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Sunday 23rd + CHRIST THE KING

Saturday 22 Nov	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Karl Heinz Nagal [B]
Sunday 23 Nov	11-00am	CHRIST THE KING	Prof. Joe Muscat-Baron [A]
Monday 24 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac	Canon Larkin [GH]
Tuesday 25 Nov	09-30am	St Catherine of Alexandria	Deacon Paul Coates [AO]
Wednesday 26 Nov	11.00am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 27 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Paddy Mooney [A]
Friday 28 Nov	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Honora Redfern [A]
	12-30	Funeral Service for Martin Lewis RIP	
Saturday 29 Nov	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Mary Oldfield [LD]
Sunday 30 Nov	11-00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A	Deceased of Green, Todd and Andrewan families

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 | 17 NOV 2025 £351.00 plus, standing orders **£1415** per month. Thank you.

TODAY: 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.

FUNERAL SERVICE – MARTIN LEWIS RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Martin**, who has died recently. Funeral service will take place at **12.30 on Friday, 28 November** Followed by burial at Sowerby Cemetery, Sowerby New Road. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

THE ADVENT FAYRE 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 1.00pm

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.

ADVENT CONFESSION this year will take place Saturday December 20. 2025 at St Mary's.

09.00 - 10.00 Fr Hilton | 10.00 - 11.00 Mgr. McQuinn | 11.00 - 12.00 Fr Hall

12.00 - 13.00 Canon Larkin | 13.00 - 14.00 Fr Owens | 14.00 - 15.00 Mgr. Owens | 15.00 - 16.00 Fr Hilton

I warmly invite all parishioners to take part in this Advent Confession on **20 December**. Let us embrace this time of penance and grace as we ready ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, renewed in spirit and heart.

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.

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 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 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.**

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

Readings at Mass

First reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel." ' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122(121):1-2. 4-5. Rcf.1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. R

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
As it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. R

Second reading Colossians 1:12-20

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

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

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