



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 5th July 2026 + FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Sacred Heart of Jesus ultimate defence against modernism and the culture of death keep us safe

Saturday 04 July	5-30pm	VIGIL	Evie Adamson
Sunday 05 July	11-00am	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY	Mgr Owens [AO]
Monday 06 July	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr	Stephen Gray [A]
Tuesday 07 July	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	John Nalepa
Wednesday 08 July		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 09 July	NO PUBLIC MASS	Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	November Dead List 2025/6
Friday 10 July	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Janina & Eamon O'Hare 50th Wedding Ann
Saturday 11 July	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Eugene Brady [A]
Sunday 12 July	11-00am	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY	Eileen Aspen [LD]

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 | 29 JUNE 2026 Total £495.00 | **SO** average £1479 per month. **Total** Gift Aiders 55

Collection for Peter's Pence £76.90

NEXT SUNDAY Collection for Stella Maris (The Apostleship of the Sea)

STANDING ORDER (SO) Payments are usually made monthly. Let Canon Larkin know if you switch to this method. Bank details: HSBC / Sort Code: 40-27-15 / Account: 41017454. Thank you for your support through standing orders. A Gift Aid form is available here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/gift-aid-declaration/>.

RUBY JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD: MGR PAUL OWENS

We welcome Mgr. Paul Owens at the 11.00am Mass this Sunday in July. We celebrate with joy and thanksgiving the Ruby Jubilee of Priesthood of Mgr. Paul Owens, marking forty years of faithful priestly service. We are also delighted to welcome Archbishop John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark and formerly a priest of the Diocese of Leeds, who will preach at the Mass. This is a wonderful occasion for the parish to

give thanks to God for the gift of the priesthood and for Mgr. Paul's many years of generous service to Christ and His Church. Keep Mgr. Paul in your prayers at this special time, asking the Lord to bless him with peace, joy, and renewed strength in his priestly ministry.

MASS ATTENDANCE 2026 – 844 people attended Mass (JUNE). **Just keep coming to Mass**

MASS OF HEALING FOR SENIOR PARISHIONERS Thank you to all who helped to make the annual Mass of Healing for Senior Parishioners such a great success. We are grateful to everyone who attended, assisted with the liturgy, prepared and served the afternoon tea, and contributed to the entertainment in the parish hall. Your generosity and care made this a joyful occasion.

CONCERT AT ST BERNARD'S CHURCH HALIFAX Saturday 11 July at 7.30

The Orion Choir- My spirit sang all day. Music chosen by the choir, followed by refreshments in the church hall. Entrance is by donation to choir and church funds. All welcome.

SEPTEMBER PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA There are places available on the St Mary's Parish, Halifax pilgrimage to Malta this September, In the Footsteps of St Paul. 21 – 24 September flying from Manchester Airport. We will visit St. Paul's Grotto, St John's Co-Cathedral, the Ta' Pinu Basilica and the church of St Paul's shipwreck. For more information, please email office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or call Tangney Tours and ask to speak to Rae on: 01732886666

YORKSHIRE CHURCHES DAY in 2026 takes place on **Saturday, 12 September 2026**. It coincides with the broader annual Heritage Open Days making it the perfect opportunity for people to explore the region's rich architectural and cultural heritage. Churches in our diocese have been recipients of grants from the YHCT. Others may be in the process of applying for a YHCT grant or considering this. Again, it would be helpful if as many of these churches as possible took part in the event on 12 September. More information can be found at <https://www.yhct.org.uk/>

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL As you may have learned from news reports, the MP for Rochester and Strood, Lauren Edwards, has announced that she intends to use her number two slot in the Private Members' Bill ballot to bring back Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill. It is important that all those who are opposed to the introduction of this legislation contact their local MP and ask that the Bill not be revived. As well as opposing the reintroduction of this Bill, it is important too to advocate support for the greater provision of palliative care. More information <https://livinganddyingwell.org.uk/> and <https://righttolife.org.uk/>.

SACRED HEART School Places please contact the school if you would like an appointment with the headteacher contact the school office on 01422 831360

LEEDS INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL Join us at Leeds Cathedral for the Leeds International Organ Festival, featuring a series of recitals by outstanding organists from across the UK and around the world. Mondays up to 13 July, 1.15pm, Leeds Cathedral – free entry. For more information visit <https://www.leedsiof.org/home>

FOUNTAINS ABBEY Mass for the Feast of St Benedict, Tuesday 14 July, 12noon. All welcome. More details at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/fountains-abbey-and-studley-royal-water-garden/events>

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the spring and summer months: 18 July and 8 August, when the tours start at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

CATHOLIC CARE GARDEN PARTY Join us on Sunday 19 July 12.30pm at Catholic Care Head Office for our summer fundraiser! Enjoy live music from Voices of Yorkshire, a BBQ, games, raffles, cakes and more. Browse the clothes and book sale, try henna and relax with friends and family. Free entry and all proceeds support Catholic Care's vital work in the local community.

WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE: 24-27 July 2026, an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church. Four days of music, keynote, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott. Tickets and information at: www.webelievefestival.com

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE Saturday, 1 August 2026, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Pilgrim Mass 12:00noon. Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Life and Benediction, Rosary and a silent walk as an Act of Reparation. The pilgrimage will be concluded by a Prayer for England and the Salve Regina. For further details, please visit prolifepilgrimage.org

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT 4-13 August (6-day option to 11th). There are still a few places for IGR at The Briery. For more information and to book contact The Briery on 01943 607287

FINANCIAL REPORTING I am pleased to report that Bishop Marcus signed the Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 shortly before travelling to Lourdes this week (Friday 03 July). The diocesan finance department thanks all parishes for their cooperation throughout the process, particularly for using the new online submission system. As part of the audit, five parishes were selected for visits, and special thanks are extended to all involved at:

- Parish of Mary Mother of God, Bradford
- Parish of Jeanne Jugan, Leeds
- St Wilfrid's, Ripon
- St Ignatius, Ossett
- Our Lady Immaculate, Pateley Bridge

Future quarter-end submission dates are:

Quarter	Quarter End Submission Date
Quarter 1	31 July 2026
Quarter 2	30 October 2026
Quarter 3	29 January 2027
Year End	30 April 2027

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE CATHOLIC MISSION IN HALIFAX

Thank you to everyone who attended the consultation evening, where more than 75 people were present, and to all who contributed to the recent consultation on the future of Catholic mission and provision in Halifax and Queensbury. I can confirm that all responses have now been received.

Sunday 5 July 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*

Readings at Mass

First reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble.’

Thus says the Lord:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13c-14. R cf. 1

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

I will extol you, my God and king,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Second reading

Romans 8:9, 11-13

‘If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.’

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

‘I am gentle and lowly in heart.’

At that time Jesus declared, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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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