions of the Holy Father have been updated and are now those of Pope Leo XIV. You can access the new intentions here: <https://www.popesprayer.va/july-prayerintention-2025/>.

Pope Leo XIV intention in August: For mutual coexistence.

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD** It is with sadness that I notify you of the death of Fr John Carter, who died Friday 1 August, in St James' Hospital, Leeds. May his dear soul rest in peace.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Angela Forbes, Dame of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great, who died on Wednesday 16 July.

**THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY** is dedicated to the traditional Latin liturgy of the Catholic Church and advances the teachings and practices integral to it. You can sign-up as a Supporter for free but rely on Member subscriptions. Join up and help pass on the ancient Catholic Mass to future generations. Sign-up for Direct Debit and receive a 10% discount. <https://lms.org.uk/join-now>

#### **"AD ORIENTEM": Frequently Asked Questions**

##### **Q: Is the priest turning his back on us?**

A: Not at all. In *ad orientem*, the priest is leading the people in prayer, facing the same direction—toward God. This posture helps avoid the sense that the priest is a "performer," and reminds us that the liturgy is not directed *at us*, but *to God*.

##### **Q: Can people still see and hear what's going on?**

A: Yes! The Liturgy of the Word remains as before, and only the Eucharistic Prayer is prayed *ad orientem*. The words of the Mass remain clear and audible, and missals can help people follow with greater focus and reverence.

##### **Q: Isn't *versus populum* (facing the people) the normal way now?**

A: Both are legitimate. The Roman Missal allows either. The Church has never ruled out *ad orientem*, and in fact assumes it in many rubrics. It is not a question of one being "better," but of what helps the community enter more deeply into prayer.

**ABOUT CHRISTIAN ART** Mission - Christian Art's mission is to offer a pathway to grow closer to God through the beauty of art and the Gospel. Founded by Rev Fr Patrick van der Vorst, he worked at Sotheby's in Bond Street, London. Visit YouTube search Christian Art and visit <https://christian.art/>

**ANNUAL LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** The Annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 27 September. It will begin with the Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:00 Noon at the Shrine located near the Slipper Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a break for Lunch. At 2:30pm there will be a Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, concluding with Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine around 3:30pm.

**SUMMER LAUDATO SI' MINI-PILGRIMAGE** ALL welcome to join our Summer Laudato Si' Mini-Pilgrimage on Saturday 9 August! 11am Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Knaresborough & guided walk to St Robert's Cave and Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag. Sign up via [communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) More information here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/four-seasons-of-creation-laudato-si-mini-pilgrimage-for-summer/>

**FOUNTAINS ABBEY** Mass for the Feast of St Bernard, Wednesday 20 August, 12noon. All welcome. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/fountains-abbey-and-studley-royal-water-garden/events>

**JUBILEE MASSES AT ST STEPHEN'S SKIPTON** Masses for the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year will take place at St Stephen's Skipton, on the following date. Please check the Skipton parish website for times. All welcome. 19 August, 19 September, 8 October, 14 November, 10am, 16 December, 7pm.

**SVP - Small Electrical Appliances Appeal** - We need the following items: microwaves, slow cookers, kettles, steamers, mixers and coffee makers, irons, lamps, heaters, hairdryers, straighteners, music players and televisions. Your donations support families in need, reduce landfill and enable us to upskill volunteers through certified training. At St Vincent's we have a very successful Small Electricals PAT Testing Department. In addition to helping sales throughput in the site shop and eBay, we have also increased the amount we are giving away in "kitchen packs" to those in most need. Please leave your donations in the church porch in the box provided. If you wish to contact the centre directly on 0113 245 0800, St Vincent's, 4 Berking Avenue, LS9 9LF. Thank you.

**JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER VIGIL** St Mary's, Batley are hosting a Prayer Vigil on the 1st Friday of each month in 2025 entitled; "Crucem, Hostia et Virginem" "If we want to grow and to be filled with the love of God, it is necessary to plant our lives firmly on three great realities: the Cross, the Host and the Virgin Mary: crux, hostia, et virgo...these are three mysteries that God gave to the world in order to structure, fructify and sanctify our interior life and to lead us to Jesus." (Cardinal Robert Sarah: "The Power of Silence"). Opportunity for Confession/receiving the Jubilee Indulgence. Next date Friday 5th September.

**ONE & THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE IN SUPPORT OF ST PATRICK'S MISSION** On Saturday, August 9, St Patrick's Mission will be hiking the Yorkshire Three Peaks to support the ongoing ministry in Bradford city centre. We are grateful for anyone who would like to hike with us, or who would like to volunteer to help on the day, or simply donate to the cause! To sign up, <https://www.stpatricksmision.co.uk/event/one-and-three-peak-challenge> or to donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spm-peaks25>.

**ST MARK'S WAY ON THE NATIONAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE** begins on Saturday 6 September with 8am Mass at Leeds Cathedral. Walk all or part of the way between the Cathedral and the Jubilee Pilgrimage Church of St Austin in Wakefield. See Diocesan website The National Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope starts at Leeds Cathedral: be part of it! | Diocese of Leeds.

## **VACANCIES**

**CATHOLIC CARE ARE RECRUITING:** Social Media and Communications Co-ordinator - Salary: £28,726 - £30,163 (Pro Rata), based at Head Office in Leeds. Closing Date: 10 August 2025 please contact [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk) for an application form.

**APPRENTICE ASSISTANT TO LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY:** Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start: September 2025 or as soon after Closing date: Monday 25 August 2025. Further info: please visit <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Louise Jackson [l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk](mailto:l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk)

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Readings at Mass can be found at: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)  
**Sunday 3 August 2025** *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: C(I).*

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**First reading Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R 7c, 8a**

***O that today you would listen to his voice!***

***'Harden not your hearts.'***

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;  
let us hail him with a song of praise. R

O come; let us bow and bend low.  
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,  
for he is our God, and we the people,  
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. R

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your forebears put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R

**Second reading Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

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. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Matthew 5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Alleluia.

### **Gospel Luke 12:13-21**

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' " But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.'

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