



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 30th + TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 29 Aug	5-30pm	VIGIL	Karl Hinze Nagal [A]
Sunday 30 Aug	11-00am	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY	Harold Ellis [A]
Monday 31 Aug	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Aidan, Bishop and the Saints of Lindisfarne	For Anna
Tuesday 01 September	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Yorkshire Brethren 2026
Wednesday 02 Sept	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Jerry & Peggy O'Leary [A]
Thursday 03 Sept	NO PUBLIC MASS	ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	Private Intention (in)
FRIDAY 04 Sept	09-30am	St Cuthbert, Bishop	John Joseph Staden [A]
Saturday 05 Sept	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Sheila Cooper [LD]
Sunday 06 Sept	11-00am	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Special Intention [T]

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 | 24 August 2026 Total £270.00 | **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/>.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT - FROM SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER Mass attendance will be counted over the weekends of 19/20 and 26/27 September and 3/4 and 10/11 October. This timetable avoids the school half-term holiday.

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.

NEW BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON - MONDAY 19 OCTOBER On 2 July, Pope Leo XIV appointed Fr Stephen Wang as the sixth Bishop of Arundel and Brighton. Bishop-Elect Wang is Rector of the Venerable English College, Rome, and a priest of the Diocese of Westminster. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his episcopal ordination in Arundel Cathedral.

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 may be left in the box in the church porch.

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.

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: <https://www.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, registration: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/.

EDUCATION SUNDAY - SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER The Diocese is recruiting new Foundation Governors for its schools, whose role is to ensure that they are, in the words of Bishop Marcus, 'beacons of God's good news in our communities.' To explore this possibility, contact 0113 260 8040.

PERGOLES' 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.

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. Booking: www.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: www.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.

VENI EMMANUEL: ADVENT MUSIC FOR PARISH MUSICIANS - SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER Parish musicians, choir members and all involved in liturgical music are invited to Queen's Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Leeds LS17 6LE, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Admission is free; suggested donation £5. Hosted by Diocese of Leeds Music and Faith Formation. Book through formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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. Fifty places are available. Those able to arrange their own transport should email formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk before 18 September. The event is free, but admission is by ticket only. Details: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/>.

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.

DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION EVENTS The Vicariate for Education offers a wide range of faith-development events during 2026/27 at Hinsley Hall and elsewhere in the Diocese, including lectures, accompanied study and formation for catechists. Information: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025.

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 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: [https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk](http://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 30 August 2026 Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).

Readings at Mass

First reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

‘The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach.’

O Lord, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all the day;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, ‘Violence and destruction!’
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, ‘I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name’,
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9. R2b

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;

with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Second reading

Romans 12:1-2

‘Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.’

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.’

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.’

Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.’

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