

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 24th + TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 23 Aug	5-30pm	VIGIL	Kathleen MM Larkin [AB]
Sunday 24 Aug	11-00am	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	Missa pro populo
Monday 25 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2024/5
Tuesday 26 Aug	09.30am	Bl Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest	Mark Thompson [LD]
Wednesday 27 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Monica	November Dead List 2024/5
Thursday 28 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Pro Natalia, salus mentis et corporis
FRIDAY 29 Aug	09.30am	The Passion of St John the Baptist, Martyr	Karl Heinz Nagal [A]
Saturday 30 Aug	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Thanks for all who prayed for Addison's recovery
Sunday 31 Aug	11-00am	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY	Stephen Joyce [A]

**Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass (From 11.45 - 12.45)**

**WELCOME** to our parish, looking toward the altar and the Heart of the church where the priest celebrates Mass in the midst of the congregation, the great image of Christ on the cross is there to remind you that he died that we might have life and that having risen from the dead he draws us with him into Resurrection - you can trust completely in Him. 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 | 18 Aug. 25 £390.00** 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.

**A WORD OF THANKS** Our heartfelt gratitude is extended to the Ladies' Group for their most generous donation of **£200** towards parish funds. In their kindness, diligence, and devotion, these good daughters of the Church embody that spirit of charity and service which so beautifully adorns the Body of Christ. May their generosity bear fruit in abundance, and may the Lord, who sees what is done in love, bless them richly.

**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. **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** 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:

**Tertullian (3rd Century)** “In our prayers we look toward the East... We pray looking toward the place of paradise, as a symbolic act.” (From *Apology*, Chapter 16)

**Reflection:** Tertullian sees Eastward prayer as **symbolic of paradise**, the home from which humanity fell and to which Christ restores us.

**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.**

**Rushbearing Festival – A Call for Bakers and Helpers** As we prepare for the tradition of the Rushbearing Festival, we warmly invite anyone who is willing to bake **buns, tarts, 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 support and 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.

**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.

**PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS** Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm- 8.15pm: 19 September (Hinsley Hall), 17 October (Hinsley Hall), 14 November (Cathedral Hall), 19 December (Hinsley Hall).

Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge [simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**PERMANENT DIACONATE MASS** As St Francis of Assisi's memorial, who was a deacon, is on Saturday 4 October, Bishop Marcus will be celebrating the 12.00 Mass at Leeds Cathedral in thanksgiving for the permanent diaconate in our Diocese. Clergy and lay faithful are invited to attend this celebration, especially men who may be discerning their possible vocation to the diaconate. Let us take this opportunity to pray for our permanent deacons and for vocations to the diaconate in our diocese.

**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 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.

### **CATHOLIC FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

In the ebb and flow of life, there are some topics we instinctively shy away from, and one of those is the inevitable journey towards our own end. Though the thought of our mortality may be daunting, a small gesture of preparation can make a world of difference, particularly to those who mourn our passing. By engaging in a heart-to-heart conversation with our loved ones about our final wishes, we can offer them comfort and clarity in a time of grief. Consider discussing preferences for your Requiem Mass or funeral Service, your chosen Hymns, and Scripture Readings. These intimate details will not only reflect your personal faith journey but will also provide solace and direction to those you leave behind. Once decisions have been made, we recommend penning down these arrangements and placing them alongside your important documents in a safe location. In doing so, you provide guidance when it's needed most, ensuring that, even in absence, your love and thoughtfulness continues to guide and comfort.

**Sunday 24 August 2025** *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: C(I).*

### **First reading Isaiah 66:18-21**

Thus says the Lord: 'For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues.

And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them.

And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory.

And they shall declare my glory among the nations.

And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters

and on mules and on dromedaries,

to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the Lord,

'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord.

And some of them also

I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 117(116):1. 2. R̥ Mark 16:15**  
***Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.***

O praise the Lord, all you nations;  
acclaim him, all you peoples! R̥

For his mercy has prevailed over us;  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. R̥

**Second reading Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**John 14:6**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

**Gospel Luke 13:22-30**

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

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The Gospel reminds us that the way into God's Kingdom is through the *narrow door*, which is Christ Himself. This path cannot be entered while carrying with us the burdens of anger, violence, or divisive loyalties. Symbols, slogans, and allegiances are never neutral: if they oppose peace, charity, and truth, they cannot pass through the door of Christ.

As Christians, we are called to discernment and to clothe ourselves with humility, compassion, and love, which alone fit through the narrow way. Any attachment that diminishes the dignity of others or

contradicts the Gospel must be set aside, so that we may enter freely into the banquet of the Kingdom, welcomed by the Lord who is Himself our peace.

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