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Sunday 26th + SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

Saturday 25 July	5-30pm	VIGIL	Brian Gordon Hume [A]
Sunday 26 July	11-00am	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY	Sadie Johnston [AB]
Monday 27 July	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Deceased of the Pipetro family
Tuesday 28 July	9-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Simon Tilley [LD]
Wednesday 29 July		FUNERAL SERVICE Alfred Heinrich Pohl - 11.30am	
Thursday 30 July	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Peter Chrysologus	Jerry & Peggy O'Leary [A]
Friday 31 July	09-30am	St Ignatius of Loyola	Ruth Savile [LD]
Saturday 01 August	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 02 August	11-00am	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY	Peggy Ambrose [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 | 20 July 2026 Total £325.00 | **SO** average £1479 per month. **Total** Gift Aiders 55

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/>.

FUNERAL SERVICE - Alfred Pohl RIP - Wednesday 29 July 2026 at 11.30am in church followed by Committal at Park Wood at 12.45pm. *May he rest in peace. Amen.*

LETTERS TO HEAVEN Rachel Horne and Sherryl Smorthit are fundraising for the fifth and final Letters to Heaven post box in Calderdale, to be placed at Sowerby Bridge Cemetery. The post boxes offer people a place to write and leave letters to loved ones who have died. Boxes are already in place at Park Wood Crematorium, Elland; Stoney Royd, Halifax; Huddersfield Crematorium; and Brighouse Cemetery.

A donation of £100 has been received from Sacred Heart and St Patrick's Ladies Group towards the Sowerby Bridge box. Sincere thanks to them for their generosity.

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, 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

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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>

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/>

THE SVP will be having a tombola stall at the annual Rush Bearing Festival on Saturday 5 September to raise money for our good causes. We are appealing to our parishioners to donate any unwanted gifts, toiletries, bottles etc for prizes for our stall. A box will be in the church porch for donations. Your support is appreciated. Thank you.

CATENIANS CALANDER

Catenians: Saturday 1st August is the date for the Annual Barbecue which may be an opportunity for any men interested to come along with their family to meet like-minded Catholics and learn more about the association. Call Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042 to book your place and obtain the location.

Sunday 2nd August Catenians: Meetings at Meltham Golf Club on the third Tuesday monthly with an after-meeting meal which always includes wives/partners. Many social events such as barbecue, garden party, theatre trips, concerts. See website for more details <https://thecatenians.uk/> or call Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

Sunday 9th August Catenians: Another opportunity for any men and their family interested in finding more about the Catenians by joining them at their annual Garden Party on Sunday 16th August from 12.30 pm. For details call Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

Sunday's 16th 23rd and 30th August S.V.P. Annual District Barbecue will be at St. Joseph's Somerset Road Aspley Huddersfield after the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday 30th August. Still priced at £5 including food. Tickets available from any SVP member. If you are unable to attend but wish to support, donations will be welcome either in cash or with bottles for the bottle stall.

Deanery Mass Times - <http://www.halifax-deanery.org.uk/halifax-deanery-parish-websites/>
Sunday 26 July 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*
Readings at Mass

Readings, Prayers and Mass Texts - www.universalis.com

First reading

1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

In those days: The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119(118):57, 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130. R97a

O Lord, how I love your law!

You, O Lord, are my portion;
I have promised to obey your words.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold.

O Lord, how I love your law!

Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight.

O Lord, how I love your law!

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

O Lord, how I love your law!

Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.
The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple.

O Lord, how I love your law!

Second reading Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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 13:44-52

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

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