



# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 5th + EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

<b>SATURDAY 04 April</b>	<b>7-30pm</b>	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	<b>Anne Knowles [A]</b>
<b>SUNDAY 05 April</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>EASTER</b>	<b>The Larkin Family [A]</b>
Monday 06 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	Monday Within the Octave	Yorkshire Brethren 2026 Apr
Tuesday 07 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	Tuesday Within the Octave	November Dead List 2025/6
Wednesday 08 April		Wednesday Within the Octave	
Thursday 09 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	Thursday Within the Octave	November Dead List 2025/6
Friday 10 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	Friday Within the Octave	November Dead List 2025/6
<b>Saturday 11 April</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>Confession &amp; Reconciliation VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Paul Connely [A]</b>
<b>Sunday 12 April</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>DIVINE MERCY</b> <i>2nd Week of Easter</i>	<b>Teddy McCormick [LD]</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: 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)**

**NB: Saturday 11 April 12 noon, Requiem Mass for Canon O'Connor at the Cathedral Church of St Anne**

**MASS ATTENDANCE 2026 – 752 people attended Mass (March). Quarterly Total 2366.**

I am Catholic; yesterday, today and forever - Just keep coming to Mass.

**PASCHÆ GAUDIUM – EASTER JOY 2026** *“Surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia!” (The Lord is truly risen, alleluia!)*

As the radiant light of Easter dawns and the Church resounds with her joyful alleluias, I wish to offer my heartfelt thanks to all who contributed so generously to our Holy Week and Easter celebrations within our parish community. The sacred Triduum and the glory of the Paschal feast were marked by a reverence and beauty made possible through the loving dedication and tireless service of so many.

To our musicians and choir, whose voices lifted hearts to God; to our readers, who proclaimed the Word with clarity and devotion; to those who prepared and adorned the sanctuary with such care; and to all whose quiet, often unseen efforts ensured the smooth and prayerful unfolding of the liturgies, accept my sincere and grateful thanks. Behind each moment of stillness, each well-prepared rite, and each grace-filled encounter in prayer, lies a hidden offering of time, energy, and love. *Gratias vobis ago ex toto corde,* (I thank you from the depths of my heart.)

I also wish to express my deep gratitude for the many cards, letters, kind messages, and Easter offerings received. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are a true witness to the living charity that sustains our parish family.

In a particular way, I thank you all for the support, prayers, and kindness shown to me during my recent illness and in these days of recovery. Your care and encouragement have been a great consolation to me. I am blessed indeed to be among such good and faithful people.

As we continue to celebrate this holy season of Eastertide, may the joy of the Risen Lord renew your hearts in faith, hope, and love. May His peace dwell richly in your homes and may the light of Christ guide and sustain you always. Canon Larkin.

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

**BANKED | 30 March 2026 Total £395.00 | SO average £1479** per month. Total Gift Aiders **55**

**EASTER COLLECTION** The collections taken at Masses on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday are your Easter gift to your Parish Priest. Thank you.

**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.

**EASTER CARDS AND MASS CARDS** Available at the back of Church

#### **CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESES OF LEEDS**

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.

**PARISH COACH TRIP – 17 April** A 16-seater coach has been arranged for a parish outing to Bury on **Friday 17 April**. The coach will depart from the church at **10.00am** and return from Bury at **3.00pm**.

There are currently **8 places already booked**, and we are now opening the remaining seats to parishioners. If you would like to join us, please add your name as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

**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.

**SACRED HEART** leads sacramental preparation sessions during school hours for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. 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 Holy Communion Sunday, 17 May 2026 11.00 at Sacred Heart

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

**THE WINNER** of the date diary - The winner was Maddy.

**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

### LADIES GROUP INFORMATION

**Quiz night** - pencil in the date of **Friday 15 May (6.30pm)** in your diaries. Now that Christmas seems a distant memory and the lighter nights will be upon us, let us all join together for another exciting social evening of trivia! So, get swotting up on your general knowledge!

Tea, coffee, juice, and a pie & pea supper will be served. **It's a bring your own booze event.**

Tickets are priced at £5 per person. Tickets will soon be available to purchase from the Ladies Group following weekend Masses.

**Trips out** - We are planning some trips out, such as to Newcastle Christmas markets and Castle Howard Christmas markets. We would like parishioners to join us, therefore if you are interested, please keep an eye on the newsletter for further information.

### 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

**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](mailto: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)*

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**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Sunday 5 April 2026** *Liturgical Colour: White. Year: A(II).*

**Readings at Mass**

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**First reading**

**Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

**'We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.'**

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24**

***This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.***

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

Let the house of Israel say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.' R

The Lord's right hand is exalted.  
The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount the deeds of the Lord. R

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the Lord has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes. R

**Second reading**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

**'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.'**

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**Sequence**

**Victimae Paschali Laudes**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with

grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### **1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Alleluia.

### **Gospel**

#### **Matthew 28:1-10**

**'He has risen and he is going before you to Galilee.'**

After the Sabbath, towards the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.' So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.'

**5th April (Easter Sunday)** - *"As we rejoice in the triumph of life over death, we pray for those carrying the heavy burden of a difficult pregnancy or medical diagnosis. May the joy of the Resurrection scatter their fears and grant them the hope and peace that only Christ can give. Lord hear us".*

**12th April (Second Sunday of Easter)** - *"As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray for all who have suffered the loss of a child. May the mercy that flows from the heart of Christ bring healing and comfort to their souls. Lord hear us".*

**19th April (Third Sunday of Easter)** - *"Let us pray for all those who care for people with disabilities, including family members and professionals, that the Lord would revive their spirits and that they would get the necessary respite care they require to relieve body and mind. Lord hear us".*

**26th April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)** - *"As tomorrow is the 58th anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act coming into effect, we pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us".*

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Solemn Blessing**

May almighty God bless you  
through today's Easter Solemnity  
and, in his compassion,  
defend you from every assault of sin.

**Amen.**

And may he, who restores you to eternal life  
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,  
endow you with the prize of immortality.

**Amen.**

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,  
may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast  
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,  
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

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### **MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL**

To participate online, please access the following YouTube channel: [www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk](http://www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk)

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### **NATIONAL SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM**

live streaming service for Mass and other services: [www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream)

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

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