

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick



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Sunday 18th + TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 17 Oct	5-30pm	VIGIL	For Friends in need
Sunday 18 Oct	11-00am	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	Stuart Stott [A]
Monday 19 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2025/26
Tuesday 20 Oct	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2025/26
Wednesday 21 Oct	--	Weekday in Ordinary Time	--
Thursday 22 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	St John Paul II	November Dead List 2025/26
FRIDAY 23 Oct	09-30am	St John of Capistrano	Simon Tilley [LD]
Saturday 24 Oct	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	Peter McDonnell [A]
Sunday 25 Oct	11-00am	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Edna Wisniewska [A]

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 | 12 October 2026 **Total £530.00** | **SO** average **£1640** per month. (September 2026)

Tea & Coffee £200 Thank you.

TODAY: Collection for Association for the Propagation of the Faith (World 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 John Thomson RIP will be received into Sacred Heart & St Patrick's on **Wednesday 28 October at 6.00pm**. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 29 October at 11.00am**, followed by the committal at Park Wood Crematorium at 12.45pm. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER is associated with prayer for the Holy Souls. Masses will be offered throughout the year for those whose names are on the November Dead List. Envelopes are available for this purpose at the back of the church. Place a printed list with the names of your deceased relatives and friends, in the envelope together with your offering. Once the list has been closed, the offerings are made into £10-00 Mass intentions and celebrated throughout the year. The Envelopes can be handed to the parish priest or one of the stewards. Last year 103 Masses were offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the parish. Please return your envelope by Sunday 25 October. The list closes after that date. Thank you.

NOVEMBER CEMETERY SERVICES 2026

I invite you to join me at both services.

SOWERBY BRIDGE CEMETERY – SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER AT 3.00PM Our annual observance when we pray the Rosary and process through the cemetery, visiting the graves of family, friends and parishioners. We remember all those buried in this cemetery. Requiescant in pace.

STONEY ROYD CEMETERY, HALIFAX – SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER AT 3.00PM Since the beginning of Christianity it has been a practice to honour the dead by visiting their place of burial. We return to remember all those buried in this cemetery. Requiescant in pace.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – PRAYER, FASTING AND PEACEFUL VIGIL: Running until 1st November 7:00am-7:00pm. Join us in being a voice for the voiceless. Location just over 150 meters from MSI Reproductive Choices abortion facility at the junction of Chapeltown Road and Barrack Road LS7 4AW. This complies with current buffer-zone law. To get involved contact Chris Redding 07815 681343 email: 40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com. Further information at www.40daysforlife.com/leeds

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. Everyone is welcome. We'd love to see you there.

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.

UNDER ONE SKY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION: Featuring photographic portraits and personal stories of refugees who have legally settled in North Yorkshire, offering a human perspective beyond the headlines. Learn about their journeys and the lives they are building today. 30 October to 4 November 2026, 10.00am to 3.00pm, Gracious St. Methodist Church, Knaresborough, HG5 8AN
Free admission. Any queries please contact sue.parsons@catholic-care.org.uk

INSTAGRAM HANGOUT: Join us at Leeds Cathedral for an exclusive tour created especially for Instagrammers! Learn more about the fascinating history, architecture and design of our Arts and Crafts-style Cathedral, access areas not usually open to the public, and capture its beauty through photography. Saturday 31st October 2pm-4pm. All are welcome! Tickets are free, but registration is essential: <https://bit.ly/4i9aEmV>

FRATRES Men's Prayer Group with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal: consisting of Eucharistic Adoration and Lectio Divina. We will meet monthly at 7:30 pm on Thursday evenings - usually, but not always the first Thursday of the month at St Pio Friary in Bradford (1A Sedgfield Terrace, BD1 2RU). The dates for 2026-2027 are November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 8, May 6,

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. 6th November and 4th December 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

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

'LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS' – PRE-ADVENT RETREAT WEEKEND: 27th-29th November at The Briery, Ilkley. Take some time out before the busy-ness of the season starts for a chance to prepare for the joy of Christmas during this retreat led by Fr Chris Thomas and enjoy the peace and rich hospitality offered at The Briery. £230pp fully inclusive (£110 non-residential). For more information and to book email admin@briery.org.uk or call 01943 607287

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.

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.

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT: Community Development Worker, Huddersfield, 8 hours per week. Salary - £27,307 pro rata / £14.15 per hour. Support Workers required, full-time, part-time and temporary roles available in Leeds and Bradford; a Waking Nights Support Worker is urgently needed in Todmorden and Life Skill Mentors required in Dewsbury Salary: £26,045 per annum pro rata. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers required in Keighley & Wakefield £15.07 per hour inclusive. Please see our website for details www.catholic-care.org.uk/jobs or email CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

- Diocese www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk
- Church www.sacredheartandstpatrickschurch.org.uk
- School www.sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk
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SUNDAY READINGS

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

Sunday 18 October 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*

Readings at Mass

First reading

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

'I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before him.'

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
'For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96(95):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a, c. R7b

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

For the Lord is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.

For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and power;
ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Worship the Lord in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.
Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

'Remembering your faith, love and hope.'

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15d, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'
