



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick



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Sunday 9th + THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



Saturday 08 Nov	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Peter Green [LD]
Sunday 09 Nov	11-00am	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA <i>Remembrance Sunday – Day of Prayer for all victims of war</i>	Margaret Pollard [LD]
Monday 10 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Leo the Great	Betty McLoughlin [A]
Tuesday 11 Nov	09-30am	St Martin of Tours	Canon Larkin [AO]
Wednesday 12 Nov	12noon	Requiem Mass	Stuart Stott [LD]
Thursday 13 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Ron McHale [A]
Friday 14 Nov	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Robert Kuleczku
Saturday 15 Nov	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Annie Hayes [A]
Sunday 16 Nov	11-00am	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Missa pro populo

On this day are remembered all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn.

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)

MASS ATTENDANCE 2025 – 763 people attended Mass (October). **Just keep coming to Mass**

PARISH GIVING – thank you for all your support.

BANKED | 03 NOV 2025 £330.00 plus, standing orders **£1415** per month. 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.

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.

FUNERAL SERVICE – JAMES DIDGIUNAITIS RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of **James Didgiunaitis**, who has died recently. Funeral service will take place at **11.00am on Wednesday, 19 November**

REQUIEM MASS – PETER MCDONNELL RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter McDonnell**, who has died recently.

Peter will be received into the church on **Thursday 20 November at 6.00pm**, and his **Requiem Mass** will be celebrated on **Friday 21 November at 11.15am**, followed by committal at **Parkwood Crematorium at 12.45pm**.

We pray for those who have died, and all who mourn their passing, asking that they may be comforted by the hope of eternal life and the tender mercy of Christ. *“Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.”*

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

NOVEMBER CEMETERY SERVICES In the soft, golden light of early November, our parish gathered for the annual Cemetery Services — moments of prayerful remembrance amidst the quiet beauty of autumn.

At **Sowerby Bridge Cemetery** on *Saturday, 1 November at 3.00pm*, it was good to be together, united in faith and affection for our parishioners who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

The following day, *Sunday, 2 November at 3.00pm*, we gathered at **Stoney Royd Cemetery, Halifax**. Around eighty people came together beneath a clear autumn sky, a dry, gentle afternoon touched by the hues of falling leaves, to pray for all those laid to rest there. May they rest in peace. *Requiescant in Pace*.

With grateful thanks to all who came to pray, and to those who helped prepare for the service.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Confirmation (children in Yr 6 or above) will be celebrated at the Parish of **St Mary's in Halifax – 7pm on 18 November**. Our preparation is well underway. Contact Mrs Hudson-Crook at School or email head@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk by 31 October.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

NOTE - Reconciliation - 11.00am - 28 March 2026 at St Bernard's (Children in Yr 3 or above) & First Holy Communion (Children in Yr 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

SACRED HEART SCHOOL PLACES & OPEN DAY 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.

SCHOOL Carols around the Tree will be on Friday 19 December at 1:15pm if anyone in the parish would like to join us. All welcome.

LADIES GROUP CRAFT STALL 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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE Our Bishop has shared that, for the past eleven years, he has prayed daily before the Icon of *Our Lady of Unfailing Help* for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. As part of our diocesan commitment to fostering and supporting these vocations, he now invites every parish, community, and congregation to join him in this prayer. Beginning on the **First Sunday of Advent (30 November 2025)** and continuing through to **Pentecost Sunday (24th May 2026)**, we are asked to pray the following at the end of each Sunday Mass—and at weekday Masses where possible:

Our Lady of Unfailing Help

Pray that the Lord of the Harvest
will send labourers into His harvest,
and that He will grant an abundance of vocations
to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life
within the Diocese of Leeds,
and throughout the world. **Amen.**

This short and beautiful prayer can easily be learned by heart or followed from our parish newsletter. When the liturgical calendar allows, priests are also encouraged to celebrate the Masses found in the Roman Missal: *For Vocations to Holy Orders* (p.1319) and *For Vocations to Religious Life* (p.1330). Together, through faithful prayer and celebration, may we build a spiritual foundation that will help new vocations to grow and flourish in our diocese and throughout the Church.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 14 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.

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 9 November 2025 *Liturgical Colour: White. Year: C(I)*

Readings at Mass

First reading Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46(45):2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R5

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea. R

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.
God is in her midst, she cannot be shaken;
God will help her at the dawning of the day. R

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the Lord,
the awesome deeds he has done on the earth. R

Second reading 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia.
I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord,
that my name may be there for ever.
Alleluia.

Gospel John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple, he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the

money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So, the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Solemn Blessing

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,
who has gathered you today for the dedication of this church,
make you abound in heavenly blessings.

Amen.

And may he who has willed that all his scattered children
should be gathered together in his Son,
grant that you may become his temple
and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

And so, when you are thoroughly cleansed,
may God dwell within you
and grant you to possess with all the Saints
the inheritance of eternal happiness.

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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