



# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 24th + PENTECOST

*As from tomorrow the recitation of the Angelus (The Angel of the Lord...) resumes.*

*The Paschal Candle is kept with honour in the baptistery. Outside Easter Time the Paschal Candle should not be kept in the sanctuary nor should it be lit, except for the celebrations of Baptism and funerals*

<b>Saturday 23 May</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>Rev Patrick Smith [YB] [LD]</b>
<b>Sunday 24 May</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <i>The fifty days of the sacred season of Easter concludes today</i>	<b>Canon T O'Connor [YB] [LD]</b>
Monday 25 May	NO PUBLIC MASS	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Rev John F Carter [YB] [LD]
<b>Tuesday 26 May</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	<b>Rev David Bulmer [YB] [LD]</b>
Wednesday 27 May		ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	
Thursday 28 May	NO PUBLIC MASS	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	Rev John B Murphy [YB] [LD]
<b>Friday 29 May</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>St Paul VI, Pope</b>	<b>November Dead List 2025/26</b>
<b>Saturday 30 May</b>	<b>5-30pm</b>	<b>Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm</b> <b>VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Margaret McGill [LD]</b>
<b>Sunday 31 May</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	<b>November Dead List 2025/26</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** | 18 MAY 2026 Total £305 | **SO** average £1479 per month. **Total** Gift Aiders 55

**Catholic Communications £42.45** thank you

**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/>.

**NEW LIFE THROUGH WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT DAY FOR NEW CATHOLICS:** The Faith Formation team within the Vicariate for Education warmly invites newly received Catholics to a retreat day exploring the gift of new life in Christ, including time for prayer and fellowship, celebrating the adventure of faith together. **Saturday 27 June, 10.00am–3.00pm**, Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley, £35 per person

(including lunch). Further information/booking, please contact the Briery 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk).

**PARISH EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION – CORPUS CHRISTI** This year, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday 7 June 2026. This deeply cherished tradition is a public witness of our Catholic faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Order of the Celebration:**

- Opening Hymn and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church
- Procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the church grounds, accompanied by hymns and prayers
- Final Benediction and concluding hymn inside the church

Following the procession, refreshments will be served in the church hall – a chance for us to gather in fellowship and celebration. The whole deanery is warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion. All are welcome.

**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**

- Please note: the Mass arrangements will be under review as part of the continuing pastoral reorganisation.
- **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

**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.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION & SOLEMN VESPERS:** Sunday 7 June, 3.00pm, St Mary's Church, Batley. We will be hosting our annual Blessed Sacrament Procession followed by Solemn Vespers on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord, 3.00pm. Beginning on the grounds of St Mary's Primary School and processing to St Mary's Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the celebration of Solemn Vespers. Refreshments available in the school hall afterwards.

**YORK CATHOLIC HISTORY DAY 2026:** The York Catholic History Day takes place at the Bar Convent in York on Saturday 6 June. The programme begins at 10.30, with registration from 10 am. More information can be found at <https://www.crs.org.uk/york-catholic-history-day>

**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
- **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

**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.

**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>

**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 24 May 2026** *Liturgical Colour: Red. Year: A(II).*

**Readings at Mass**

*These readings are for the day of the feast itself.*

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**First reading Acts 2:1-11**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and

Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.’

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. R cf. 30**

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, how great you are!

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your creatures.

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

You take away their breath, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, and they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I will rejoice in the Lord.

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

**Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

**SEQUENCE**

**Veni, sancte Spiritus**

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live!  
Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul’s delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow. Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.  
Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will ;All his good is turned to ill.  
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray.  
Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give us comfort when we die,  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia.

### **Gospel John 20:19-23**

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.'

### **Solemn Blessing**

May God, the Father of lights,  
who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds  
by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete,  
grant you gladness by his blessing  
and make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit.

**Amen.**

May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples,  
powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil  
and pervade them with its purifying light.

**Amen.**

And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues  
in the profession of one faith,  
give you perseverance in that same faith  
and, by believing, may you journey from hope to clear vision.

**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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live streaming service for Mass and other services: [www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream)

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

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