



Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 6th + TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 05 Sept	5-30pm	VIGIL	Sheila Cooper [LD]
Sunday 06 Sept	11-00am	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Special Intention [T]
Monday 07 Sept	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Missa pro populo
Tuesday 08 Sept	09-30am	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FEAST	Mr Simon Tilley [LD]
Wednesday 09 Sept		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 10 Sept	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	India Gray
FRIDAY 11 Sept	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Simon Tilley [LD]
Saturday 12 Sept	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Anne Maynard [LD]
Sunday 13 Sept	11-00am	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY EDUCATION SUNDAY	Stella O'Donnell [LD]

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*

Latin Mass: *St Alban's Tuesday Latin Mass - 7pm*

PARISH GIVING – With thanks for your generosity to the parish.

Offertory | 30 August 2026 Total received £328.60 | **SO** average £1479 per month. **Total** Gift Aiders 55

NEXT SUNDAY: Collection for the Catholic Education Service

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/>.

FUNERAL REQUIEM MASS: DENIS PETER HAROLD REID RIP The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 17 September at 11.15am, followed by interment at Park Wood Crematorium, Elland, at 12.45pm. Please remember Denis and all who mourn him in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

ATTENDANCE 2026 – 660 people attended Mass (August). **Just keep coming to Mass**

RUSHBEARING Thanks to everyone who supported the festival and made it a success.

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 avoids the school half-term holiday.

ST ALBAN'S TUESDAY EVENING LATIN MASS - 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.

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.

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 You are invited to join as a day pilgrim on the new joint diocesan Camino from Leeds towards Walsingham. The pilgrimage 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. Information, registration and support: 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 the Vicariate for Education: education@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 0113 260 8040.

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.

PERGOLESÌ'S 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, accompanied by string 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. Information and booking: www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk.

THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING - FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER A public screening will take place at The Orange Box, 1 Blackledge, Halifax HX1 1AF, with the entrance on Westgate. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start, and refreshments will be available. Booking: bit.ly/peb_halifax.

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 grounds of the Ancient Shrine 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 will perform with members of The Sixteen and the Genesis Sixteen young artist programme, 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 For its 75th anniversary, the Parish of St Mary and St Patrick, Batley and Birstall, warmly invites you to join Bishop Marcus for the procession from St Mary's Catholic Primary School to St Mary of the Angels' Church at 7.30pm. This public expression of Catholic faith honours Our Lady and unites us in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Friends from the Dioceses of Hallam and Middlesbrough are welcome. Refreshments afterwards. Contact Fr Eamonn on 01924 474650 or eamonn.hegarty@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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. Details of the associated art competition are available at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/>. 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 booking is essential and admission is by ticket only.

"IT IS BEAUTIFUL TO BE OLD" - TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER Growing Old Grace-fully hosts Older People and Catholic Social Teaching from 10.00am to 1.30pm in Cathedral Hall, Leeds. Theologian Dr Peter Kevern will explore Catholic Social Teaching on the blessings of later life. To book, email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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.

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.

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.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS 2026-2027 Join the Friars at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford, on 7 November, 5 December, 9 January, 6 February, 6 March, 3 April and 1 May. The theme is 'May the Lord Give You Peace'. Each day includes the Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration, concluding at approximately 4.30pm. Lunch is provided.

CLEAVING TO CHRIST: PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE The Vicariate for Education will offer six in-person sessions for engaged couples between November 2026 and May 2027, from 10.15am to 12.30pm at St Winefride's Hall, Bradford BD6 1ST. Mass is available at St Winefride's Church at 9.30am. To book a place, costing £20 per couple, contact education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 0113 261 8040.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT The online support group for unpaid carers meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. Those caring for a friend, neighbour or family member are welcome. To register, email carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk.

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 is available under "Faith Formation" at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS Bishop Marcus and the Diocesan Trustees are seeking independent members for a newly established committee, meeting four times a year for a two-to-three-year commitment. Skills or experience in audit, risk, finance and governance are sought. Contact Carla Stockton-Jones at carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or Mgr Andrew Summersgill at andrew.summersgill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT Vacancies include an experienced Registered Manager for the Keighley children's home (£48,031-£52,282); Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers (£15.07 per hour); Support Workers for Leeds-based Adult Learning Disability services (£26,045 pro rata); and full- and part-time Life Skills Mentors in Dewsbury (£26,045 pro rata). Please email a CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk.

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: <https://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 +44 797 338 0443.

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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS we tend to shun thinking about death and preparations for funerals. But sometimes a little preparation can help, especially those who are left behind. It might be an idea to have a chat with your family and friends about your funeral arrangement – Requiem Mass or funeral Service, Hymns, Scripture Readings. Perhaps having a monthly Mass said for the year. This will then be written down and placed with your papers in a safe place, so that when the time comes, we will know what to do.

HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM A date and time for your child's Baptism can be provisionally given once you have completed the parish form and established a relationship with the parish. The choice of godparents is important. A godparent is a role model for your child by living a fully Christian life, there are usually two godparents. According to Canon Law, the law governing the Catholic Church, godparents must be at least 16 years of age, practising Catholics and should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents are responsible for instructing and forming their children in both the teaching and practice of the Catholic faith. Although Catholic schools exist to help parents in this regard, they are not a substitute for it. The best instruction that you can give your child is through commitment to the Mass. As you make this request for your child, it should also be a reality in your own life for example: Do you regularly attend Mass? Do you make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Are you fully initiated into the Church through Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation? If after reading this information you feel ready to present, your child to the Church for Baptism please see The Canon after Mass for Pre-Baptism form.

SUNDAY READINGS

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

Sunday 6 September 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*

Readings at Mass

First reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

'If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand.'

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R 7c, 8a

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts.'

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts.'

Second reading

Romans 13:8-10

'Love is the fulfilling of the law.'

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall

not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

'If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

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