

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick



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Sunday 27th + TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 26 Sept	5-30pm	VIGIL	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 27 Sept	11-00am	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY	Russel Gledhill [LD]
Monday 28 Sept	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Wenceslaus, Martyr	St Vincent de Paul
Tuesday 29 Sept	09-30am	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS FEAST	November Dead List 2025/6
Wednesday 30 Sept		St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	-
Thursday 01 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Yorkshire Brethren 2026 Oct
FRIDAY 02 Oct	09-30am	The Holy Guardian Angels	November Dead List 2025/6
Saturday 03 Oct	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Kathleen M M Larkin [A 2005]
Sunday 04 Oct	11-00am	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Missa pro populo

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 | 21 September 2026 Total £385.00 | **SO** average £1479 per month. **Total** Gift Aiders 55

Collection for Home Mission Sunday **£53.00** thanking 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/>.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS Sometimes a little preparation can help, especially those who are left behind. It might be an idea to have a chat with family and friends about your funeral arrangement – Requiem Mass or funeral Service, Hymns, Scripture Readings. Perhaps having a monthly Mass said for the first 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 provisional date and time for your child's Baptism can be arranged once you have completed the parish form and established a relationship with the parish. Choosing godparents is

important. They should model a fully Christian life; there are usually two. Under Canon Law, godparents must be at least 16, practising Catholics, and have received Baptism, the Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents are responsible for forming their children in the teaching and practice of the Catholic faith. Catholic schools can support this responsibility but cannot replace it. The best instruction you can give your child is a faithful commitment to Mass. Before requesting Baptism, please consider whether this faith is also lived in your own life: Do you attend Mass regularly? Do you receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Have you been fully initiated into the Church through Baptism, the Eucharist and Confirmation? If, after reading this, you are ready to present your child for Baptism, please see Canon Larkin after Mass for a pre-Baptism form.

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

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.

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.

SPARK SOCIAL JUSTICE - TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER Join conversations on faith, hope and peace, reflecting on Theology in Gaza, with author John Munayer, 'The Cross and the Olive Tree', and Professor Esther McIntosh, Professor of Feminist Theology at York University. From 7.00pm to 9.00pm. To book: www.sparkssocialjustice.org.uk.

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP - FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, music, the Rosary, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds. Further meetings: Fridays 6 November and 4 December.

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/>.

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. Refreshments afterwards. Contact Fr Eamonn on 01924 474650 or eamonn.hegarty@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

GROWING OLD GRACE-FULLY CARERS PROJECT - TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER An October series of devotions to Our Lady includes reflections and prayers for carers and loved ones. The Joyful Mysteries will be prayed in a live online session at 7.00pm. Recorded sessions covering the next three Mysteries of the Rosary will be released weekly during October on the Growing Old Grace-fully YouTube channel. For information or to attend, email Michelle at carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk.

"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.

DAY OF PRAYER: St Peter In Chains, Doncaster is hosting a 'Day of Prayer', Saturday 24 October, promoting the Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster, 10.00am-3pm. Adoration/Benediction, confessions, Holy Mass, reflections and rosary led by the Irish singer Dana. Please ask Our Lady of Doncaster and the four beatified martyrs of the Diocese of Hallam (Blesseds Nicolas Garlik, Robert Ludlum, John Anne, William Richardson) to intercede for us. Please book in advance and for further information hailfullofgrace2026@gmail.com

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.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the autumn: 31 October (starting at 2.00pm) and on 21 November and 12 December when the tours start at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL INSTAGRAM HANGOUT - SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER Join a Cathedral tour created especially for Instagrammers, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Explore the history, architecture and design, access areas not usually open to the public and capture its beauty through photography. All are welcome. Tickets are free, but registration is essential: <https://bit.ly/4i9aEmV>.

RCIA PROCESS FORMATION: Join the Vicariate for Education on Saturday 7th November at Hinsley Hall (10am – 4pm) to explore how to accompany and support those discerning the Catholic faith through the RCIA process. Ideal for parish volunteers, catechists, and anyone interested in faith formation. Come and discover practical insights, shared experiences, and ways to help guide others closer to Christ.

To reserve your free place by October 23, visit www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025/ or email formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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.

ANNUAL SERVICE AT KILLINGBECK CEMETERY NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Sunday 8th November at 2.30pm. All the Diocese are invited to come to the cemetery and pray for the deceased members of the Diocese and extended family. The service, led by Canon Patrick Wall, Dean of East Leeds, will be in the chapel with readings, hymns, and rosary. Weather permitting, we will walk around the clergy circle reciting the rosary.

CLEAVING TO CHRIST: PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: To complement the work which is already being done in many parishes, the Vicariate for Education will offer six in-person sessions for engaged couples between November 2026 and May 2027 (10.15am-12.30pm) at St Winefride's Hall, Bradford, BD6 1ST. Mass available at St Winefride's Church, 9.30am. To book a place (£20 per couple): education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk; 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.

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>.

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.

CATHOLIC CARE UPDATE: We're delighted to share that Catholic Care has a new home at Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX. While our address has changed, our commitment to supporting people across the Diocese remains as strong as ever. You can now reach us on 0113 831 5712.

EMAIL YOUR MP: Please encourage your MP to support better and more accessible palliative care services. A suggested letter, which can be edited, is available at <https://righttolife.org.uk/voterresult>

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT: An online support group for unpaid carers has two sessions on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. If you care for a friend, neighbour or family member you are invited to join us for the opportunity to make new friends, chat and have space and time to pray. Contact Michelle for more information or to register carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION EVENTS: Many Catholic adults wish to discover more about their faith. The Vicariate for Education is offering a wide range of faith development events during 2026/27, both at Hinsley Hall in Leeds and elsewhere throughout the Diocese. These are aimed at, among others, those who enjoy listening to a stimulating lecture, those who want to engage in some accompanied study and catechists wishing to develop their skills. To find out more, scroll down to "Faith Formation": www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025

JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

ONLINE GOSPEL MEDITATIONS: Throughout the year, the Briery Retreat Team deliver fortnightly guided meditations via Zoom, with time for reflection and sharing. These are on Thursday from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. The 'doors' open at 7.15 for a chat and introductions. All are welcome. Register for the link by email admin@briery.org.uk

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- Church www.sacredheartandstpatrickschurch.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 27 September 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*

Readings at Mass

First reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

‘When a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed, he shall save his life.’

Thus says the Lord: ‘You say, “The way of the Lord is not just.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25(24):4-5b. 6-7. 8-9. R6a

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

O Lord, make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me;

for you are the God of my salvation.

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.

In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way.

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-11

‘Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.’

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

‘He changed his mind and went.

The tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.’

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” And he answered, “I will not”, but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, “I go, sir”, but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.’
