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## Sunday 10th + NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 09 Aug	5-30pm	VIGIL	Paul Connely [LD]
Sunday 10 Aug	11-00am	NINETEENTH SUNDAY	Rosina Sirianni and Pascali Iaconetti [A]
Monday 11 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Clare	November Dead List 2024/5
Tuesday 12 Aug	09.30am	St Jane Frances de Chantal	Darren Bruce [R]
Wednesday 13 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	Ss Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	Missa pro populo
Thursday 14 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	Angelo Iaconetti [A]
◆FRIDAY◆ 15 Aug	09.30am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	Thomas Francis Ambrose [A]
Saturday 16 Aug	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Baby Addison - Critically ill
Sunday 17 Aug	11-00am	TWENTIETH SUNDAY	Brian Gordon Hume [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** – 910 people attended Mass (July).  
Just keep coming to Mass.

**PARISH GIVING** – thank you for all your support it is very much appreciated.  
**BANKED | 04 Aug. 25 £345.00** plus, standing orders **£1415** per month. Thank you.  
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### ◆ FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST ◆ THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*A Holy Day of Obligation – A Day of Heavenly Joy*

On this most glorious solemnity, the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, we lift our eyes and hearts heavenward, contemplating that wondrous moment when Our Lady, the purest of creatures and Mother of God, was taken body and soul into the glory of Heaven. A foretaste of our own resurrection, this feast is a sign of hope and a radiant promise for all the faithful.

The Church has long held, with deep devotion and ancient tradition, that the Mother of the Redeemer did not undergo the corruption of the grave, but was assumed into the celestial courts, crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth

by her divine Son. Pope Pius XII solemnly defined this truth in 1950, though the faithful had believed it for centuries, drawn by the light of the early Fathers and the poetry of the liturgy.

I warmly invite you to honour this Holy Day of Obligation by joining me at Holy Mass:

**+ 09:30 AM at Sacred Heart & St Patrick, Sowerby Bridge** or should the later hour better suit your day,

**+ 12 Noon at The Good Shepherd**

Let us gather as the family of God to celebrate Mary's glorification—a singular privilege that flows from her immaculate love and perfect obedience. Come and rejoice in the Queen who reigns above, the lowly handmaid exalted by the Lord. "O Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee!"

**STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - ACTION NEEDED** The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. ***Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers) to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!***

**THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY** is dedicated to the traditional Latin liturgy of the Catholic Church. 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": Voices from the Early Church — Eastward Prayer in the Fathers**

The practice of facing East in prayer, which we are rediscovering in the *ad orientem* celebration of the Holy Mass, is not a recent preference but an ancient expression of Christian worship. The Church Fathers—those bishops, theologians, and saints of the first centuries—spoke frequently of **turning to the East** as a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World and the direction of His anticipated return.

Here is a powerful voice from our tradition:

**St. Basil the Great (4th Century)** "It is not without reason or by chance that we turn to the East to pray.

Since God is light, and in Scripture Christ is called the Sun of Justice and the Orient, it is necessary to look to the East... to show that our souls are turned toward the true light." (From *On the Holy Spirit*, c. 375 AD)

**Reflection:** Facing East was understood not merely as custom, but as an embodied profession of faith in Christ the Risen and Returning Lord.

**2025 RUSHBEARING** will take place on the weekend of the 6/7 of September.

The Rushcart will arrive at church on **Saturday 06 between 12.45 and stay till 13.35.**

**Saturday Route** – <https://rushbearing.com/this-years-rushbearing/route-schedule/>

	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
1	10:00 St John's Church	10:45
2	11:00 Warley Village / Maypole Inn	11:30
3	11:45 Hill Crest Bowling Club	12:30
4	<b>12:45 St Patrick's Church / Shepherd's Rest Inn</b>	<b>13:30</b>

The tradition of the Rushbearing Festival in Sowerby Bridge is deeply intertwined with the local church communities, notably Sacred Heart and St Patrick's. While the festival had its modern revival during the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, its spiritual and communal significance dates back much further. Historically, churches had earthen floors, and parishioners would carry rushes to the church to refresh the floor covering. Over time, this act of bringing rushes to the church transformed into the festive parade.

### **Rushbearing Festival – A Call for Bakers and Helpers**

As we prepare for the joy and tradition of the Rushbearing Festival, we warmly invite anyone who is willing to bake **buns, tarts, biscuits, tray bakes or other sweet treats** to kindly contribute to our parish stall. These will be sold on the day to raise much-appreciated funds, and your generosity will make all the difference.

If you can help by baking, please let **Fiona** know **as soon as possible**.

Additionally, any offers of **help on the day itself**, from **10:00am onwards**, would be most gratefully received. I also extend a heartfelt invitation to **join us for the Rushbearing Festival on Saturday, 6th September at 12:30pm**. It promises to be a wonderful gathering. More details will follow next week. Thank you for your continued support and cheerful willingness to help.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Sunday 10 August 2025** *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: C(I).*  
**Readings at Mass**

**First reading Wisdom 18:6-9**

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 33(32):1,12. 18-19. 20, 22. R12b

***Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.***

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting from the upright.  
Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his heritage.

***Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.***

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their soul from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

***Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.***

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
He is our help and our shield.  
May your merciful love be upon us,  
as we hope in you, O Lord.

***Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.***

**Second reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19**

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, 'Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.' He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

**Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42a, 44**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Stay awake and be ready,  
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel Luke 12:32-48**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you,

he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, “My master is delayed in coming”, and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.’

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