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## Sunday 14th + THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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| <b>Saturday<br/>13 Sept</b> | <b>5-30pm</b>            | <b>VIGIL</b>                                                  | <b>Willie Govarn [LD]</b>        |
| <b>Sunday<br/>14 Sept</b>   | <b>11-00am</b>           | <b>THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS</b><br><i>Education Sunday</i> | <b>November Dead List 2024/5</b> |
| Monday<br>15 Sept           | NO PUBLIC<br>MASS        | Our Lady of Sorrows                                           | November Dead List 2024/5        |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>16 Sept</b>  | <b>09.30am</b>           | <b>Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,<br/>Bishop, Martyrs</b>   | <b>November Dead List 2024/5</b> |
| Wednesday<br>17 Sept        |                          | St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and<br>Doctor of the Church      |                                  |
| Thursday<br>18 Sept         | NO PUBLIC<br>MASS        | Weekday in Ordinary Time                                      | November Dead List 2024/5        |
| <b>Friday<br/>19 Sept</b>   | <b>09.30am</b>           | <b>St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop</b>                      | <b>Maureen O'Donnell [LD]</b>    |
| <b>Saturday<br/>20 Sept</b> | <b>5-00pm<br/>5-30pm</b> | <b>Confession<br/>VIGIL MASS</b>                              | <b>Mary Oldfield [LD]</b>        |
| <b>Sunday<br/>21 Sept</b>   | <b>11-00am</b>           | <b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN<br/>ORDINARY TIME</b>               | <b>Rosemary Ann Foster [A]</b>   |

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

**PLEASE NOTE: NO VIGIL MASS - SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER**

**WELCOME** to our parish, thank you for your visit and may you travel on in safety.

**MASS ATTENDANCE 2025** – 895 people attended Mass (August). **Just keep coming to Mass**

**PARISH GIVING** – thank you for all your support.

**BANKED | 08 September £780.00** plus, standing orders **£1415** per month. Thank you.

**THIS SUNDAY:** Collection for the Catholic Education Service

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Collection for Evangelii Gaudium Day

**Standing Order** - 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. You can complete a Gift Aid form here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/gift-aid-declaration/>. With very grateful thanks for your generosity to the parish.

**TODAY EDUCATION SUNDAY** (13/14 September). The lectern address gives us the chance to celebrate the successes of our schools, promote our upcoming open days and admissions process, and highlight the important role of the foundation governor.

Below are the names of the people to deliver the addresses:

| Mass Time | Church          | Speaker           | Role               |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 5:30pm    | Sacred Heart SB | Alex Hudson-Crook | Headteacher        |
| 11:00am   | Sacred Heart SB | Jo Woodhead       | Chair of Governors |

**OVERGATE HOSPICE** Midnight Walk, which will take place on **Saturday 13 September**.

As part of this year's walk, the church hall will be a checkpoint at the 5-mile mark. This will be a place for walkers to take a short break, grab a hot drink and biscuit, and use the facilities before heading off on the final leg of the walk back to the Piece Hall.

**2025 RUSHBEARING** I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making this year's Rushbearing Festival such a joyful and memorable occasion. Whether through the careful planning of organisers, the dedication of our volunteers, or the warm presence of all who attended, the festival shone as a true celebration of our shared life together. Particular gratitude is owed to those who took on the responsibility of running the individual stalls and groups. Your hard work not only provided enjoyment on the day but has also brought about a most encouraging financial outcome for our parish and community life:

|              | 2023   | 2024    | 2025   |
|--------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Bar Profit   | 255.70 | 311.00  | 355.00 |
| SVP          | 155.00 | 163.50  | 160.00 |
| Ladies Group | 401.00 | 1016.00 | 818.81 |

These figures are a testament to the generosity of those who supported the stalls and the tireless commitment of those who staffed them. The growth we have seen year by year in many areas is most encouraging. This festival is not only about raising funds, though important as that is, but also about keeping alive the traditions that bind us together across generations. For all who played a part—large or small—please accept my sincere thanks.

**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.

### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

#### **Friday 26 September**

09.30 - Mass in church followed by departure for Walsingham

18.30 - Evening Meal in the Dining Room (booked)

20.00 - Pilgrim Service (with own Parish Priest) (Parish Church - Village)

#### **Saturday 27 September**

08.00 Morning Prayer (Self-led) (Parish Church - Village)

08-09.00 Breakfast in the Dining Room

11.00 Rosary & Confessions (Chapel of Reconciliation - Shrine)

12 Noon Mass with the Bishop followed by lunch at 13.00

14:30 Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, at 15:30 Vespers and Benediction

**HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** A date and time for your child's Baptism can be provisionally given once you have completed the parish form and established a relationship with the parish. The choice of godparents is important. A godparent is a role model for your child by living a fully Christian life, there are usually two godparents. Godparents must be at least 16yrs of age, practising Catholics and should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents are responsible for instructing and forming their children in both the teaching and practice of the Catholic faith. Although Catholic schools exist to help parents in this regard, they are not a substitute for it. The best instruction that you can give your child is through commitment to the Mass. As you make this request for your child, it should also be a

reality in your own life. If after reading this information you feel ready to present, your child to the Church for Baptism please see Canon Larkin after Mass for Pre-Baptism form.

**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>

**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)

### **ST ALBAN'S – A YEAR OF CATECHESIS**

*St Alban's Croft, Halifax HX3 0AZ*

We are delighted to announce “**A Year of Catechesis**” at St Alban's — a wonderful opportunity to deepen our knowledge of the faith, guided by the wisdom of our priests. Each evening will offer a chance to learn, reflect, and grow together as a parish family.

