



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 26th + THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 25 Oct	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Mary Oldfield [LD]
Sunday 26 Oct	11-00am	THIRTIETH SUNDAY	Missa pro populo
Monday 27 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Canon Larkin [GH]
Tuesday 28 Oct	09-30am	SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES FEAST	Emant Brocks [A]
Wednesday 29 Oct		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 30 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Emily Power [A]
Friday 31 Oct	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Librada Manaog Dimaibayao [LD]
Saturday 01 Nov	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Bronia Dziurman [A]
Sunday 02 Nov	11-00am	+ ALL SAINTS+	Kate Davey [A]

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 | 20 Oct 2025 £476.00 plus, standing orders **£1415** per month. Thank you.

Collection for World Mission Sunday £108

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.

REQUIEM MASS – MR STUART STOTT RIP We remember in our prayers **Stuart**, who was taken from us so suddenly. His **Requiem Mass** will be celebrated at **12.00 noon on Wednesday, 12 November**, followed by **committal at Park Wood Crematorium at 1.30pm**. We hold in our hearts his family, friends, and all who mourn his passing, that they may know the comfort and peace of Christ. *“Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.”*

ALL SOULS A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who **1)** on one of the days from 01 to 08 November visit devoutly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead, **2)** on All Souls Day visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the Our Father and the Creed. A partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who **1)** visit devoutly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead; **2)** recite Morning or Evening Prayer of the Office of the Dead, or the invocation, Eternal rest grant... (Enchiridion of Indulgences, 1999, conc. 29).

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 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. 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.

ANNUAL SERVICE AT KILLINGBECK CEMETERY NOVEMBER Sunday 9 November at 2.30pm. All the Diocese are invited to come to the cemetery and pray for the deceased of the Diocese and extended family. The service, led by Canon Wall, Dean of East Leeds. Starting in the chapel with readings, hymns, and rosary.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL - SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Confirmation (children in Year 6 or above) will be celebrated at the Parish of **St Mary's in Halifax – 7pm on 18 November**. Our preparation is well underway however if your child wishes to undertake this sacrament, we can still offer support with the preparation programme. Please contact Mrs Hudson-Crook at School or email head@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk by 31 October.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Children in Year 3 or above) & First Holy Communion (Children in Year 4 or above) Children in these year groups or above receive these sacraments in the spring/summer of 2026. Preparation takes place in school. If your child does not attend Sacred Heart or another Catholic primary school, please contact school and we can support you with preparations. Please speak to Mrs Mitchell in the office or email admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk and we will get back to you.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL PLACES & OPEN DAY Are you or family and friends looking for a warm, welcoming school with a high-quality Catholic education for your child? At our recent faith inspection in May 2025 inspectors said ***"Pupils at Sacred Heart understand the distinctive nature and Catholic identity of the school. They feel safe, cared for, happy and all feel that they have someone that they can talk to."*** Come and see our wonderful school for yourself on Monday 10 November with tours being held at 10am, 2pm, 5pm. If you cannot make this date, please do contact us in school and we would be happy to show you around at a time that better suits you. There are flyers in the back of church with more information, and we look forward to meeting you! If you need any help with applications for reception places for September 2026 or if you are looking to transfer into another year group, we are very happy to help! Tel: 01422 831360 Email: admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk

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**. Come along for tea and coffee, enjoy a chat, and browse the lovely handmade crafts on offer. All are warmly invited.

FURTHER ACTION NEEDED Please act now and visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthlords> a new phase of our *No To Abortion Up To Birth* campaign for the House of Lords

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. 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 contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

A YEAR OF CATECHESIS at *St Alban's Croft, Halifax HX3 0AZ* —The talks will take place in the parish hall on Tuesday at 6:00pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7pm. 11 November – Mgr. David Smith: *Death, Judgement, Hell and Heaven*.

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

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION EVENING 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, Phil Marshall on 07766 148375. To register interest please email recruitment.lourdes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, or simply turn up on the evening

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2025 (current 'buffer-zone-law'-compliant) peaceful vigil in support of the unborn, their mothers, fathers and families. 7am-7pm daily until 2 November. Contact Chris via 07815 681343

MARK 10 MISSION ROSARY CHALLENGE Pray the Rosary, led by Archbishop John. To watch the videos visit www.themark10mission.co.uk or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel @themark10mission

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.

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/>

Sunday 26 October 2025 Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: C(I).
Readings at Mass

First reading Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 34(33):2-3. 17-18. 19, 23. R7a

The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the Lord hears,
and rescues him in all his distress.

The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

Second reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other

men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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

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