



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

Bolton Brow, Sowerby Bridge HX6 2BA

Roman Catholic Diocese of Leeds | Registered Charity No. 249404

Parish Priest: Very Reverend Canon M Larkin BSc (Hons) (Dunelm) STL VF

Tel: 01422 832085 | email pp.sacredheart.sowerbybridge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

WWW.SACREDHEARTANDSTPATRICKSCHURCH.ORG.UK

Leeds Safeguarding - 0113 2618046 - Safe Spaces free helpline 0300 303 1056 - www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/safeguarding/

Sunday 16th + THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 15 Nov	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Annie Hayes [A]
Sunday 16 Nov	11-00am	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Missa pro populo
Monday 17 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	William Larkin [A]
Tuesday 18 Nov	09-30am	Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul	Marie Lister [LD]
Wednesday 19 Nov	11.00am	Funeral Service for James Didgiunaitis LD	-
Thursday 20 Nov	6.00pm	Peter McDonnell received into the church	-
Friday 21 Nov	11.15am	Requiem Mass	Peter McDonnell LD
Saturday 22 Nov	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Karl Heinz Nagal [B]
Sunday 23 Nov	11-00am	CHRIST THE KING	Prof. Joe Muscat-Baron [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)

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

PARISH GIVING – thank you for all your support.

BANKED | 10 NOV 2025 £335.00 plus, standing orders **£1415** per month. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY: Collection for the Catholic Youth Service

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 ADVENT FAYRE

As we light the first candles of Advent and our hearts turn to the coming of Christ, we invite everyone to join us for our **Advent Fayre** in the Church Hall:

Saturday, 29 November – 10.00am to 2.00pm

Sunday, 30 November – 12 noon to 2.00pm

Let this be a weekend of goodwill, laughter, and song — a little “Good King Wenceslas” spirit, where warmth and charity shine bright.

There is a **list in the porch** for **raffle prizes** and **stall items** — your generous gifts will help make the Fayre a joyful success. **Draw tickets** will be on sale this weekend.

We also need **many hands to make light work**:

✦ Help with setting up after **10.00am Mass on Friday**

✦ Volunteers to assist on stalls **Saturday and Sunday**

Please add your name to the list for the day and time you can help. Every contribution, great or small, helps our parish prepare with glad hearts. Let us come together in the true spirit of Advent — **watchful, joyful, and full of hope**.

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 them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.”*

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY On the 16 November 2025, we unite with thousands of churches across the country to mark Safeguarding Sunday. Safeguarding Sunday is a day to highlight the importance of safeguarding within the diocese, the Catholic Church and across society. It is a day to ensure all our parishioners and communities understand what safeguarding is within the context of the Catholic Church, the structures in place to keep our communities safe, our commitment to those that have been harmed by abuse and the support available to anyone who wishes to raise a concern. It is a chance to listen and to talk together about how we can create places that are safer for everyone.

‘On this Safeguarding Sunday we pray for those who are vulnerable and in need of protection. Help each one of us to play our part in creating safer places for all your people; bless all those who serve in a safeguarding role within our church and thank you for the willingness and time they give to this important task.’ Lord in your Mercy

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.

A MASS IN REMEMBRANCE of the deceased staff and students from schools in the Huddersfield and Halifax Deaneries will be held at All Saints Catholic College on Tuesday 25 November at 4pm. If you wish to attend, please email the school office: office@aschc.com

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

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.

Sacred Heart & St Patrick's Church Sowerby Bridge

During the year 2025- 2026 90 Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the following from November onwards. We received £900 in donations

Family & friends of Pauline Brady The Green, Andrewan & Todd families The Helliwell & Ambrose families Mary Devereux Stephen & the Joyce family Isabel & Harold Williams The Bainbridge & Seghetti families The family of the Blackshaw family Patrick & Agnes Carr & families John, Joyce & Jason Carr The Barry family The Staden family The Gracie & Jessop family The family & friends of Tadeusz Sulich The Allport & Hargreaves families Those who have no one to pray for them Family & friends of Irene Hellowell Family & friends of Fiona Collins Paul Connelly The Ryan & Hume families Marie Finn & Catherine Ellis The Finn family The family & friends of Mr & Mrs D Frankland Family & friends of the Forrest family Family & friends of the Brearley family The Wisniewski & De Lacey families The McMahon, Sheldrake & Woodhouse Families Ellis Field McCartney & family The Murphy Family PRAY	The family & friends of Anne Bridges Sister Catherine Kenny Mary & Anthony Hainsworth Mr & Mrs Nicholson & Mum & Dad The Farrell family The Wilkinson family The Tidswell & Graydon family The family & friends of Linda Hayes The family of Margaret Butterworth The family of Maria Broks Family & friends of Patricia Stabler The Pachowko & Palermo families The Nagel, Iaconetti & Sirianni families The Bentham & Nemeslaki families Maureen & James Timlin The Burke family Rose Tune, Rita & John Walton The Turner & Dziurhan family Family & friends of Brigid Bentley The Butterfield & Owen families Dorothy & Fred Wildsmith Jackie Lyons Family & friends of the Lyon & Crossley families The deceased relatives & friends of Monica Melia Jablonski, Tokarski & Danuta Iglelski Kevin Barker & family The Brassil family Marie Lister The Turklay family Murad Ghorbal The family & friends of Canon Larkin FOR US
---	--

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 16 November 2025 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: C(I).*

First reading Malachi 4:1-2a

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98(97):5-6. 7-8a. 8b-9b. 9cd. R cf. 9

The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the Lord. R

Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands. R

The hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he comes.
He comes to judge the earth. R

He will judge the world with justice,
and the peoples with fairness. R

Second reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia.

Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.

Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 21:5-19

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

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

Diocese www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Church www.sacredheartandstpatrikchurch.org.uk

School www.sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk

Readings and Holy Mass www.universalis.com

Safeguarding Diocesan Office 0113 261 8069

Safeguarding Parish Irene Hellowell 07432121757