



# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 8th + FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Saturday 07 Feb</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Seamus Fagan [LD]</b>
<b>Sunday 08 Feb</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Julie &amp; Michael Wisniewski &amp; family</b>
Monday 09 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2025/6
Tuesday 10 Feb	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>St Scholastica</b>	<b>Charlotte [LD]</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 Feb</b>	-	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick and those who care for them</i>	-
Thursday 12 Feb	-----	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Nicola Iconetti [A]
<b>Friday 13 Feb</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Franco S Sirianni</b>
<b>Saturday 14 Feb</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Jackie Lyons [A]</b>
<b>Sunday 15 Feb</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Peter Bridges [AB]</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. Join us after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee in the parish hall, you are most welcome.

**8th February (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)** - "On Wednesday, we commemorate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Let us especially pray for all those who are nearing the end of their lives, that they may experience God's comfort and peace. Lord hear us".

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

**BANKED | 02 FEB 2026 Total £451.00** plus, standing orders average **£1479** per month.

**TEA & COFFEE £121.00 - Thank you.**

**THIS 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.

**MASS ATTENDANCE 2026** – 947 people attended Mass (January). **Just keep coming to Mass**

**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

**ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH** At Bishop Marcus' request, a monthly group for men aged 21-35 is launching for the Dioceses of Leeds and Middlesbrough. Last Thursday of the month starting 26 February, 6.30-8.30pm. Hinsley Hall, (62 Headingley Lane, LS6 2BX). Group prayer, guest speakers, talks, social time, supper, and Adoration. This new initiative is one of the first collaborations between the Dioceses of Middlesbrough and Leeds since the appointment of Bishop Marcus as Apostolic Administrator to Middlesbrough. For more details, see the poster on the noticeboard or contact: [benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**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

**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).

**SACRED HEART** leads sacramental preparation sessions during school hours for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Preparations for Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Friday afternoons 1-2pm from after the half term break (27 February). Preparations for Holy Communion will begin after Easter on Friday afternoons 1-2pm (17 April) If you would like more information or to arrange for your child to participate in sessions, please contact Mrs Hutchings via the school office or email [admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk)

**DATES THAT CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THEIR SACRAMENTS:**

First Reconciliation 29 March 2025 at 11am St Bernard's

First Holy Communion Sunday, 17 May 2026 11.00 at Sacred Heart

**THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY** To subscribe for the paper to be sent direct to your home, [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or 07436 617650.

**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.webelievefestival.com](http://www.webelievefestival.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.

**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, speak to Irene Hitchen.

**LOURDES** Booking for 2026 Lourdes Pilgrimage is now open at <https://www.tangney-tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> If you feel that you could volunteer as a doctor, nurse or carer please get in touch with Julie at [chief.nurse@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:chief.nurse@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) for further information. You will need to register as a volunteer prior to booking a place.

**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.

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### **Sunday 8 February 2026**

*Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*

#### **Readings at Mass**

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#### **First reading - Isaiah 58:6-10**

Thus says the Lord: Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of wickedness,

to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover him,

and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up speedily;

your righteousness shall go before you;

the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

If you take away the yoke from your midst,

the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

if you pour yourself out for the hungry

and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,

then shall your light rise in the darkness

and your gloom be as the noonday.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 112(111):4-5. 6-7. 8a, 9. R4a**

***A light rises in the darkness for the upright.***

A light rises in the darkness for the upright;  
he is generous, merciful, and righteous.  
It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

***A light rises in the darkness for the upright.***

He will never be moved;  
for ever shall the upright be remembered.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord.

***A light rises in the darkness for the upright.***

With a steadfast heart he will not fear.  
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His might shall be exalted in glory.

***A light rises in the darkness for the upright.***

### **Second reading - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

### **Gospel Acclamation John 8:12**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia.

### **Gospel Matthew 5:13-16**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is 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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