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Sunday 28th + TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 27 Sept		NO VIGIL	12 Noon Mass with the Bishop in Walsingham - Missa pro populo
Sunday 28 Sept	11-00am	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY	Blessed Fredric Ozanam [SVP]
Monday 29 Sept	NO PUBLIC MASS	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS FEAST	November Dead List 2024/5
Tuesday 30 Sept	09-30am	St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	St Vincent de Paul
Wednesday 01 Oct		St Therese of Lisieux, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	November Dead List 2024/5
Thursday 02 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	The Holy Guardian Angels	November Dead List 2024/5
Friday 03 Oct	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen Larkin [A 2005]
Saturday 04 Oct	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Bill Lavene [A]
Sunday 05 Oct	11-00am	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY	Miss Gill [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 – 895 people attended Mass (August). **Just keep coming to Mass**

PARISH GIVING – thank you for all your support.

BANKED | 22 September £465.00 plus, standing orders **£1415** per month. Thank you.

Collection for Evangelii Gaudium Day **£74.60**. Thank you.

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.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - FURTHER ACTION NEEDED Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT the annual count of Mass attendance will be made over the last two weekends of September (20/21 and 27/28) and the first two weekends of October (4/5 and 11/12). This allows for parishes to avoid the weekends of the school half-term holiday. Figures will be returned to Bishop's House as part of the annual pastoral statistics which will be submitted in January.

TICKETS 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

You'll be guided through the easy-to-follow-dances. Half-time supper will be provided to recharge your batteries plus Bar available throughout the evening. Ticket price: £20 (inc. supper). Cash only please. Tickets can be arranged by contacting Julie Anderson on 07599 084360.

THE ORION CHOIR is making a very welcome return visit to St BERNARD'S CHURCH HX3 6DL on SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER at 7.30pm. Music to include Rachmaninov- All Night Vigil /Vespers (excerpts) Tchaikovsky- Cherubic Hymn Byrd - Ave Verum Rusby - Underneath the stars. Entrance by voluntary donation- suggested at £15(funds to church and choir). The concert will be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

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 speak to our Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

"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

"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.christtheking@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME Free Guided Tours will take place on: Saturday 4 October, starting at 2.00pm; Saturday 8 November, at 1.30pm; and Saturday 13 December, at 1.30pm. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral

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 for more details – sign up required as places are very limited.

LIVING SIMPLY There are countless wonderful holiday spots in Europe easily reached by train. European trains are fast, reliable and they deposit you in the centre of your destination. Some who don't want to give up flying altogether have decided to stay grounded just for a year. If flight numbers fall, the argument against airport expansion will be strengthened. For more information see www.flightfree.co.uk.

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: 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

A YEAR OF CATECHESIS at *St Alban's Croft, Halifax HX3 0AZ* — a wonderful opportunity to deepen our 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)

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.

ANNUAL SERVICE AT KILLINGBECK CEMETERY NOVEMBER – Month of the Holy Souls: Sunday 9 November at 2.30pm. All the Diocese are invited to come to the cemetery and pray for the deceased members of the Diocese and extended family. The service, led by Canon Patrick Wall, Dean of East Leeds, will be in the chapel with readings, hymns, and rosary. Weather permitting, we will walk around the clergy circle reciting the rosary.

CELEBRATING LAUDATO SI Mini-Pilgrimage to Kirkstall Abbey: Saturday 20 October 12:45 – 4pm. Join people from across the northern dioceses for this 4.7mile pilgrimage from Leeds City Station to Kirkstall abbey – mainly following the towpath of the Leeds & Liverpool canal. Full details on the Justice & Peace website www.leedsjp.org.uk

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR – Join the Sacred Heart & St. Patrick's Ladies Group on our trip from Sunday, 7 December to Tuesday, 9 December, at a cost of £345 per person (half-board). We travel directly to our destination without any en-route pick-ups. For more details visit www.Thursford.com or contact Marion (Chair of the Ladies Group) at 07873 907645.

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.

MARK 10 MISSION ROSARY CHALLENGE Pray the Rosary with Archbishop John Wilson and The Mark 10 Mission this October. The Rosary Challenge invites you to pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. The Mark 10 Mission has created beautiful online videos for each mystery of the Holy Rosary, led by Archbishop John. To watch the videos and learn more, please visit www.themark10mission.co.uk or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel @themark10mission

VACANCIES

LTU FUNDED SCHOLARSHIP Leeds Trinity University is inviting applications for a funded (Leeds Church Institute) scholarship in Ethics, Theology, Philosophy or related discipline to undertake a Masters by Research. Please contact Dr Ann Marie Mealey, Director of Catholic Mission at Leeds Trinity University for an informal discussion and the application details: a.mealey@leedstrinity.ac.uk or search for the advert on jobs.ac.uk.

CATHOLIC CARE IS RECRUITING CARE BANK SUPPORT WORKERS IN SKIPTON Post: Care Bank / Flexible (Shifts to include weekends and bank holidays) Location: Skipton. Salary Details £14.12 per hour inclusive. Please send CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

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Sunday 28 September 2025

Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: C(I). Readings at Mass

First reading Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. 'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146(145): 7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R5a

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. R

It is the Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,
the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. R

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age. R

Second reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.
Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." '

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