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Sunday 11th + THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD FEAST

Saturday 10 Jan	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Martin Lewis [LD] [SVP]
Sunday 11 Jan	11-00am	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD <i>Christmas Time ends</i>	Peter McDonnell [LD]
Monday 12 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot	Dr Abdul Khalique [LD]
Tuesday 13 Jan	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Albino & Iris Seghetti [A]
		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 15 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mr & Mrs Edward Kitcher [A]
Friday 16 Jan	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Asunda Indra
Saturday 17 Jan	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	James Didgiunaitis [LD] SVP
Sunday 18 Jan	11-00am	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary Lewis [A] 2019

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm – 5.30pm

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)

PARISH GIVING – thank you for all your support.

BANKED | 05 JAN 2026 Total £670.00 plus, standing orders **£1415** per month. Thank you.

TEA & COFFEE £100.00

TODAY - SUNDAY: Collection for Poor Missions Fund

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE 2025 – 995 people attended Mass (December). **Just keep coming to Mass**

Parish Mass Attendance — A Heartening Sign of Growth and Faith Over the past few years, it has been truly inspiring to see so many gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist — “*the source and summit of the Christian life*” (Second Vatican Council, *LG*. 11). Our total Mass attendance for **January to December 2025** reached **11,869**, a wonderful sign of the vitality and commitment within our parish community.

For comparison: **2023: 11,438 | 2024: 10,773 | 2025: 11,869**

These figures tell a hopeful story of renewed participation, growing confidence, and a shared desire to worship God together as one family in Christ. Whether you attend every week, have recently returned, or have just begun to explore the faith your presence matters profoundly. Let us continue to build on this encouraging momentum throughout 2026, keeping our eyes fixed on Christ and our hearts open to those yet to join us. With gratitude for your faith and witness may the Lord bless and sustain us in every good work.

2026 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS The annual publication provides a very valuable physical record and guide to the life and mission of our Diocese. Available at £5.00

SCHOOL PLACES for any children needing a school place in other year groups at any time within the academic year, they are more than welcome to visit – please contact the school if you would like an appointment with the headteacher contact the school office on 01422 831360

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THE WEEKLY PODCASTS Here are the episodes which have come out since the last newsletter.

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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

CATENIANS Mass for Vocations: Prior to their monthly meeting on Tuesday 20 January which this month only will be at the 315 Restaurant 315 Wakefield Road Lepton HD8 0LX, Father Michael Hall, the Huddersfield Circle Chaplain, will celebrate Mass with the Catenians at 7.00 pm. All welcome. After the meeting at around 8.15 will be a two-course meal costing £24 per person. Further details about the Association can be found at <https://thecatenians.uk> or you may wish to speak to our Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

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 11 January 2026 Liturgical Colour: White. Year: A(II).
Readings at Mass

First reading Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

'I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b, 9b-10. R11b

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the Lord upon the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord full of power; the voice of the Lord full of splendour.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders; in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!' The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second reading Acts 10:34-38

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed:

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

Gospel Acclamation Cf. Mark 9:7

Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:

'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'.

Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

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