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Sunday 19th + TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 18 Oct	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Emily Power [A]
Sunday 19 Oct	11-00am	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY World Mission Sunday	John Morley [A]
Monday 20 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2024/5
Tuesday 21 Oct	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Ray Norton [A]
Wednesday 22 Oct		St John Paul II, Pope	
Thursday 23 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	St John Capistrano, Priest	Billy Shine [A]
Friday 24 Oct	09-30am	St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	Private Intention (i)
Saturday 25 Oct	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Mary Oldfield [LD]
Sunday 26 Oct	11-00am	THIRTIETH SUNDAY	Missa pro populo

Deanery Sunday Masses St Mary's Halifax - 9:30am & 11am | Sunday St Alban's 6pm
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 – 674 people attended Mass (September). **Just keep coming to Mass**

PARISH GIVING – thank you for all your support.

BANKED | 13 Oct 2025 £481.00 plus, standing orders **£1415** per month. Thank you.

THIS SUNDAY Collection for Association for the Propagation of the Faith

World Mission Sunday 19 October 2025 On this day, the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. Thank you for your ongoing support of Mission through prayer and charity. Please do all you can to celebrate this day in solidarity with the whole Church. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit: <https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday-2025/>

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.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER is associated with prayer for the Holy Souls. Masses will be offered throughout the year for those whose names are on the November Dead List. Envelopes are available for this purpose at the back of the church. Place a printed list with the names of your deceased relatives and friends, in the envelope together with your offering. Once the list has been closed at the end of October, the offerings are made into £10-00 Mass intentions and celebrated throughout the year. The Envelopes can be handed to the parish priest or one of the stewards. Last year **103** Masses were offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the parish. Return the envelope before Sunday **26 October** thank you.

NOVEMBER CEMETERY SERVICES I invite you to join me at both services.

Sowerby Bridge Cemetery Saturday 1 November at 3pm – our annual observance when we pray the rosary and process through the cemetery visiting the graves of family friends and parishioners. We remember all those buried in this cemetery - Requiescant in Pace.

Stoney Royd Cemetery Halifax Sunday 2 November at 3pm - Since the beginning of Christianity it has been a practice to honour the dead by visitations to the place of burial. We return to remember all those buried in this cemetery - Requiescant in Pace.

LADIES GROUP CRAFT STALL The Ladies Group will be hosting a **Craft Stall** in the Parish Hall **after Mass on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings**, beginning the **weekend of 25th October**.

Come along for **tea and coffee**, enjoy a chat, and browse the lovely handmade crafts on offer. All are warmly invited — it's a wonderful opportunity to support our parish community

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME Free Guided Tours will take place on: 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

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.

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: 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. 11 November** – Mgr. David Smith: *Death, Judgement, Hell and Heaven* Come and join in discovering the riches of Catholic teaching and how it shapes our lives today.

MARK 10 MISSION ROSARY CHALLENGE Pray the Rosary with Archbishop John Wilson and The Mark 10 Mission this 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

"THE CREED IS OUR BONES" The Archdiocese of Southwark recently held a Day for Catechists, with the keynote address titled *"The Creed is Our Bones."* It was an inspiring gathering for all who seek to deepen and strengthen their faith and to be better equipped in sharing it with others.

The event was filmed, and you can watch the full talk (just under an hour) on YouTube:

https://youtu.be/H33PAv_T_mU?si=KnVZop-3u6MX22OL

You may also wish to explore Universalis, a wonderful online and app resource for the daily Mass readings, the Divine Office, and much more: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

Please do have a look, benefit from these excellent resources, and encourage others to do the same.

The weekly podcasts

Here are the episodes which have come out since the last newsletter. You can listen by clicking on the link. Each is around 20 minutes long.

[21 September](#): Saint Matthew and his Gospel. Why have Gospels? Why have three synoptic Gospels? The madness of "Q". Can investment bankers be saved?

[28 September](#): The week of the angels and the crack in the clouds. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, and the Guardian Angels. St Jerome; the Brazilian Martyrs of Natal. St Thérèse of Lisieux and St Francis of Assisi. A report on the Southwark Day for Catechists.

[5 October](#): The prophet Jonah. Saint Abraham. Saint John Henry Newman.

