



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 2nd + EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

Saturday 01 August	5-30pm	VIGIL	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 02 August	11-00am	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY	Peggy Ambrose [LD]
Monday 03 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Oswald, Martyr	Emily Power [A] (1916)
Tuesday 04 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St John Vianney	Paul Gray [A]
Wednesday 05 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	Michael Flemming
Thursday 06 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Jerry & Peggy O'Leary [A]
FRIDAY 07 Aug	09-30am	Ss Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs	Alfred Heinrich Pohl [LD]
Saturday 08 Aug	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Helena Mazur [A]
Sunday 09 Aug	11-00am	NINETEENTH SUNDAY	Deceased of the Palladino family

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 | 27 July 2026 Total £340.00 | **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/>.

THE HISTORY OF HALIFAX DEANERY We were pleased to receive this week a remarkable piece of needlework, created by the ladies of St Theresa's Craft Group. The work beautifully charts the story of the Halifax Deanery, tracing the changing life of our parishes, including those churches no longer with us. With gratitude, we acknowledge the skill, patience and affection woven into this piece, and welcome it to Sacred Heart and St Patrick's as a sign of our shared story and faith. May it remind us to cherish what we have received, pray for communities past and present, and build with hope. Sincere thanks to St Theresa's

Craft Group. It is currently on display in the sacristy and will later have a permanent place in our church hall.

ATTENDANCE 2026 – 1125 people attended Mass (JULY). **Just keep coming to Mass**

RITA SPENCER - FUNERAL SERVICE will take place on **Tuesday 18 August 2026** at 12.00 noon at The Good Shepherd, followed by committal at Park Wood at 1.30 p.m. *May She rest in peace. Amen.*

SACRED HEART AND ST PATRICK'S LADIES' GROUP are working in partnership with the SVP to support Cannon Larkin and our church by improving church facilities. Current projects are replacing flooring in the kitchen and a fresh coat of paint, Exploring the possibility of improving the disabled toilet, and painting both ladies and gents' toilets. If anyone would like to support or volunteer some time to help, please contact Marian on 07873907645. Please note – that Tad on behalf of the **SVP** would like to thank the ladies Group for the Donation of **£78.00** to purchase a replacement Gazebo.

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT – 4–13 AUGUST: A six-day option is available to 11 August. There are still a few places for an Individually Guided Retreat at The Briery. For more information and to book, please telephone 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME – SATURDAY 8 AUGUST:

A free guided tour will begin at 1.30pm and last about one hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

ONE & THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE IN SUPPORT OF ST PATRICK'S MISSION – SATURDAY 8 AUGUST:

St Patrick's Mission will be hiking the Yorkshire Three Peaks to support its ongoing ministry in Bradford city centre. Anyone wishing to hike, volunteer to help on the day or donate to the cause will be very welcome. To sign up, visit <https://www.stpatricksmision.co.uk/event/one-and-three-peak-challenge>; to donate, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spm-peaks26>.

CATENIANS ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY – SUNDAY 16 AUGUST: Men and their families who would like to learn more about the Catenians are warmly invited to the Annual Garden Party from 12.30pm. For details, please telephone Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

SVP ANNUAL DISTRICT BARBECUE – SUNDAY 30 AUGUST: The barbecue will take place at St Joseph's, Somerset Road, Aspley, Huddersfield, after the 11 o'clock Mass. Tickets remain £5, including food, and are available from any SVP member. Those unable to attend but wishing to offer support may make a cash donation or donate bottles for the bottle stall.

SVP TOMBOLA AT THE RUSH BEARING FESTIVAL – SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER: The SVP will have a tombola stall at the annual Rush Bearing Festival to raise money for its good causes. Parishioners are invited to donate unwanted gifts, toiletries, bottles and other suitable prizes. A box will be placed in the church porch for donations. Thank you for your support.

SVP NATIONAL SUMMER RAFFLE The SVP will be selling tickets for its annual National Summer Raffle after Mass on the weekends of **15/16 August** and **22/23 August**. Proceeds will support the charitable work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in this country and overseas. Please support the raffle if you are able.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: Resources available at the following website:

<https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas/risorse/kit-pastorale.html>

LEEDS CATHEDRAL – AUGUST TIMETABLE INFORMATION: Leeds Cathedral is undertaking essential works to upgrade the lighting system throughout August. To ensure health and safety, the Cathedral will be unable to open on weekdays for the duration of the works.

Monday–Wednesday in Cathedral Hall: access from 11.30am, Rosary at 12 noon and Mass at 12.30pm.
Thursday and Friday in Cathedral Hall: access from 10am, Rosary at 10.30am and Mass at 11am. Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 5.30pm on Fridays, with access from 5pm and Evening Prayer at 5.10pm, and at the usual times on Saturday and Sunday. There will be no confessions on weekdays. Please see the attached flyer or the Cathedral website for further information.

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/>

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.

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

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

Sunday 2 August 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*
Readings at Mass

First reading
Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord: 'Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. R cf. 16

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

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.

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing.

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Second reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and Sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4b

Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the

crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ But Jesus said, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

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