



# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 1st February + FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 31 Jan	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Wilfred Teesdale [A]
Sunday 01 Feb	11-00am	FOURTH SUNDAY	Elizabeth Drake [LD]
Monday 02 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Miss E Gill [A]
Tuesday 03 Feb	09-30am	St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr	Mary Power [LD]
Wednesday 04 Feb	-	Weekday in Ordinary Time	-
Thursday 05 Feb	10.30am	Requiem Mass	Elsie Helliwell [LD]
Friday 06 Feb	09-30am	Ss Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	John Joseph Staden [AB]
Saturday 07 Feb	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Seamus Fagan [LD]
Sunday 08 Feb	11-00am	FIFTH SUNDAY	Julie & Michael Wisniewski & family

### 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. Join us after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee in the parish hall, you are most welcome.

**1st February (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)** - "As we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord on Monday, let us pray for all new parents and pregnant mothers. During this transitional time, amidst the challenges, may they too see the light their child brings and find the support they need in our community. Lord hear us".

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

**BANKED | 26 JAN 2026 Total £345.00** plus, standing orders average **£1479** per month.

**NEXT SUNDAY** Collection for the Diocesan Lourdes 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 grateful thanks for your generosity to the parish.

### **REQUIEM MASS – ELSIE HELLIWELL RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Elsie Helliwell**, who has died recently.

**Requiem Mass** will be celebrated on **Thursday, 5 February at 10:30am** followed by committal at **Parkwood Crematorium**. 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."*

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUBILARIANS**

Congratulations to all those clergy celebrating the Jubilee of their Ordination this year:

**Platinum** Rev Fr Eugene Pathe

**Diamond** Very Rev Canon Sean Durcan

Very Rev Canon Sean Gilligan

**Golden** Rev Fr Anthony Fenton

Very Rev Anthony Wilson

Ruby Very Rev Canon Ian Smith

Rev Mgr Paul Owens

Rev Mgr Andrew Summersgill

**Silver** Very Rev Canon Martin Kelly

Rev Fr Sean Parsons

The Venerable English College will host a Jubilarian Celebration of Priesthood at Palazzola from 23 to 27 November 2026

**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

**OUR PARISH FLOWER GROUP** has gradually reduced in numbers over the years, and we would love to welcome new volunteers to help care for and arrange the church flower displays. If you enjoy flowers, have an eye for colour, or simply feel able to spare a little time, we would be delighted to hear from you. The commitment is usually around one hour after Mass on a Tuesday or Friday, approximately once every two months. If this sounds like something you might enjoy, please speak to Irene Hitchen, who will be happy to take your details and answer any questions. Thank you in anticipation, we would be very grateful for your help.

**DIARY DATE** - The Ladies' Group are running a fun little competition to raise funds and we'd love you to take part! It's just **£1 per date** from the calendar, and once all the dates have been chosen, the winning date will be drawn from a hat. The lucky winner will receive **£60** towards a meal for two, plus a chauffeur driven trip to and from the restaurant of your choice (within a 5-mile radius of church). It's a great chance to treat yourself, or someone special while supporting the ladies group. To take part, please see one of the ladies at the back of church after Mass. Good luck.

### **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)

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**WE BELIEVE 2027** The second We Believe festival - a festival of Catholic life in the UK - will take place from

24 to 27 July 2027 at Oscott, Birmingham. Tickets will be on sale from February. For more information: [www.webelievFestival.com](http://www.webelievFestival.com).

**NEW ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER** His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Richard Moth to be the 12th Archbishop of Westminster, succeeding His Eminence Vincent Cardinal Nichols. The Archbishop elect has served as Bishop of Arundel and Brighton since 2015 and as Bishop of the Forces from 2009 to 2015. The new Archbishop will be Installed at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 14 February 2026. Please remember him in your prayers.

**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. 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.

**SENIOR GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING OFFICER VACANCY** The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds, is recruiting a Senior Grants and Fundraising Officer. Based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. More details at [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/). Deadline for applications is Friday, 30 January 2026 and first interviews to be held on Wednesday, 4 February 2026.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNOR** We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor at All Saints Catholic College in Huddersfield which students from our parish attend. Foundation Governors play a vital role in supporting the Catholic ethos, ensuring strong governance, and helping shape the future of our schools. The role involves attending meetings, offering strategic guidance, and safeguarding the faith character of our education. Training is provided. If you feel called to serve in this important role and would welcome a conversation please contact the Diocesan Vicariate for Education: [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

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**Sunday 1 February 2026** *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*  
**Readings at Mass**

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**First reading**

**Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**

**'I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly.'**

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the Lord.

I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R Matthew 5:3**

***Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever,  
who does justice to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord who sets prisoners free.

***Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,  
the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord who protects the stranger.

***Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

***Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

## **Second reading**

### **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

**‘God chose what is weak in the world.’**

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

## **Gospel Acclamation**

### **Matthew 5:12a**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia.

## **Gospel**

### **Matthew 5:1-12a**

**‘Blessed are the poor in spirit.’**

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’

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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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