



# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 17th + SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WHITE

*World Communications Day - Collection for Catholic Communications*

<b>Saturday 16 May</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>Deceased of the Oldfield &amp; Teesdale families</b>
<b>Sunday 17 May</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b><i>(First Holy Communion Sunday)</i></b>	<b>Bernard Tidswell [A]</b>
Monday 18 May	NO PUBLIC MASS	St John I, Pope and Martyr	Emily Power [A]
<b>Tuesday 19 May</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>St Dunstan, Bishop</b>	<b>Miss Gill [A]</b>
Wednesday 20 May		St Bernardine of Siena, Priest	
Thursday 21 May	NO PUBLIC MASS	Ss Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs	Maria Sirianni & Anton Turkerly [A]
<b>Friday 22 May</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>St Rita of Cascia, Religious</b>	<b>November Dead List 2025/6</b>
<b>Saturday 23 May</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Rev Patrick Smith [YB] [LD]</b>
<b>Sunday 24 May</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	<b>Canon T O'Connor [YB] [LD]</b>

**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 | 11 MAY 2026 Total £460 | SO average £1479 per month. Total Gift Aiders 55**

**THIS 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/>.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026, 11.00AM** Today is a day of great joy and grace in the life of our parish, as we welcome Theodore, Jayden, Lucas, Luca, Joseph, Lucy, and Isla, to receive their First Holy Communion. For the first time, these children will receive Our Blessed Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life. This sacred moment stands at the heart of our Catholic faith and remains one of the most beautiful and enduring memories in the lives of so many Catholics. There is something timeless about First Holy Communion Day. Year after year, generation after generation, the Church gathers around the altar with the same sense of reverence, wonder, and quiet

expectation. I still remember my own First Holy Communion on 2 May 1971. Our children have prepared carefully and prayerfully for this day, and we thank their families, catechists, and teachers for their support and encouragement along the way. As a parish community, we surround these young children with our prayers and affection, asking that Our Lord, whom they receive today, may remain always close to them throughout their lives. May this First Holy Communion Day be filled with grace, peace, and lasting joy for them and for their families.

**PARISH EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION – THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)** In this Jubilee Holy Year, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday 7 June 2026. To mark this great feast of Our Eucharistic Lord, there will be a Solemn Procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the church at 2.00pm. The faithful of the whole Deanery are warmly invited to join us in prayer, devotion, and thanksgiving, as we publicly honour Christ truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. May this sacred procession be a witness of faith and a grace-filled occasion for all. Oremus pro invicem.

**MASS OF HEALING FOR SENIOR PARISHIONERS** The annual Mass of Healing for the Senior Parishioners of the Parish will take place on Sunday 28 June 2026 at 3.00pm, followed by afternoon tea and fellowship in the parish hall. This is always a gentle and joyful occasion in the life of the parish community. If you would like to attend and have not yet received an invitation, please speak with Anne at the back of church for further details. All are most welcome.

**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.

**CHANGES TO THE HALIFAX DEANERY** 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

**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.**

**THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY** The Latin Mass Society exists to support and promote the traditional Latin liturgy of the Catholic Church, preserving the beauty, reverence, and sacred inheritance handed down through the centuries. You are warmly encouraged to become a Supporter, free of charge, or to assist their work through Membership and Direct Debit subscriptions. Please help ensure that the ancient treasures of

the Holy Mass continue to be cherished and passed on to future generations of Catholics.  
Join the Latin Mass Society here <https://lms.org.uk/join-now>

**JUNE 2026 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** Saint Mary, Halifax, will host a week of Eucharistic Adoration, devotions, and presentations, concluding with Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, celebrated by His Lordship the Bishop. The programme is as follows:

- **Sunday 7 June:** Feast of Corpus Christi – 11:00am Opening Mass
- **Solemn Deanery Procession** of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the **Sacred Heart & St. Patrick, Sowerby Bridge at 2.00pm**
  
- **Monday 8 June:** Mass at 9:30am, followed by Holy Hour; 6:00pm presentation at St Alban's
- **Tuesday 9 June:** Mass at 9:30am, followed by Holy Hour; 6:00pm presentation at St Alban's
- **Wednesday 10 June:** Mass at 9:30am, followed by Exposition until 9:00pm
- **Thursday 11 June:** Mass at 9:30am, followed by Exposition until 9:00pm
- **Friday 12 June:** Exposition from 9:00am until 3:00pm;  
7:00pm Solemn Closing Mass, celebrated by Bishop Stock for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, followed by refreshments. Be generous with your time

**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

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**Sunday 17 May 2026** *Liturgical Colour: White. Year: A(II).*

**Readings at Mass**

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**First reading**

**Acts 1:12-14**

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

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## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R 13**

***I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.***

***or: Alleluia.***

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread?

***I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.***

***or: Alleluia.***

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord

all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,

to enquire at his temple.

***I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.***

***or: Alleluia.***

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;

have mercy and answer me.

Of you my heart has spoken,

'Seek his face.'

***I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.***

***or: Alleluia.***

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Cf. John 14:18**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia.

## **Gospel**

**John 17:1-11a**

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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

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