



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 9th + NINETEENTH SUNDAY

Saturday 08 Aug	5-30pm	VIGIL	Helena Mazur [A]
Sunday 09 Aug	11-00am	NINETEENTH SUNDAY	Deceased of the Palladino family
Monday 10 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	ST LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR	November Dead List 2025/6
Tuesday 11 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Clare, Virgin	November Dead List 2025/6
Wednesday 12 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	November Dead List 2025/6
Thursday 13 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	Ss Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	November Dead List 2025/6
FRIDAY 14 Aug	09-30am	St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	Kate Foster
Saturday 15 Aug	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Anne Maynard [LD]
Sunday 16 Aug	11-00am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	For 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 | 03 August 2026 Total £355.00 | **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/>.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS From the 02 August 2026, Fr Hilton (Parish Priest of St Mary's Halifax) has taken his appointment as Parochial Administrator of St Bernard's and St Theresa's. As a result, Saturday 02 August saw the first Vigil Mass at St Bernard's at 5.00pm. From now on Mgr. McQuinn, Parish Priest of St Columba's and St Malachy's, will alternate with Fr Hilton between celebrating the Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bernard's and the Sunday evening Mass at St Alban's.

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.*

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.

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.

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.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: Resources available at the following website:

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

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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.

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

First reading

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

In those days: Elijah reached Horeb, the mount of God. There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him. And he said, 'Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord.' And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85(84):9ab, 10. 11-12. 13-14. R8

***Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.***

I will hear what the Lord God speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.
His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land.

***Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.***

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have kissed.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from heaven.

***Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.***

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.
Righteousness will march before him,
and guide his steps on the way.

***Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.***

Second reading

Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and Sisters: I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying. My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers and sisters, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 130(129):5

Alleluia, alleluia.

I long for you, O Lord,
my soul longs for his word.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

After the crowd had eaten and were satisfied: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, 'It is a ghost!' and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.' And Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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