



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 1st March + SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 28 Feb	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Arthur Oldfield [A]
Sunday 1 March	11-00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>No Gloria</i>	Tim Larkin [A]
Monday 2 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	For Natalie
Tuesday 3 March	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	Emily Power [A]
Wednesday 4 March		<i>Weekday of Lent</i>	
Thursday 5 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2025/6
Friday 6 March	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2025/6
Saturday 7 March	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Canon Firth [GH]
Sunday 8 March	11-00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Elsie Helliwell LD

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.

1st March (2nd Sunday of Lent) - *“Let us pray for new parents and grandparents, that they may manifest the love and mercy of God to their children and grandchildren. Lord hear us”.*

JOIN BISHOP MARCUS IN PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS *Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.*

PARISH GIVING – thank you for all your support.

BANKED | 23 FEB 2026 Total £320.00 | 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.

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 **£100.00** 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).

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 to ask your MP to oppose the assisted suicide Bill into law.

THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH New men's group for young Catholic or other interested laymen aged between 21 & 35. Monthly meetings at Hinsley Hall LS6 2BX, for prayer, Adoration, talks, social time & free supper. Contact: benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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 for further information. You will need to register as a volunteer prior to booking a place.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS Free Guided Tour will take place on Saturday 7th March, starting at 1.30pm. The tours last about 1 hour. Booking not required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

BISHOP JOHN CROWLEY 3-DAY PREACHED RETREAT 17 -19 March at The Briery, Ilkley. You are invited to join Bishop Crowley for a short retreat during Lent entitled "Rest and you will see, see and you will love, love and you will praise (St Augustine)" £230pp fully inclusive or £110 non-residential. For booking or more information contact the administrator on 01943 607287

WALK IN FATHER BROWN'S FOOTSTEPS Saturday 28 March. Third Annual Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage for Priestly Vocations. From St Anne's, Keighley to Sacred Heart, Ilkley and Stations of the Cross at Myddelton Calvary. Follows the Ilkley Moor route walked by GK Chesterton and Fr John O'Connor, the Diocese of Leeds priest who inspired 'Father Brown'. Sign up: pilgrimage-walks@dioceseofleeds.org.uk More details: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/walking-pilgrimage-for-vocations-in-father-browns-footsteps/>

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

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

CATHOLIC UNION

Monday 16 March, 18.00 Join a Catholic Union webinar on Monday 16 March at 6.00pm to explore whether science poses a threat to today's Catholicism. Chaired by Catherine Pepinster, well known journalist, attendees will hear from Revd Dr Gareth Leyshon, Astrophysicist, Catholic Priest of the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia and parish priest of the four churches comprising Our Lady of the Valleys. Those wishing to register for the webinar please email info@catholicunion.org.uk and a zoom link will be provided. Booking is essential. Dr Leyshon, Astrophysicist, has been key in the evangelisation work in the Archdiocese of Cardiff having built up a network of 150 lay Catholics keen to share faith across the length and breadth of the Archdiocese and also through the Cornerstone project. He is currently Vice-Chair of the Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion for South Wales and Herefordshire. Those

wishing to register for the webinar on Monday 16 March at 6.00pm please email info@catholicunion.org.uk and a zoom link will be provided. Booking is essential.

Monday 20 April, 18.00 The Art of Beauty. Join a webinar on Monday 20 April at 6.00pm to explore the place of beauty, amongst the other transcendentals, in the moral formation of the person and of society. Chaired by Catherine Pepinster, well known journalist, attendees will hear from Father Patrick van der Vorst and Stefan Kaminski. Father Patrick van der Vorst is a Belgian and British priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster and former entrepreneur, dealer, art expert and winner on BBC's Dragons' Den. Father Patrick is the Founder of Christian Art which provides daily Gospel Readings paired with a related work of art and a short reflection. Stefan Kaminski is the Director of The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst, where he has been creating and delivering Catholic formation content for a wider audience. He gained a licentiate from the John Paul II Institute in Rome, having focussed his studies on theological anthropology. Inspired by Stonyhurst's collection of relics, artefacts and books, The Christian Heritage Centre exists to form the intellect and spirit of Catholics in the tradition of the English Martyrs. Those wishing to register for the webinar on Monday 20 April at 6.00pm please email info@catholicunion.org.uk and a zoom link will be provided. Booking is essential.

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

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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

FLAME 2027 The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join 10,000 young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Saturday 6th March 2027. Aimed at young people in Y9+, including university students and young adults. Passes are currently at the super early bird rate of £75 per person, which includes return coach travel to/from the Diocese, until 31 July 2026. Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book yours

MAY HALF TERM B&B Stays at Castlerigg Manor - In May half-term, Castlerigg Manor (Catholic retreat centre in Keswick, Cumbria) will once again be opening their doors for B&B stays. A great way for families, groups of friends, and individuals to get an affordable stay in Keswick. Mass will be provided on site. For more info castleriggmanor.com/stay with us

VACANCIES

HEADTEACHER VACANCY St Paulinus Catholic Primary School, Dewsbury. Start: September 2026.

Closing date: Sunday 1 March 2026. Visit <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148485/EDV-2026-SPCPA-18824> for more details and to apply.

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT - CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL HOME Keighley. Senior Residential Childcare Support Workers, Full Time, Salary includes 8 sleep-ins per month: £34,163 – £35,668. Residential Child Care Workers, Full Time, Salary £28,265 - £29,674 plus 1-2 “sleep -In” per week. If you complete 8 “sleep ins” per month that will add approximately £4,000 to annual salary. (Bank positions also available.) Please contact recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk. MUST have experience of residential childcare. Current valid driving license is essential.

Sunday 1 March 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Violet. Year: A(II).*

Readings at Mass

First reading Genesis 12:1-4a

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. R5b

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth.

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

Yes, the Lord’s eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

He is our help and our shield.

May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.

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Second reading 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

To participate online, please access the following YouTube channel: www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk

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

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