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## Sunday 18th + SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Saturday 17 Jan</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>James Didgiunaitis [LD] SVP</b>
<b>Sunday 18 Jan</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY SUNDAY YEAR A WEEKDAY YEAR II</b>	<b>Mary Lewis [A] 2019</b>
Monday 19 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Wulstan, Bishop	Raymond Kitcher
<b>Tuesday 20 Jan</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>St Sebastian, Martyr</b>	<b>Martin Lewis [LD]</b>
Wednesday 21 Jan		St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	
Thursday 22 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr	Doris Kitcher
<b>Friday 23 Jan</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Josie Kitcher</b>
<b>Saturday 24 Jan</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Ronald &amp; Phyllis Blackshaw [A]</b>
<b>Sunday 25 Jan</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY</b>	<b>Malachy &amp; Margaret Gort House [A]</b>

## 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)

**A WARM WELCOME** to our parish. Whether you are a regular member of our community or a visitor joining us for the first time, we are delighted to have you here. It is a true blessing to gather together in the sacred celebration of Holy Mass, united in prayer and worship. As we come together in faith, we are reminded of the rich heritage of the Church and the enduring promise of hope and salvation through Jesus Christ. Join us after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee in the parish hall, you are most welcome.

**PARISH GIVING** – thank you for all your support.

**BANKED | 12 JAN 2026 Total £355.00** plus, standing orders **£1415** per month. Thank you.

**Collection** - Poor Missions Fund **£52.00** – 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS** If you would like a Mass offering for a particular intention or for the repose of the soul of a loved one, please put your offering in an envelope and write the name of the intention, the date

requested and your contact details & pop it into the collection box or through the presbytery letterbox. In most parishes, there are never more than +four weeks of Mass intentions outstanding at any one time.

**RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA** On Monday 26 January, Holy Redeemer Parish, Huddersfield will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella. He is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Mass at St Patrick's at 7:00pm and receive a blessing with his relics.

**HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** A date and time for your child's Baptism can be provisionally given once you have completed the parish form and established a relationship with the parish. The choice of godparents is important. A godparent is a role model for your child by living a fully Christian life, there are usually two godparents. According to Canon Law, the law governing the Catholic Church, godparents must be at least 16 years of age, practising Catholics and should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents are responsible for instructing and forming their children in both the teaching and practice of the Catholic faith. Although Catholic schools exist to help parents in this regard, they are not a substitute for it. The best instruction that you can give your child is through commitment to the Mass. As you make this request for your child, it should also be a reality in your own life for example: Do you regularly attend Mass? Do you make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Are you fully initiated into the Church through Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation? If after reading this information you feel ready to present, your child to the Church for Baptism please see Canon Larkin after Mass for Pre-Baptism form.

**2026 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS** The annual publication provides a very valuable physical record and guide to the life and mission of our Diocese. The ordo also contains information on the following - The new edition of the Lectionary for Mass (Ordo Lectionum Missae) confirmed by the Apostolic See in 2023 came into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024. By decree of the Bishops' Conference, "From that date forward, no other English language edition of the Lectionary for Mass may be used in the dioceses of England and Wales." The Ordo includes the Lectionary volume and page for the readings assigned to each day. The reference indicates the volume – I, II, III, or IV – and then the first page number of the readings for a particular day. For example: I.82 – Is 2:1-5; Ps 121; Rom 13:11-14a; Mt 24:37-44 – the readings are to be found in volume one (I) beginning at page 82. Last few copies available at £5.00.

**CATHOLIC FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS** In the ebb and flow of life, there are some topics we instinctively shy away from, and one of those is the inevitable journey towards our own end. A small gesture of preparation can make a world of difference. Consider discussing preferences for your Requiem Mass or funeral Service, your chosen Hymns, and Scripture Readings. These intimate details will not only reflect your faith but will also provide direction to those you leave behind. Once decisions have been made, I recommend penning down these arrangements and placing them alongside your important documents in a safe location. In doing so, you provide guidance when it's needed most, ensuring that, even in absence, your love and thoughtfulness continue to guide and comfort.

**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

**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](mailto: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.

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**THE WEEKLY PODCASTS** Here are the episodes which have come out since the last newsletter. You can listen by clicking on the above link. Each is around 20 minutes long.

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### **Sunday 18 January 2026**

Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II). Readings at Mass

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#### **First reading**

**Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

**‘I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’**

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’

And now the Lord says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him —  
for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength —  
he says:

‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R 8a, 9a**

*Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord,  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

*Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.*

You delight not in sacrifice and offering,  
but in an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.  
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.'  
*Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.*  
In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:  
'I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your instruction lies deep within me.'  
*Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.*  
Your uprightness I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.  
*Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.*

## **Second reading**

### **1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

**'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'**

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with  
all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

### **John 1:14a, 12a**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;  
to all who did receive him,  
he gave the authority to become children of God.  
Alleluia.

## **Gospel**

### **John 1:29-34**

**'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'**

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

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## **MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL**

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

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