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Sunday 17th + TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 16 Aug	5-30pm	VIGIL	Baby Addison - Critically ill
Sunday 17 Aug	11-00am	TWENTIETH SUNDAY	Brian Gordon Hume [A]
Monday 18 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2024/5
Tuesday 19 Aug	09.30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2024/5
Wednesday 20 Aug		St Bernard	Miss Gill [A]
Thursday 21 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Pius X	November Dead List 2024/5
FRIDAY 22 Aug	09.30am	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Timothy Larkin [AB]
Saturday 23 Aug	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Kathleen MM Larkin [AB]
Sunday 24 Aug	11-00am	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	November Dead List 2024/5

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 – 890 people attended Mass (July).

Just keep coming to Mass.

PARISH GIVING – thank you for all your support it is very much appreciated.

BANKED | 11 Aug. 25 £445.00 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.

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 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. John of Damascus (8th Century) “It is because we are awaiting Him that we adore Him facing East. That is the unwritten tradition of the Apostles, for they handed many things down to us without writing.”

(From *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, IV, 12)

Reflection: St. John highlights that this practice stems not only from theological reasoning, but from **apostolic tradition**. It links us to how the earliest Christians worshipped.

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/>

	Arrive	Depart
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	12:45 St Patrick's Church / Shepherd's Rest Inn	13:30

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.

Thank you for your continued support and cheerful willingness to help.

THE SVP will be having a tombola stall at the annual Rush Bearing Festival on Saturday 6 September to raise money for our good causes. We are appealing to our parishioners to donate any unwanted gifts. toiletries, bottles etc for prizes for our stall. A box will be in the church porch for donations. Your support is appreciated. Thank you.

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 17 August 2025 Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: C(I).

Readings at Mass

First reading Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days: The officials said to the king, 'Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.' King Zedekiah said, 'Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.' So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king, 'My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.' Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, 'Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40(39):2. 3. 4. 18. R14b *Lord, make haste to help me!*

I waited, I waited for the Lord,
and he stooped down to me.
He heard my cry.

Lord, make haste to help me!

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock,
made my footsteps firm.

Lord, make haste to help me!

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

Lord, make haste to help me!

Wretched and poor though I am,
the Lord is mindful of me.
You are my rescuer, my help;

O my God, do not delay.

Lord, make haste to help me!

Second reading Hebrews 12:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 12:49-53

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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