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Sunday 16th + THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 15 Aug	5-30pm	VIGIL	Anne Maynard [LD]
Sunday 16 Aug	11-00am	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>A Day of Heavenly Joy</i>	For My Family
Monday 17 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2025/6
Tuesday 18 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2025/6v
Wednesday 19 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St John Eudes, Priest	November Dead List 2025/6
Thursday 20 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	November Dead List 2025/6
FRIDAY 21 Aug	09-30am	St Pius X, Pope	Mary Oldfield [B]
Saturday 22 Aug	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Timothy Larkin [AB]
Sunday 23 Aug	11-00am	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	Kathleen MM Larkin [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 | 10 August 2026 Total £481.00 | **SO** average £1479 per month. **Total** Gift Aiders 55

TEA & COFFEE £171 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/>.

PARISH NOTICES

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY On this glorious solemnity we lift our eyes and hearts heavenward, contemplating Our Lady, Mother of God, taken body and soul into the glory of Heaven. Her Assumption is a foretaste of our own resurrection, a sign of hope and a radiant promise for all the faithful. Pope Pius XII solemnly defined this truth in 1950, giving formal expression to the ancient faith and worship of the Church.

ATTENDANCE 2026 A total of 1,125 people attended Mass during July. Please keep coming to Mass.

SVP NATIONAL SUMMER RAFFLE – 15/16 AND 22/23 AUGUST The SVP will sell tickets after Mass on both weekends. Proceeds 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.

SVP ANNUAL DISTRICT BARBECUE – SUNDAY 30 AUGUST The barbecue will follow the 11am Mass at St Joseph's, Somerset Rd, Aspley, Huddersfield. Tickets cost £5, including food, and are available from any SVP member. Those unable to attend may support the event with a cash donation.

ST ALBAN'S LATIN MASS – FROM THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER The Tuesday 7pm Mass will be celebrated in Latin each week. Simple response cards will be available to help everyone follow and participate. This is the current form of the Roman Rite celebrated in Latin, not the 1962 Missal.

SOWERBY BRIDGE RUSHBEARING FESTIVAL – SATURDAY 5 AND SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER This year marks the fiftieth Rushbearing celebration since its modern revival. The custom recalls the days when church floors were covered with fresh rushes for warmth and cleanliness, a practical act that grew into a joyful procession of music, dancing and the decorated Rushcart. The Rushcart will arrive at St Patrick's Church and the Shepherd's Rest Inn at approximately 12.55pm on Saturday and depart at 1.30pm. Parishioners, families and friends are invited to gather from 11.45am.

RUSHBEARING: A CALL FOR BAKERS AND HELPERS We hope to offer homemade refreshments from the parish stall and would welcome buns, tarts, biscuits, tray bakes and other sweet treats. Please also come along to help us give the Rushcart a characteristically warm welcome. Route and programme: rushbearing.com/this-years-rushbearing/route-schedule/.

SVP TOMBOLA AT RUSHBEARING – SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER The SVP will hold a tombola stall to raise funds for its charitable work. Unwanted gifts, toiletries, bottles and other suitable prizes may be left in the box in the church porch. Thank you for your support.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY – MELIA FUNERAL SERVICES This long-standing family funeral business seeks a compassionate and organised administrator to receive enquiries, maintain computer records and support funeral arrangements. Hours are 9.00am–3.00pm, Monday to Friday, with some flexibility by agreement. To apply or enquire, email anne@meliafunerals.com.

DIOCESAN AND OTHER NOTICES

LEEDS CATHEDRAL – AUGUST TIMETABLE The Cathedral is closed on weekdays throughout August while essential lighting works are undertaken. In Cathedral Hall, Monday to Wednesday: access from 11.30am, Rosary at 12 noon and Mass at 12.30pm; Thursday and Friday: access from 10.00am, Rosary at 10.30am and Mass at 11.00am. Friday Mass will also be celebrated in the Cathedral at 5.30pm, with access from 5.00pm and Evening Prayer at 5.10pm. Weekend Masses continue at the usual times. There are no weekday Confessions during the works.

THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP – THURSDAY 27 AUGUST, 6.30PM The diocesan group for men aged 21–35 meets at Hinsley Hall, Leeds, for faith, fellowship and formation. Enquiries: oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

MARCH FOR LIFE, LONDON – SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER A coach will leave Harrogate at 5.00am and collect passengers at St Winefride's, Bradford BD6 1ST, at 6.00am, following Mass there at 5.30am. A Sheffield pick-up is also available. The coach leaves Parliament Square at 6.00pm. Return fare: £40. To book, email office.marymotherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or telephone 01274 677992.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS – BEGINS TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM At The Assumption Church Hall, Spen Lane, Leeds LS16 5BF. All are welcome. Session dates and registration are available in the bulletin at ourladyofkirkstall.org.uk/bulletins/.

OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE – BEFORE FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is returning to the House of Commons. MPs are due to vote on Friday 11 September. Please consider contacting your MP and asking them to oppose the Bill. Guidance: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/.

LEEDS WALSINGHAM WAY – SATURDAY 12 AND SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER This new joint diocesan Camino begins with Mass at Leeds Cathedral at 8.00am on Saturday, followed by the walk to Wakefield. Mass is at St Austin's, Wakefield, at 8.00am on Sunday, followed by the walk into Hallam Diocese. Day pilgrims are welcome. Information and registration: dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/.

MAKING WISER CHOICES – WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 10.00AM–4.00PM A day of reflection at The Briery led by Margaret Silf. The requested offering is £50 per person, including lunch and refreshments. To book, telephone 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026 – 10–11 OCTOBER The festival turns to London for two days, including Mass in Southwark Cathedral, a keynote address, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral. Further details will follow.

OTHER CURRENT NOTICES

JOIN BISHOP MARCUS IN PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds and throughout the world. Amen.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM UNITED NATIONS PETITION Aid to the Church in Need has launched a global petition calling upon governments and the United Nations to defend freedom of religion and hold those responsible for persecution to account. Please stand in solidarity with the persecuted Church.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 The Diocese of Leeds Youth Service is offering a pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea, as part of a Northern Diocesan Partnership. For information and applications, email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS Pastoral resources are available at humandevelopment.va.

THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY The Society supports the traditional Latin liturgy, its sacred music and the Latin language. Free supporter registration and membership information are available at lms.org.uk/join-now.

CHRISTIAN ART Founded by Fr Patrick van der Vorst, Christian Art offers a pathway to grow closer to God through the beauty of art and the Gospel. Visit christian.art.

JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Catholic doctors, nurses, students and allied healthcare professionals are invited to grow together in fellowship, prayer and formation. Information: catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT Whether a marriage is in a rut or facing more serious difficulties, Retrouvaille may be able to help. Visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or telephone 07973 380443.

ONLINE GOSPEL MEDITATIONS The Briery Retreat Team offers fortnightly guided meditations on Zoom on Thursdays from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. The room opens at 7.15pm. To receive the link, email admin@briery.org.uk.

ABOUT SAFE SPACES Safe Spaces is a free, independent service offering confidential, non-judgemental and trauma-informed support to anyone who has experienced abuse within the Church or through their relationship with the Church. Information: safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk.

JOB AND VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

DIOCESAN AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE – INDEPENDENT MEMBERS Bishop Marcus and the Diocesan Trustees seek volunteers with experience in audit, risk, finance or governance. The commitment is four

meetings annually for two to three years. Contact carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or andrew.summersgill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT Adult Learning Disability Support Worker posts are available in Leeds, Skipton, Bradford and Todmorden, together with a Waking Nights post in Sutton-in-Craven. Salary: £26,045 pro rata. A Community Development Worker is required in Huddersfield at £28,193 pro rata for six hours per week. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers are required in Keighley and Wakefield at £15.07 per hour inclusive. For details, email recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk.

SUNDAY READINGS

Readings, prayers and Mass texts: www.universalis.com

Sunday 16 August 2026

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Readings at Mass *These readings are for the day of the feast itself.*

First reading

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45(44):10. 11. 12. 16. R10b

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:

forget your own people and your father's house.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

So will the king desire your beauty.

He is your lord, pay homage to him.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;

they pass within the palace of the king.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Mary has been taken up into heaven;
the host of angels rejoice.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.'

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.