The talks will take place in the parish hall on **Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm**, followed by **Holy Mass at 7:00pm**.

#### **Programme of Talks 2025/26**

- **14 October** – Fr Simon Lodge: *Marian Dogmas*
- **11 November** – Mgr. David Smith: *Death, Judgement, Hell and Heaven*
- **10 February** – Fr Benjamin Hilton: *The Saints*
- **10 March** – Fr David Reilly: *The Church's Faith*
- **28 April** – Fr Andrew Bowden: *The Good Life and How to Live It*
- **2 June** – Fr Sean Elliott: *The Sacred Liturgy*

Come and join in discovering the riches of Catholic teaching and how it shapes our lives today.

Let us listen, to learn, and to be renewed in the faith.

“All the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord—each in their own way—to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect.” (*Lumen Gentium*, 11)

**SURVEY FOR ALL THOSE ENGAGED WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** We are now asking every diocese to help us share a new survey inviting everyone engaged with the Catholic Church, including Clergy, Religious (Consecrated Life), Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Employees, Volunteers and Parishioners to contribute their experiences. The aim of this survey is better understand how the Catholic Church engages with Survivors.

Information regarding this survey can be found

here: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB\\_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm\\_9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VkNDTzg5OS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm_9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VkNDTzg5OS4u)

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE** for what will be a night of lively music, dancing and entertainment.

#### **St Mary's Parish Ceilidh - Friday, 3 October at Pellon Social Club Halifax**

*No dance experience?* No problem. You'll be guided through the easy-to-follow-dances. *Two left feet?* No problem. It adds to the fun factor. *Low on energy?* No problem. Half-time supper will be provided to recharge your batteries plus Bar available to keep you refreshed throughout the evening. Ticket price: £20 (inc. supper). Cash only please. As well as tickets being on sale after our Sunday Masses (9:30am and 11am St Mary's and 6pm St Alban's), tickets can be arranged by contacting Julie Anderson on 07599 084360.

**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.

#### **CATENIANS: FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIP**

Meet formally each month on the third Tuesday plus whenever another event has been arranged. Membership is open to any catholic men but wives/partners are encouraged to always be involved. Details about the association can be found at <https://thecatenians.uk> or you may wish to speak to our Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

**MARGARET SILF DAY OF REFLECTION** Prolific writer and retreat leader Margaret Silf's next retreat day is entitled 'Finding solid ground in times of turbulent change'. Wednesday 17 September at The Briery, Ilkley. £50pp including all resources, refreshments and a home-cooked 2 course lunch. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**"WHEN SUFFERING HAPPENS, MAKE MEANING!"** Dr Dorothy Jonaitis of Loyola University will lead a retreat afternoon offering an opportunity to reflect upon journeys of faith and how healing can take shape, using prayer, art and music. 1.00pm-5.30pm Sunday 5 October. £15pp at The Briery, Ilkley. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**"DELVE INTO THE BIBLE"** Dr Dorothy Jonaitis of Loyola University, Chicago, will lead a workshop exploring the reality of biblical authorship, the importance of context - audience, geography, and timeframe - and different translations. 10:00am - 3:00pm Saturday 11 October at Hinsley Hall. £20pp including lunch. For more information and to book contact [catechist.christtheeking@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:catechist.christtheeking@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**HOW DO WE SUSTAIN HOPE IN TODAY'S WORLD?** Saturday 11 October 10:30 – 4pm at Hinsley Hall A one day retreat on hope with Fr Luis Orlando Perez Jimenez SJ. Organised by SPARK Social Justice. See [www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk](http://www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk) for more details – sign up required as places are very limited.

**CATHEDRAL CHOIR FUNDRAISING CONCERT** Join the Senior Girls Choir of Leeds Cathedral for a concert raising funds for the Diocese's Schools Singing Programme. Thursday 18 September, 7pm, Leeds Cathedral – includes Pergolesi's Stabat Mater. Tickets (£10) available on the door or at <https://dolmusic.uk/stabat-mater-2025>

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2025** Prayer, fasting and (current 'buffer-zone-law'-compliant) peaceful vigil in support of the unborn, their mothers, fathers and families. 7am-7pm daily from 24 September to 2 November. More info here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/40-days-for-life-2025/> Contact Chris via 07815 681343 & [40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlife@gmail.com)

**PARISH RETREAT WEEKEND 'BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS':** 19 – 21 September at The Briery, Ilkley. Spaces are available for individuals to join this parish weekend. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

#### **VACANCIES**

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Brighouse. Start: January 2026. Closing date: Wednesday 17th September 2025. Apply at <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148480/EDV-2025-SJCPA-69041>. For further information, contact Helen Blanchard, [h-blanchard@bpstrust.org.uk](mailto:h-blanchard@bpstrust.org.uk)

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#### **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - FEAST**

**Sunday 14 September 2025** *Liturgical Colour: Red. Year: C(I).*

**Readings at Mass**

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**First reading Numbers 21:4b-9**

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 78(77):1-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38. R cf. 7b**

***Never forget the deeds of the Lord!***

Give ear, my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ear to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable  
and utter hidden lessons of the past. R

When he slew them, then they sought him,  
repented and earnestly sought God.  
They would remember that God was their rock,  
God the Most High their redeemer. R

Yet they deceived him with their mouths;  
they lied to him with their tongues.  
For their hearts were not steadfast towards him;  
they were not faithful to his covenant. R

Yet he who is full of compassion  
forgave them their sin and spared them.  
So often he held back his anger,  
and did not stir up all his rage. R

**Second reading Philippians 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel John 3:13-17**

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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