



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 26th + FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations with Collection for the Priests' Training Fund

Saturday 25 April	5-30pm	VIGIL	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 26 April	11-00am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Edgar & Eileen Helliwell [A]
Monday 27 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Easter	Rosina Sirianni [A]
Tuesday 28 April	09-30am	St Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr	Silvia & Alexander Pachowko [A]
Wednesday 29 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	For Natalie
Thursday 30 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Pius V, Pope	Pasquali Iconnecti [A]
Friday 01 May	09-30am	St Joseph the Worker	Asunda Intriери [A]
Saturday 02 May	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	For Pauline
Sunday 03 May	11-00am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Mary Lewis [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

FUNERAL SERVICE – Mary Philomena Hibbert to be held at Park Wood Crematorium 29 April 12.45

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

BANKED | 20 APRIL 2026 Total £371.00 | SO average £1479 per month. Total Gift Aiders 55

TODAY: 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/>.

ANNIVERSARY OF MY FIRST HOLY COMMUNION — 2 MAY 1971 at St Malachy's, Halifax: the day on which I first received the Most Holy Eucharist. In the simplicity of childhood, I could not then have grasped the full depth of that mystery. Yet the seed was sown. For in that sacred Host was contained the inexhaustible love of God: the same Christ born in Bethlehem, crucified on Calvary, risen in glory, and now given as food for the pilgrim soul.

With a heart full of reverence, I remember with gratitude my dear late parents, through whom the light of faith first dawned in my life. It was by their witness, their sacrifice, and their quiet fidelity that I was led to the altar on that blessed day. In their care, the truths of heaven were first spoken, the prayers of the Church first learned, and the love of Christ first kindled. Their earthly pilgrimage now complete, I entrust them to the mercy of God, praying that the same Eucharistic Lord whom they taught me to love may be their eternal reward. As another year marks the passage of time since that first Holy Communion day, the prayer arises simply and sincerely: that the grace first received may continue to bear fruit; that the heart may be ever more conformed to the One who gives Himself; and that, at the last, the journey begun at the altar may find its fulfilment in the eternal banquet. Canon Larkin

SACRED HEART leads sacramental preparation sessions during school hours for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Holy Communion preparations have begun on Friday afternoons from 1 to 2pm (starting 17 April). If you want more details or wish to arrange for your child to join the sessions, please reach out to Mrs Hutchings through 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

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.

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**.

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: Tuesdays: 9.30 to 2.00 | Fridays: 9.30 to 12.00

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.

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.

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

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

Sunday 26 April 2026 *Liturgical Colour: White. Year: A(II).*

Readings at Mass

First reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the

name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. R

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. R

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. R

Second reading 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia.

Gospel John 10:1-10

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

Solemn Blessing

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing.

Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

Amen.

And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

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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Safeguarding Diocesan Office 0113 261 8069
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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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