



# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 10th + SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 09 May	5-30pm	VIGIL	November Dead List 2025/6
Sunday 10 May	11-00am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Arthur Cardinal Roche (2001)</i>	Alex Johnston [A]
Monday 11 May	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List 2025/6
Tuesday 12 May	09-30am	St Pancras, Martyr (c.304)	November Dead List 2025/6
Wednesday 13 May		Our Lady of Fatima	
Thursday 14 May	09-30am	+ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD + Holyday of Obligation	November Dead List 2025/6
Friday 15 May	09-30am	Weekday of Easter	November Dead List 2025/6
Saturday 16 May	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 17 May	11-00am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>First Holy Communion</i>	Bernard Tidswell [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** | 05 MAY 2026 **Total £335** | **SO** average **£1479** per month. Total Gift Aiders **55**

**NEXT SUNDAY: Collection for Catholic Communications**

**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/>.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** + Holyday of Obligation. With reverence and joy, I warmly invite you to join me in celebrating the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord, when Christ our Saviour, having completed His earthly ministry, ascends in glory to the right hand of the Father. In this sacred mystery, heaven is opened to us, and our humanity is lifted in hope.

Holy Mass will be offered: **Sowerby Bridge at 9.30am** | **Mytholmroyd at 12 noon**

This Holyday of Obligation calls us, as ever, to gather faithfully around the altar, to give thanks, and to renew our hearts in the promise of eternal life. Let us keep this ancient feast with devotion, mindful of the generations who have gone before us in faith, and steadfast in our witness today.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026, 11.00AM** On Sunday 17 May at 11.00am, our parish of Sacred Heart will gather with joy and reverence as our children make their First Holy Communion. This is a deeply significant moment in the life of the Church, when, for the first time, they receive Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. There is something timeless and quietly beautiful about this day. Each year it carries the same grace, the same sense of sacred anticipation, linking generations of the faithful. I recall my own First Holy Communion on 2 May 1971, so many years ago now, yet the memory remains vivid: the sense of wonder, the stillness, and the awareness, however simple, that something profound was taking place. The children have been preparing carefully for this moment, and we keep them very much in our prayers. A rehearsal will take place in church on **Friday 15 May at 3.45pm**, when the children and their families will be guided through the order of the Mass.

Please do come and support them on Sunday 17 May with your presence and your prayer. In welcoming them to the altar, we are reminded of our own call to approach the Lord with renewed faith, humility, and love. Oremus pro invicem.

### **BISHOP'S PASTORAL - CHANGES TO THE HALIFAX DEANERY AND THE DIOCESE. RETIRING FROM HOLDING PAROCHIAL OFFICE - SUMMER 2026**

Rev Fr Robert Owens Retiring from the Parish of St Bernard, Halifax, and the Parish of St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Queensbury

### **APPOINTMENTS TO PAROCHIAL OFFICES AND OTHER MINISTRIES FROM SUMMER 2026**

Rev Fr Joshua Hilton

Parochial Administrator of the Parish of St Bernard, Halifax, and the Parish of St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Queensbury (in addition to his current responsibilities as Parish Priest of the Parish of St Mary, Halifax).

From August, it will no longer be possible to provide a priest to celebrate Masses in Queensbury, and the future of the church premises there will need to be considered. These decisions reflect the reality of current numbers and the resources available. The situation at St Bernard's, together with that of the other parishes in the town, also presents significant challenges. It is therefore important that all parishes within the deanery recognise and understand the factors shaping diocesan provision of clergy and the celebration of Mass.

### **Interim Mass schedule from August**

From August, Masses across the deanery will be celebrated as follows:

- **Saturday:** 5.00pm – St Bernard's
- **Sunday:** 9.00am – St Malachy's | 11.00am – St Columba's
- 9.30am – St Mary's | 11.00am – St Mary's
- 6.00pm – St Alban's

**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.

**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](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> join the team

**The SVP** would like to make an appeal to parishioners for unwanted, single bedding which is in good condition for 'Happy Days' who provide shelter to the homeless during the winter months. A box will be provided for your donations in the church porch. Thank you for your help.

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**Sunday 10 May 2026** *Liturgical Colour: White. Year: A(II).*

Readings at Mass

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**First reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. R1**

***Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.***

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!'

'Before you all the earth shall bow down,  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
Come and see the works of God:  
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam.

He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
Let our joy, then, be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might.  
*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*  
*or: Alleluia.*

Come and hear, all who fear God;  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,  
nor withhold from me his merciful love.

### **Second reading 1 Peter 3:15-18**

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

### **Gospel Acclamation John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.  
Alleluia.

### **Gospel John 14:15-21**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

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### **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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### **MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL**

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### **NATIONAL SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM**

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

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