



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 23rd + TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22 Aug	5-30pm	VIGIL	Timothy Larkin [AB]
Sunday 23 Aug	11-00am	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	Kathleen MM Larkin [AB]
Monday 24 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE FEAST	Stephen Gray [A]
Tuesday 25 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Miss Gill [A]
Wednesday 26 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	Bl Dominic of the Mother of God	Rev Fr Joshua Hilton Anniversary of Ordination (2017)
Thursday 27 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Monica	November Dead List 2025/26
FRIDAY 28 Aug	09-30am	St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Ann Brierley [LD]
Saturday 29 Aug	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Karl Hinze Nagal [A]
Sunday 30 Aug	11-00am	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY	Harold Ellis [A]

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 | 17 August 2026 Total £335.00 | **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/>.

SVP NATIONAL SUMMER RAFFLE - 22/23 AUGUST The SVP will sell tickets after Mass this weekend.

Proceeds support the charitable work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in this country and overseas.

SOWERBY BRIDGE RUSHBEARING FESTIVAL - SATURDAY 5 AND SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER The fiftieth celebration since the modern revival. 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 Homemade buns, tarts, biscuits, tray bakes and other sweet treats would be welcome for the parish stall. Please also come along to help us give the Rushcart a warm welcome. 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.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY - MELIA FUNERAL SERVICES This family funeral business seeks a compassionate and organised administrator. Hours are 9.00am-3.00pm, Monday to Friday, with some flexibility by agreement. Apply or enquire: anne@meliafunerals.com.

ST ALBAN'S TUESDAY EVENING LATIN MASS - FROM THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER The 7.00pm Tuesday Mass will be celebrated in Latin each week. Simple response cards will be available. This is the current Roman Rite celebrated in Latin, not the 1962 Missal.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT - WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER The online support group for unpaid carers will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. To register, email carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk.

MARCH FOR LIFE, LONDON - SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER A coach will leave Harrogate at 5.00am and collect at St Winefride's, Bradford BD6 1ST, at 6.00am; Mass there is at 5.30am. The coach will also collect in Sheffield and leave the Emmanuel Centre, London SW1P 3DW, at 6.00pm. Return fare: £40. Book through office.marymotherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 01274 677992. Information: marchforlife.co.uk.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS - FROM TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER The seminars begin at 7.30pm in the Assumption Church Hall, Spen Lane, Leeds LS16 5BF. All are welcome. Session dates and registration: ourladyofkirkstall.org.uk/bulletins/.

OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE - BEFORE FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill returns to the House of Commons, with MPs due to vote on Friday 11 September. Please consider asking your MP 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 at St Austin's, Wakefield, is 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/.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS - WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER Pope Leo, Artificial Intelligence and the Choices We Can Make, 7.00-8.00pm, SS John Fisher & Thomas More Parish Hall, Bradford Road, Burley in Wharfedale LS29 7PX. Fr Mark Jarmuz will explain Pope Leo's teaching and its importance for personal and social choices. Book by emailing mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

PERGOLESIS STABAT MATER - THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER At 7.00pm in Leeds Cathedral, the Cathedral Senior Girls Choir will sing Pergolesi's **Stabat Mater** and music by Charpentier, Monteverdi and Vivaldi, with players from Baroque in the North. Admission is free; suggested donation £10.

ST GEMMA'S HOSPICE SUNSET WALK - SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER The walk begins at Roundhay Park, proceeds along Street Lane to the Hospice for reflection, and returns to the Park. Tickets: £20 adults and £12.50 children. Information and booking: st-gemma.co.uk/events/sunset-walk.

DIOCESAN SEASON OF CREATION EVENT - SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER SPARK Social Justice and the Justice and Peace Commission will screen **The People's Emergency Briefing** at Hinsley Hall, Headingley, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, followed by discussion of local solutions. Information and booking: sparksocialjustice.org.uk.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - 23 SEPTEMBER TO 1 NOVEMBER Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil from 7.00am to 7.00pm, more than 150 metres from the MSI facility, at the junction of Chapeltown Road and Barrack Road,

Leeds LS7 4AW, in accordance with buffer-zone law. Contact Chris Redding on 07815 681343 or 40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com. Information: 40daysforlife.com/leeds.

ANNUAL LEEDS AND MIDDLESBROUGH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Angelus and Mass at 12 noon; solemn procession into Walsingham village at 2.30pm; Vespers and Benediction in the Ancient Shrine grounds at approximately 3.30pm. Please bring a picnic.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND THE SIXTEEN - SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER At 3.00pm in Leeds Cathedral, the Cathedral Choir performs with members of The Sixteen and Genesis Sixteen, conducted by Harry Christophers. Admission is free; suggested donation £10.

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS - OCTOBER HALF-TERM Castlerigg Manor offers quiet retreats for individual adults seeking peace, prayer and rest in the Lake District. To enquire or book, telephone 017687 72711.

ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION - MONDAY 5 OCTOBER The procession begins at 7.30pm from St Mary's Catholic Primary School and proceeds to St Mary of the Angels' Church. It is a public expression of Catholic faith honouring Mary, Mother of God. Refreshments afterwards.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL - SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER The London festival includes Mass in Southwark Cathedral, a keynote address, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral. Timetable and art competition details: cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/.

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.

THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH Catholic men aged 21-35 are invited to grow in faith, fellowship and formation. Meetings are on the last Thursday of each month at Hinsley Hall, 6.30pm. Information: oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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.

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

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.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT Bishop Marcus and the Diocesan Trustees seek independent members 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 Vacancies include Registered Manager for a children's home in Keighley, full-time, salary £48,031-£52,282; Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers at £15.07 per hour; and Support Workers for adult learning disability services in Leeds, salary £26,045 pro rata. Email a CV to recruitment@catholic-care.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.

SUNDAY READINGS

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

Sunday 23 August 2026 Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).

Readings at Mass

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

'I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David.'

Thus says the Lord God of hosts, 'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house." '

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 6, 8bc. R8bc

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

Romans 11:33-36

'From him and through him and to him are all things.'

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

'You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.'

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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