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Sunday 12th + DIVINE MERCY

Saturday 11 April	5-30pm	VIGIL	Paul Connely [A]
Sunday 12 April	11-00am	DIVINE MERCY <i>2nd Week of Easter</i>	Teddy McCormack [LD]
Monday 13 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Martin I, Pope and Martyr	November Dead List 2025/6
Tuesday 14 April	09-30am	Weekday of Easter	Canon Thomas O'Connor [LD]
Wednesday 15 April		Weekday of Easter	
Thursday 16 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List 2025/6
Friday 17 April	09-30am	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List 2025/6
Saturday 18 April	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Eileen Kinsella [LD]
Sunday 19 April	11-00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Margaret & Robert Hume [WA 45yrs]

Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass (From 11.45 - 12.45)

Deanery Confessions: *Saturday 11am -12noon at St Mary's, Halifax*

Deanery Sunday Masses: *St Mary's, Halifax - 9:30am & 11am | Sunday St Alban's 6pm*

PARISH GIVING – With grateful thanks for your generosity to the parish.

BANKED | 07 APRIL 2026 Total £1235.00 | SO average £1479 per month. Total Gift Aiders 55

EASTER COLLECTION thank you for your generous Easter offering. Your kindness, expressed so thoughtfully, is received as a sign of your care for your priest. I am touched by your thoughtfulness and assure you of my daily prayers for you and your families.

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/>.

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESES OF LEEDS The Holy Father has invited you the faithful of the dioceses to undertake an important task: to explore the possibility of how our three dioceses can work together in close collaboration with a view to a possible future union, so that we may be better placed to carry forward the mission of the Church in our region. Responses to be submitted by **Friday, 22 May 2026**. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, visit: **Leeds, Middlesbrough & Hallam Consultation 2026** <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.

AD MULTOS ANNOS to our jubilarian (Ruby) - **Rev Mgr. Paul Owens** a retired priest associated with the Diocese of Leeds, Halifax Deanery, and formerly affiliated with the Roman Catholic Bishopric of the Forces (GB) *Ad multos annos* is a Latin phrase meaning "towards many years" or "for many years". It is a traditional celebratory acclamation, used to wish someone a long and fruitful life, often sung in Catholic and Orthodox traditions on anniversaries. Mgr. Owens will join us to celebrate 40yrs of Holy Priesthood on **Sunday 5 July at 11am.**

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 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

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

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

LADIES GROUP INFORMATION Quiz night - pencil in the date of **Friday 15 May (6.30pm)** in your diaries. Now that the lighter nights are upon us, let us all join together for another exciting social evening of trivia! 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.

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 below 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**

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)

RESEARCH STUDY ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE A research project is currently being undertaken by Simon Gibson as part of his MSc in Building Surveying at the University of the Built Environment (formerly UCEM). The study explores the perception of beauty in church architecture and how this may influence the spiritual experience of the faithful, and the wider public. You are invited to take part by completing a short online questionnaire. Your participation would be greatly valued, and you are also encouraged to share the survey with others—whether clergy, members of your congregation, family, or friends.

The questionnaire can be accessed here:

<https://forms.gle/byxFG6a3w3hyKNqMA>

For any enquiries about the research, Simon Gibson is very happy to assist and can be contacted at:

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Thank you in advance.

SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026 *Liturgical Colour: White. Year: A(II).*

Readings at Mass

First reading Acts 2:42-47

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24. R1

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.'

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

Let those who fear the Lord say,
'His mercy endures for ever.' R

They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and salvation
in the tents of the righteous. R

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

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

Second reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him.

Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia.
You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
Alleluia.

Gospel John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

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Diocese www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Church www.sacredheartandstpatrickschurch.org.uk

School www.sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk

Readings and Holy Mass www.universalis.com

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live streaming service for Mass and other services: www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream

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

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