[12 October](#): Two kinds of outsiders: lepers, and gentiles. The God-fearers. Blessed John Beyzym and the lepers of Madagascar. This Sunday in Brazil: Our Lady of Aparecida and the unexpected people whose patron she is. Devotions to "Our Lady Of" worldwide: incarnation implies location. Keeping popular piety under control. Irish missionaries, Saint Gall and the bear. Saint Teresa turning the Carmelites into Carmelites. Dr Saint Luke being polite about doctors.

More than ten thousand people listen to the podcast, from all over the world. Sometimes by themselves in the car, sometimes sitting at home with the whole family.

If you haven't listened yet, do. If you have, and you like it, **tell all your friends.**

- [Here is a link to the Podcasts page](#). You will find all the podcasts listed there. There are over 80 of them by now.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS Please join the Franciscan Friars (CFR's) at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "Called to Holiness: The Second Vatican Council after 60 Years". Upcoming dates November 1, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 7, and May 2. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a reflection on the Second Vatican Council documents, Confessions and Eucharistic adoration, concluding around 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM A date and time for your child's Baptism can be arranged once you have completed the parish form and begun to establish a relationship with the parish community. The choice of godparents is very important, as they are called to be role models in the Christian life. Normally, two godparents are chosen; they must be practising Catholics, at least 16 yrs old, and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Parents have the primary responsibility of handing on the faith to their children, both in teaching and in practice. Catholic schools exist to support you in this task, but they cannot replace your example, especially your faithful commitment to the Mass, which is the best instruction you can give your child. If, after reflecting on this, you wish to present your child for Baptism, please see Canon Larkin after Mass for the Pre-Baptism form.

DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR welcomes all parish musicians, parishioners, choir parents, friends, and all school/Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals will take place at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown, 2pm - 3.30pm on 2 November and 16 November, working towards singing Mass in Leeds Cathedral on Sunday, 30th November 2025. Music will include pieces by Mozart and Bruckner. For more information email: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

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 until 2 November. More info here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/40-days-for-life-2025/> Contact Chris via 07815 681343 & 40daysforlife@gmail.com

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.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION EVENING Ever thought of going on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes volunteering as a nurse or as part of the hospitality team but want to know more, then you are invited to an information evening about the roles and pilgrimage. Hinsley Hall, Monday 1 December, 7pm. For more information, please email Phil Marshall on lourdes.enquires@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 07766 148375. To register interest please email recruitment.lourdes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, or simply turn up on the evening

CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AGENCY (CSSA) Survivors' Survey: As part of a thematic audit of survivor engagement, the CSSA is actively seeking insight from those who have lived experience of abuse and is carrying out a public call for information. This is an opportunity for anybody with information to share with the CSSA (anonymously if you wish).

To find out more about the CSSA's current public call for information, and how you can complete a survey, please visit their dedicated webpage <https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information/>

NEURODIVERSITY AND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH is the subject of research being conducted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you. Your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to fill in our short surveys look here: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

VACANCIES

Catholic Care Recruitment - Children's Residential Home, Keighley Senior Residential Childcare Support Workers: £34,163 – £35,668, Residential Childcare Support Workers: £32,265 – £33,674. (Salaries includes 8 sleep-ins per month). Permanent, full time (Bank positions also available.) Please contact recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk Roles also attract a welcome bonus payment of £500. (£250 on starting & £250 on successful completion of probation period). The welcome bonus applies to experienced residential workers. Driver is essential.

Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College Clerk to Corporation, *Start:* Ideally February 2026.

Closing date: 9am Monday 3 November 2025. For further info please follow this link;

<http://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Vicky Winterburn, v.winterburn@notredamecoll.ac.uk

Sunday 19 October 2025 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: C(I).*

Readings at Mass

First reading Exodus 17:8-13

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his

hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121(120):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R cf. 2

***Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.***

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. R

He will keep your foot from stumbling.
Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. R

The Lord your guard, the Lord your shade
at your right hand.
By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night. R

The Lord will guard you from evil;
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming,
both now and for ever. R

Second reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of God is living and active,
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there

was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." '

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Deanery Mass Times - <http://www.halifax-deanery.org.uk/halifax-deanery-parish-websites/>

Diocese www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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