

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 2nd + ALL SAINTS

Saturday 01 Nov	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Bronia Dziurman [A]
Sunday 02 Nov	11-00am	+ ALL SAINTS+	Kate Davey [A]
Monday 03 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	ALL SOULS	The Larkin Family [A]
Tuesday 04 Nov	09-30am	St Charles Borromeo	Canon Larkin [GH]
Wednesday 05 Nov		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 06 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	For Bishop Paul Mason
Friday 07 Nov	09-30am	St Willibrord, Bishop	For Natalie
Saturday 08 Nov	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Peter Green [LD]
Sunday 09 Nov	11-00am	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Remembrance Sunday – Day of Prayer for all victims of war	Margaret Pollard [LD]

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 – 763 people attended Mass (October). Just keep coming to Mass

PARISH GIVING – thank you for all your support.

BANKED | 27 Oct 2025 £420.00 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.

WREATH LAYING 2025 This year I will represent the parish at a private wreath laying at the Memorial Gates, Crow Wood Park. Our poppy wreath will form part of the Remembrance services and highlights once again that the whole of our community came together in prayer to pay our respects to those who lost their lives while serving their country. The Soldier - If I should die, think only this of me: That there's some corner of a foreign field That is for ever England. (Rupert Brooke)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CONCERT IN LEEDS CATHEDRAL Sunday 9 November, 3pm. Leeds Cathedral Choir, with members of The Sixteen and Genesis Sixteen, directed by Harry Christophers, will be singing Fauré's Requiem, and music by Bach, Byrd, Parry, Sheppard. Admission is free, suggested donation of £10.

REQUIEM MASS – STUART STOTT RIP 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).

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST for 2025–2026 has been closed and will be ready soon.

NOVEMBER CEMETERY SERVICE I invite you to join me at **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 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

THE ADVENT FAYRE will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday November 29 10am -2.00 pm and Sunday November 30 from 12noon -2.00pm. A list is in the porch for prizes for the Advent raffle and items for the stalls. Draw tickets will be on sale from this weekend. Any help will be very welcome.

LADIES GROUP CRAFT STALL The Ladies Group will be hosting a **Craft Stall** in the Parish Hall **after Mass on 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. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 14th November (Cathedral Hall), 19 December (Venue TBC). 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 vocations@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 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.

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.

Sunday 2 November 2025 ALL SAINTS Holyday of Obligation as is every Sunday

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

First reading Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. \mathbb{R} cf. 6 Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it. It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm. R

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things. R

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive, and right reward from the God who saves him. Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. R

Second reading 1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.

Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile

you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

Solemn Blessing

May God, the glory and joy of the Saints, who has caused you to be strengthened by means of their outstanding prayers, bless you with unending blessings.

Amen.

Freed through their intercession from present ills and formed by the example of their holy way of life, may you be ever devoted to serving God and your neighbour.

Amen.

So that, together with all, you may possess the joys of the homeland, where Holy Church rejoices that her children are admitted in perpetual peace to the company of the citizens of heaven.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ★ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

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