



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 19th + SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Saturday 18 July	5-30pm	VIGIL	Sheila Cooper [LD]
Sunday 19 July	11-00am	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY	Ruth Elizabeth Saville [LD]
Monday 20 July	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr	Mary Oldfield [A]
Tuesday 21 July	*10-30am*	Requiem Mass	Anne Maynard [LD]
Wednesday 22 July	NO PUBLIC MASS	ST MARY MAGDALENE	
Thursday 23 July	NO PUBLIC MASS	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	Canon John Galvin [LD] [YB]
Friday 24 July	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Beverley Ward [R]
Saturday 25 July	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Brian Gordon Hume [A]
Sunday 26 July	11-00am	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY	Sadie Johnston [AB]

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 | 13 July 2026 Total £600.00 | **SO** average £1479 per month. **Total** Gift Aiders 55

Tea & Coffee £120.00 | Collection for Stella Maris £116.10 thank you.

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/>.

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

THE LAST MASS AT ST THERESA'S, QUEENSBURY, will be celebrated on **Saturday 25 July at 6.30pm**.

Christine Rothwell has warmly invited representatives from each parish in the Halifax Deanery to join the community for this final Mass. It would be good for us to accompany the parishioners of St Theresa's at this

poignant moment, giving thanks for the many years of faithful worship, prayer and service offered there, and commending the future to God's loving providence. All would be most welcome, and we continue to hold the people of St Theresa's in our prayers.

REQUIEM MASS - 10.30 Anne Maynard RIP Tuesday 21 July 2026

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anne Maynard**, who has died recently. We pray *"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen."*

CANON JOHN GALVIN It is with great sadness to let you know that Canon John Galvin, of Highstone Mews Care Home, Barnsley, died during the early hours of 11 July. He had been poorly for some time. Please pray for the repose of Canon Galvin's soul and for all his family and friends at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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 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.

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, keynotes, 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

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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

ONE & THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE IN SUPPORT OF ST PATRICK'S MISSION Saturday, August 8, St Patrick's Mission will be hiking the Yorkshire Three Peaks to support the ongoing ministry in Bradford city centre. We are grateful for anyone who would like to hike with us, or who would like to volunteer to help on the day or simply donate to the cause! To sign up, <https://www.stpatricksmision.co.uk/event/one-and-three-peak-challenge> or to donate, <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spm-peaks26>

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026 Save The Dates: 10 - 11 October. This year, after major Eucharistic events in Liverpool and Birmingham, the Adoremus Eucharistic Festival turns to London over two days. The event will include Mass in Southwark Cathedral, a keynote address, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral. More details to follow.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS – Resources. The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has prepared some resources, aimed at facilitating the understanding and in-depth analysis of Pope Leo XIV's recent Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas. The resources are available at the following website: <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas/risorse/kit-pastorale.html>

ABOUT SAFE SPACES Safe Spaces is a free, independent support service that provides a confidential, non-judgemental, and trauma-informed space for anyone who has experienced abuse by someone within the Church, or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Church in Wales, or the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Our aim is to offer compassionate support, helping them access the care and assistance that is right for them. Safe Spaces is funded by the Church of England, the Church in Wales, and the Catholic Church in England and Wales. To learn more about Safe Spaces, visit: <https://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/>

JOB VACANCIES

DIOCESE OF LEEDS – FINANCE COORDINATOR The Finance Department is seeking a Finance Coordinator. Strong Excel skills and a willingness to work with volunteers are essential. Full details are available at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/.

CATHOLIC CARE – SCHOOLS SOCIAL WORKER 26.25 hours per week over 3.5 days, based across Wakefield and Pontefract. Salary £32,105–£37,018, depending upon experience. Applicants must be qualified and registered with Social Work England.

CATHOLIC CARE – BANK RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE WORKERS Roles are available in Wakefield or Keighley. Applicants must hold a current, valid UK driving licence. Pay: £15.07 per hour inclusive. Send a CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk or download an application form from the Catholic Care website.

Sunday 19 July 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*

Readings at Mass

First reading

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly.
For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
For you show your strength
when men doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.
Through such works you have taught your people
that the one who is righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your sons with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 86(85):5-6. 9-10. 15-16a. R5a

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.
Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O Lord,
and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second reading

Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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 13:24-30

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?" He said to them, "An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " ' "

MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

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Church www.sacredheartandstpatrickschurch.org.uk

School www.sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk

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NATIONAL SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM

live streaming service for Mass and other services: www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream

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

The Latin Mass Society, founded in 1965, is an association of Catholic faithful dedicated to the traditional Latin liturgy of the Catholic Church, the teachings and practices integral to it, the musical tradition which serves it, and the Latin language in which it is celebrated. Join <https://lms.org.uk/join-now>

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