



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 19th THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 18 April	5-30pm	VIGIL	Eileen Kinsella [LD]
Sunday 19 April	11-00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Margaret & Robert Hume [WA 45yrs]
Monday 20 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List 2025/6
Tuesday 21 April	09-30am	St Anselm	November Dead List 2025/6
Wednesday 22 April		Weekday of Easter	
Thursday 23 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR AND PATRON OF ENGLAND	Mr & Mrs T Larkin [WA]
Friday 24 April	09-30am	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen	November Dead List 2025/6
Saturday 25 April	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 26 April	11-00am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Edgar & Eileen Helliwell [A]

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 thanks for your generosity to the parish.

BANKED | 13 APRIL 2026 Total £490.00 | SO average £1479 per month. Total Gift Aiders 55

NEXT SUNDAY: Collection for the Priests' Training Fund

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/>.

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

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.**

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.castleriggmanor.com or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

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.

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com >> join the team

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

PEACE AND JUSTICE In the life of the Church, the call to justice is never abstract; it finds its expression in practical charity, in the quiet strengthening of our communities, and in the protection of the vulnerable. One meaningful way we may respond to the injustice of inequality is by supporting the Calderdale Credit Union, based in Halifax. Open to anyone who lives, works, or volunteers in Calderdale or Kirklees, the Credit Union is a member-owned cooperative, guided not by profit but by the common good.

It offers affordable loans, encourages responsible saving, and provides helpful support with budgeting. Where needed, it can also direct members to other organisations for further assistance. In this way, it becomes not merely a financial service, but a safeguard, helping to protect individuals and families from the hardship and exploitation of high-interest and illegal lending.

Even those who may not require such services can play a vital role. By opening a savings account and making regular deposits, you help to build a shared fund from which others may borrow safely and affordably. Thus, the strength of the whole community is quietly increased, and the dignity of each person upheld.

Opening Times: Monday – Thursday: 9:30am – 5:00pm | Friday: 9:30am – 2:00pm

Contact Details: Email: admin@calderdalecreditunion.co.uk

Telephone: 01422 386060

Address: 17–19 Commercial Street, Halifax, HX1 1HJ

In supporting such initiatives, we give living witness to the Gospel, where justice is tempered with mercy, and charity is made real in the ordinary fabric of daily life.

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)

Readings at Mass

First reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11. R1

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot. R

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. R

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption. R

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever. R

Second reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the

foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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