



# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 22nd + FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 21 Feb	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Jaqueline Ann Sweeney [A]
Sunday 22 Feb	11-00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>No Gloria</i>	Peter McDonnell [LD]
Monday 23 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2025/6
Tuesday 24 Feb	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	Mr & Mrs Bridges [WA 1963]
Wednesday 25 Feb		<i>Weekday of Lent</i>	
Thursday 26 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2025/6
Friday 27 Feb	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	For Friends in need
Saturday 28 Feb	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Arthur Oldfield [A]
Sunday 1 March	11-00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Tim Larkin [A]

### 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)**

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

**22nd February (1st Sunday of Lent)** - *"In this season of Lent, we offer up the merits of our daily sacrifices to the needs of the most vulnerable in society. We offer them especially for the poor, the terminally ill, the lonely, the homeless and the unborn, that the Lord would see their needs and pour out his love and blessing upon them. Lord hear us"*.

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

**BANKED | 16 FEB 2026 Total £325.00 | SO average £1479 per month. Total Gift Aiders 55**

**STANDING ORDER (SO)** 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**

**STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE** - further action needed - Please take 30 seconds to stop assisted suicide from being forced into law. Right To Life UK has made an EasyAction tool to email your MP asking them to

oppose attempts to force assisted suicide into law by bypassing the House of Lords. Visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026) to ask your MP to oppose the assisted suicide Bill into law.

**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. 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

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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.webeliefestival.com](http://www.webeliefestival.com).

**OUR PARISH FLOWER GROUP** has gradually reduced in numbers over the years, and we would love to welcome new volunteers. 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.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE** Parishioners might like to know about the Christian Blind Mission, started in 1908 by German pastor Ernst Christoffel, who was moved to help the blind whom he encountered on a visit to turkey. The mission now operates in many countries and helps with other disabilities as well, but preventable blindness remains the priority. Cataracts are a leading cause of blindness, and their removal is relatively cheap but it's beyond the means of many of the world's poor. Just google Christian Blind Mission to learn more.

**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 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 22 February 2026** *Liturgical Colour: Violet. Year: A(II).*

**Readings at Mass**

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**First reading Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17. R cf. 3a**

***Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.***

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your merciful love;  
according to your great compassion,  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me completely from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

***Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.***

My transgressions, truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done.

***Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.***

Create a pure heart for me, O God;  
renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence;  
take not your holy spirit from me.

***Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.***

Restore in me the joy of your salvation;  
sustain in me a willing spirit.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
***Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.***

### **Second reading Romans 5:12-19**

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

### **Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4b**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.  
One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

### **Gospel Matthew 4:1-11**

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."' Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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### **MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL**

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