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Sunday 22nd + FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 21 March	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Wilfred Teesdale [AB]
Sunday 22 March	11-00am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Andrew & Antonio Pachowko
Monday 23 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	Adele Burns McDonough [LD]
Tuesday 24 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	Chrissie Duffy [LD]
Wednesday 25 March		THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	
Thursday 26 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	Coral Taylor [LD]
Friday 27 March	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	Angela Sellars [LD]
Saturday 28 March	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS	Anne Barker [A]
Sunday 29 March	11-00am	PALM SUNDAY	Peter Green [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)

A MESSAGE to the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Dioceses of Hallam, Leeds and Middlesbrough

Following the resignation of the Right Reverend Ralph Heskett C.Ss.R. as Bishop of Hallam, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Marcus Stock as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Hallam. This responsibility is in addition to his ministry as Bishop of Leeds and his current role as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. At this time of transition, we are invited to unite in prayer for Bishop Marcus as he undertakes this significant pastoral duty. May the Lord grant him wisdom, strength, and peace in his service to the Church. Let us also pray for the Diocese of Hallam, giving thanks for the faithful service of Bishop Heskett, and asking God's blessing upon all clergy, religious, and lay faithful as they look to the future with hope. See website <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/bishops-message-to-the-dioceses-of-hallam-leeds-and-middlesbrough/>

PARISH GIVING – thank you for all your support.

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2026 -27 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES The new envelopes available at the back of church – please check your box carefully. The cost of the envelope scheme is **£178.09**. Thank you for Switching to Standing Order.

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.

PALM SUNDAY – Sunday 29 March 2026 – 11:00am – Starting in the church hall

The liturgy gives us a preview of the events we will celebrate in the Easter Triduum.

CHRISM MASS 2026 This is a reminder that the celebration of the **Chrism Mass** will be at **11:00am on the Wednesday of Holy Week (1 April 2026)** at Leeds Cathedral, Great George Street, Leeds LS2 8BE. All are welcome to attend. Please be seated by **10:45am**.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, includes Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and Holy Saturday, centres upon the Easter Vigil, and concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection.

I invite you to join me at **The Good Shepherd, Mytholmroyd: Holy Thursday – 2 April 2026 – 7:30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper – Watching before the Altar of Repose until 9:00pm. All welcome to attend.

• Good Friday – 3 April 2026

- **10:00am:** Join us and Christians Together in Sowerby Bridge for our Walk of Witness. Starting from the church hall gathering at 10:00am ready to begin at 10:30am.
- **3:00pm:** Celebration of the Lord's Passion – Sowerby Bridge. *A Day of Fasting and Abstinence.*

• VIGIL OF EASTER – HOLY SATURDAY – 4 April 2026 – 7:30pm (Please be seated by 7:25pm.)

EASTER SUNDAY – 5 April 2026

- **First Holy Mass of Easter Day – Good Shepherd – 9:30am**
 - **Holy Mass – Sacred Heart & St Patrick – 11:00am**
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CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESES OF LEEDS & MIDDLESBROUGH

As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than

Friday, 22 May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit:

Leeds & Middlesbrough Consultation 2026 | Diocese of Leeds

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

Thank you for the time and prayer you can offer to this important task which has been entrusted to us by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV.

EASTER CARDS AND MASS CARDS Available at the back 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.

SCHOOL PLACES please contact the school if you would like an appointment with the headteacher contact the school office on 01422 831360

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/>

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE On Saturday 16 May 2026, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church and send it to the Bishop's Secretary: Miss Anne Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or Email it to: bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, by Friday 1 May 2026

Please complete the following:

Wife's First Name:

Wife's Surname:

Wife's Maiden name:

Husband's First Name:

Husband's Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Date of Marriage:

Place of Marriage:

(Please include the name, town and county of the church in which you were married)

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

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 2026 at 11am St Bernard's

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

CATHOLIC UNION

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

A MESSAGE TO THE CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND LAY FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESES OF HALLAM, LEEDS AND MIDDLESBROUGH

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Following the resignation of the Right Reverend Ralph Heskett C.Ss.R. as Bishop of Hallam, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed me as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Hallam. This appointment is in addition to my office as Bishop of Leeds and my responsibilities as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. I feel very humbled by the trust which His Holiness has placed in me with these appointments. The Holy Father has requested that I begin a consultation with the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Hallam about a possible reunification with the Diocese of Leeds, from part of which Hallam was created in May 1980.

While the potential changes that we are being asked to study together may present us with challenges, they will also offer us opportunities to strengthen our service of the mission which Christ has entrusted to His Church and to renew our vigour in responding to the work of evangelisation. Let us give thanks to Almighty God for the ministry that Bishop Heskett has given so devotedly as Shepherd of the Diocese of Hallam over the past twelve years and pray that the Lord will grant him health and strength as he begins his retirement from office as a Diocesan Ordinary.

I ask you kindly to keep me in your prayers and pray too for all the people of our Dioceses. As we explore together the future for our local Churches, may Christ Our Lord send the Holy Spirit into our minds and hearts to guide us and grant us the gift of wisdom.

With the assurance of my prayers and every blessing, I remain,
Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ

+Marcus Stock

Bishop of Leeds

Apostolic Administrator of the **Dioceses of Hallam, Leeds and Middlesbrough**

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

Readings at Mass

First reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130(129):1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. R7bc

With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the sound of my pleadings. R

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
that you may be revered. R

I long for you, O Lord,
my soul longs for his word.
My soul awaits the Lord
more than watchmen for daybreak. R

More than watchmen for daybreak,
let Israel hope for the Lord.
For with the Lord there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities. R

Second reading

Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25a, 26

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Everyone who believes in me shall never die.
Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Gospel

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

At that time: The sisters of Lazarus sent to Jesus, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'

Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

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