

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick



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Sunday 4th + TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 03 Oct	5-30pm	VIGIL	Kathleen Larkin [A 2005]
Sunday 04 Oct	11-00am	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Missa pro populo
Monday 05 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin	November Dead List
Tuesday 06 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Bruno, Priest	November Dead List
Wednesday 07 Oct		Our Lady of the Rosary	-
Thursday 08 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List
FRIDAY 09 Oct	09-30am	SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	Simon Tilley [LD]
Saturday 10 Oct	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 11 Oct	11-00am	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Peggy Ambrose [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*

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

BANKED | 28 September 2026 **Total £360.00** | **SO** average **£1640** per month. (September 2026)

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/>.

ATTENDANCE 2026 – 784 people attended Mass (September). **Just keep coming to Mass**

ANNUAL MASS COUNT Mass attendance will be counted over the weekends of 3/4 and 10/11 October.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS Consider discussing your wishes with family and friends, including whether you would prefer a Requiem Mass or funeral service, your choice of hymns and Scripture readings. Write down your wishes and keep them safely with your papers so they are clear when the time comes.

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.

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.

"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. The booking deadline was 30 September. Enquiries: caritas.leeds@catholic-care.org.uk.

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2026 This year, World Mission Sunday falls on 18 October 2026. On this day, the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. Thank you for your ongoing support of Mission through prayer and charity. Please do all you can to celebrate this day in solidarity with the whole Church and pass on my thanks to the parish reps for all their hard work in Red Boxes throughout the year in collecting the Red Boxes and sending the money off to support the missions. For more information about World Mission Sunday, visit: <https://missio.org.uk/wms/>

CATHOLIC UNION WEBINAR - MONDAY 19 OCTOBER "How Can AI Enhance Human Experience Rather Than Lessen It?" At 6.00pm, journalist Catherine Pepinster chairs a discussion with Fr Michael Baggot, Associate Professor of Bioethics at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, and Sam Monaghan, Chief Executive of Methodist Homes Association. Kanishka Narayan MP, Minister for Artificial Intelligence, has been invited. Booking is essential: email info@catholicunion.org.uk to receive the Zoom link.

LOURDES QUIZ NIGHT & INFORMATION EVENING Have you ever thought about going to Lourdes as a pilgrim, or perhaps volunteering, but weren't quite sure what's involved? We're holding a series of quiz and information evenings to give you the chance to find out more, meet members of the team and ask any questions you might have.

St Columba's, Halifax | Saturday 24th October at 7:00pm | £5 per ticket

Come along, meet some of the amazing people who volunteer on the Diocese of Leeds pilgrimage to Lourdes, hear about their experiences and find out what being part of the pilgrimage could mean for you. And, of course, there'll be a quiz with pie and pea supper, and plenty of fun along the way. Everyone is welcome, whether you're simply curious or already thinking about joining us. We'd love to see you there.

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>.

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP - FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 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 meeting: Friday 4 December.

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.

CHRISTIAN ART CONFERENCE - SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER A day exploring the sacred dialogue between beauty and faith at the QEII Centre, central London, bringing together artists, theologians, cultural leaders and art lovers from around the world. Tickets are limited. Further information | [Book tickets](#)

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.

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

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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- School www.sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk
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SUNDAY READINGS

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

Sunday 4 October 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*

Readings at Mass

First reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

‘The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.’

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

and he looked for it to yield grapes,

but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard,

that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes,

why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you

what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,

and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,

and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;

it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and briers and thorns shall grow up;

I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts

is the house of Israel,

and the men of Judah

are his pleasant planting;

and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;

for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 80(79):9, 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20. R Isaiah 5:7a

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second reading

Philippians 4:6-9

‘Practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.’

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation Cf. John 15:16

Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

'He will let out the vineyard to other tenants.'

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'
