

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick



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## Sunday 25th + THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| <b>Saturday<br/>24 Oct</b>  | <b>5-30pm</b>  | <b>VIGIL</b>                                                                                         | <b>Peter McDonnell [A]</b> |
| <b>Sunday<br/>25 Oct</b>    | <b>11-00am</b> | <b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                                                             | <b>Edna Wisniewska [A]</b> |
| Monday<br>26 Oct            | NO PUBLIC MASS | Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops                                                                            | November Dead List         |
| Tuesday<br>27 Oct           | NO PUBLIC MASS | Weekday in Ordinary Time                                                                             | November Dead List         |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>28 Oct</b> |                | <b>SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES</b><br>-<br><b>JOHN THOMSON</b><br><b>RECEIVED INTO CHURCH 6.00pm</b> |                            |
| <b>Thursday<br/>29 Oct</b>  | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>REQUIEM MASS</b>                                                                                  | <b>John Thomson RIP</b>    |
| <b>FRIDAY<br/>30 Oct</b>    | <b>09-30am</b> | Weekday in Ordinary Time                                                                             | Eileen Jefferys [LD]       |
| <b>Saturday<br/>31 Oct</b>  | <b>5-30pm</b>  | <b>Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm</b><br><b>VIGIL MASS</b>                                               | <b>Missa pro populo</b>    |
| <b>Sunday<br/>01 Nov</b>    | <b>11-00am</b> | <b>ALL SAINTS</b><br><i>Holyday of Obligation</i>                                                    | <b>November Dead List</b>  |

**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 £505.00** | **SO** average **£1640** per month. (September 2026)

Collection for (World Mission Sunday) **£ 124.95** 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** 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** – 785 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.

**ALL SOULS** A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, may be gained on each day from 1 to 8 November by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, even silently; or on All Souls' Day by devoutly visiting a church or oratory and reciting the Our Father and the Creed. The usual conditions apply: sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the Pope's intentions and complete detachment from sin. A partial indulgence is granted for devout cemetery visits and prayer for the dead at other times. (Enchiridion of Indulgences, concession 29.)

**THE ADVENT FAYRE 2026** will be held in the Church Hall on **Saturday November 28** 10am -2.00 pm and **Sunday November 29** from 11am - 12noon. A list is in the porch for prizes for the Advent raffle and items for the stalls. Draw tickets will be on sale from this weekend. Any help will be very welcome.

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME:** A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the autumn: 21 November and 12 December when the tours start at 1.30pm. The tour lasts 1hr. No booking is required. Gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

**THE ORION CHOIR** is making a very welcome return visit to **St Bernard's Church HX3 6DL** On **Saturday 14 November at 7.30pm**. Join us for an evening of beautiful choral music Echoes That Remain Including Howells-Requiem, Tavener-Song for Athene and Parry-Lord let me know mine end. Entrance is by donation for choir and church funds. Refreshments provided in the Hall after the Concert.

**'LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS' – PRE-ADVENT RETREAT WEEKEND:** 27-29 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 call 01943 607287

**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.

**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's Group (ages 21-35). Helping young men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saint that God is calling them to be. Meeting on the last Thursday of the month, Hinsley Hall, 6.30pm. For more information email [oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.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](http://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](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**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.

**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](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/jobs) or email CV to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk)

**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.

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- Safeguarding: Diocesan Office Tel: 0113 2618046 | Parish Irene Hellowell 07432 121757

## SUNDAY READINGS

Readings, prayers and Mass texts: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

**Sunday 25 October 2026**

*Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II). Readings at Mass*

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### First reading

**Exodus 22:21-27**

**'If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you.'**

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

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### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 18(17):2-3a. 3b-4. 47, 51ab. R. 2**

***I love you, Lord, my strength.***

I love you, Lord, my strength;  
O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
***I love you, Lord, my strength.***

My God, my rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.  
I cry out, 'O praised be the Lord!'  
and see, I am saved from my foes.  
***I love you, Lord, my strength.***

The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock!  
May the God of my salvation be exalted.  
The Lord gives great victories to his king,  
and shows merciful love for his anointed.  
***I love you, Lord, my strength.***

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## **Second reading**

### **1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**

**‘You turned away from idols to serve God and to wait for his Son.’**

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

### **John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia.

## **Gospel**

### **Matthew 22:34-40**

**‘You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.’**

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’