



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 12th July 2026 + FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Saturday 11 July	5-30pm	VIGIL	Eugene Brady [A]
Sunday 12 July	11-00am	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY	Eileen Aspen [LD]
Monday 13 July	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Henry	Jerry & Peggy O'Leary [A]
Tuesday 14 July	09-30am	St Camillus de Lellis, Priest	Arthur Oldfield [B]
Wednesday 15 July		St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
Thursday 16 July	10-00am	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sacred Heart School End of Term	Missa pro populo
Friday 17 July	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Aida & Joseph Szoke
Saturday 18 July	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Sheila Cooper [LD]
Sunday 19 July	11-00am	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY	Miss N Purcell (d.1922)

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 | 09 July 2026 Total £450.00 | **SO** average £1479 per month. **Total** Gift Aiders 55

TODAY 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 - THANK YOU Let us give thanks to all who helped make this such a glorious day in the life of our parish. We offer our prayers and sincere thanks to everyone who assisted with the preparations, the celebration of Holy Mass, and the refreshments afterwards. May God bless all who gave their time, care, and generosity so joyfully.

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

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. 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/>.

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

Sunday 12 July 2026 Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).

Readings at Mass

First reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R Luke 8:8

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You visit the earth, give it water;

you fill it with riches.

God's ever-flowing river brims over

to prepare the grain.

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

And thus you prepare it:

you drench its furrows;

you level it, soften it with showers;

you bless its growth.

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You crown the year with your bounty.

Abundance flows in your pathways;

in pastures of the desert it flows.

The hills are girded with joy.

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

The meadows clothed with flocks.

The valleys are decked with wheat.

They shout for joy; yes, they sing!

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Second reading

Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of

God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;

all who find him will live for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.'

'Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

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