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Sunday 13th + TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 12 Sept	5-30pm	VIGIL	Anne Maynard [LD]
Sunday 13 Sept	11-00am	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY EDUCATION SUNDAY	Stella O'Donnell [LD]
Monday 14 Sept	NO PUBLIC MASS	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS FEAST	Audrey McDonald [LD]
Tuesday 15 Sept	09-30am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Blessed Fredric Ozanam SVP
Wednesday 16 Sept		Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	
Thursday 17 Sept	11.15am	REQUIEM MASS: Denis Peter Harold Reid RIP	-
FRIDAY 18 Sept	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Ellen Hand [LD]
Saturday 19 Sept	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Rosemary Ann Foster [A]
Sunday 20 Sept	11-00am	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Edward Sulich [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.

BANKED | 07 September 2026 Total £835.00 | **SO** average £1479 per month. **Total** Gift Aiders 55

TODAY SUNDAY Collection for the Catholic Education Service

NEXT SUNDAY Collection for Home Mission Sunday

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.

CHURCH HALL IMPROVEMENTS: THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped prepare and upgrade the kitchen and toilets in the church hall. The work is now complete, and the refreshed facilities look very smart indeed, with improvements including new taps to help reduce water waste. We are especially grateful to all the volunteers who gave so generously of their time and talents, and to the Ladies' Group for their valued contribution towards the cost. Thank you for your hard work, generosity and care for our parish.

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

2026 RUSHBEARING Heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this year's Rushbearing Festival such a joyful and memorable occasion. Special thanks go to those who ran the stalls and groups. Your hard work made the day enjoyable and produced an encouraging financial result for the parish and wider community:

	2024	2025	2026
Bar Profit	311.00	355.00	367.50
SVP	163.50	160.00	175.00
Ladies Group	1016	818.81	845.25

While fundraising is important, the festival also preserves the traditions that unite generations. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed, in any way.

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.

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.

MARY'S MEALS: FOOD, EDUCATION AND HOPE Mary's Meals provides nutritious meals at school for more than three million children in some of the world's poorest communities. These daily meals relieve hunger and encourage children to attend school, helping them to learn and build a brighter future. Just **£19.15 provides one child with a meal every school day for a whole school year**. If you wish to support this work you can donate directly. Every contribution, however small, is welcome. To learn more or donate, visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>.

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.

CUPERTINO GROUP MASSES - SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER The next Mass is at 3.00pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church, West Gate, Wetherby LS22 6LL. These monthly Masses are for children with additional needs and disabilities, and their families. Contact Fr Frank on 07850 076926 or Rosie on 07891 951949.

LEEDS WALSINGHAM WAY - SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER Day pilgrims are invited to join the joint diocesan Camino towards Walsingham. Sunday Mass is at St Austin's, Wakefield, at 8.00am, followed by the walk into Hallam Diocese. Information, registration and support: www.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.

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.

ST GEMMA'S HOSPICE WALK LEEDS - SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER Walk from Roundhay Park along Street Lane to the Hospice for a moment of reflection, then return to the park for the finish. Tickets cost £20 for adults and £12.50 for children, including a T-shirt, medal and light-up item. Every step supports specialist care for families. Information and tickets: www.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: 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.

THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING A public screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing* will take place at **The Orange Box, Halifax**, on **Friday 25 September at 7.00pm**. Doors open at 6.30pm, and refreshments will be available. Presented by Chris Packham, this accessible, non-party-political film explains the dangers of climate and ecological breakdown and considers practical steps that can be taken in response. It explores the effects of the climate and nature emergency upon health, the economy, food security and wider society. The film is supported by Bishop John Arnold, CAFOD and numerous other Church leaders and charitable organisations. The screening lasts approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by friendly and supportive small-group discussions. The film is recommended for those aged **16 years and over**.

Venue: The Orange Box, 1 Blackledge, Halifax, HX1 1AF

Entrance: Westgate

Advance booking: bit.ly/peb_halifax

Further information is available from [The Tablet](#).

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.

ASSISTANT TO LAY CHAPLAIN - APPLY BY MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds, seeks an Assistant to the Lay Chaplain, to start as soon as possible. Applications close at 9.00am on 28 September 2026. Information: <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies>. To discuss the role or arrange a visit, contact Louise Jackson at l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk.

PROPERTY OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR - APPLY BY FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER The Diocese of Leeds seeks a full-time administrator to support its Property Department and communication with internal and external stakeholders. The role is 37 hours per week, Monday to Friday. Details: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk; register your interest at recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date: 2 October 2026.

HINSLEY HALL DUTY MANAGER/RECEPTIONIST - APPLY BY FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER A full-time role overseeing the reception desk and assisting conference and hotel guests. Hours: 37.5 per week, working five days out of seven on a rotating rota, including evenings and weekends. Details: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk; register your interest at recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date: 2 October.

THE LEEDS CATHOLIC VOICE - LAUNCHES 3/4 OCTOBER Our new free monthly diocesan newsletter launches on the weekend of 3/4 October. This is also the deadline for sending articles, photographs or ideas for the November edition to communications@rcdmidd.org.uk or communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Further information: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/new-newspaper-for-the-diocese/>.

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.

CARITAS LEEDS DAY OF REFLECTION - SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER From 9.30am to 2.15pm at Hinsley Hall: a day of prayer and discussion to renew our call to serve society and put Catholic Social Teaching into action. Includes Caritas information sessions, scripture reflection and a hot lunch. Attendance is free. Book by 30 September: caritas.leeds@catholic-care.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.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS 2026–2027 Join the Friars at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford, for "May the Lord Give You Peace". Dates: 7 November and 5 December 2026; 9 January, 6 February, 6 March, 3 April and 1 May 2027. Each day runs from 11.45am to 4.30pm and includes the Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration. 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.

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.

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 Full- and part-time Support Workers are required for services in Leeds and Bradford, and Life Skill Mentors in Dewsbury, at £26,045 per annum pro rata. Care Bank Workers are required in Bradford at £15.07 per hour inclusive. Details: www.catholic-care.org.uk/jobs.

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.

- Diocese www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk
- Church www.sacredheartandstpatrikchurch.org.uk
- School www.sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk
- Safeguarding: Diocesan Office 0113 261 8069 | Parish Irene Hellowell 07432 121757

SUNDAY READINGS

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

Sunday 13 September 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*

Readings at Mass

First reading

Sirach 27:30-28:7

‘Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.’

Anger and wrath, these are abominations,
and the sinful man will hold them fast.

The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord,
and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded.

Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done,
and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.

Does one person harbour anger against another
and yet seek for healing from the Lord?

Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself
and yet pray concerning his own sins?

If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath,
who will make atonement for his sins?

Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity,
remember destruction and death
and be true to the commandments.

Remember the commandments
and do not be angry with your neighbour;
remember the covenant of the Most High
and overlook error.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R8

***The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

***The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

***The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

***The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.

***The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

Second reading

Romans 14:7-9

‘Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.’

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. 'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'
