

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick



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Sunday 11th + TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10 Oct	5-30pm	VIGIL	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 11 Oct	11-00am	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY <i>Fourth Sunday of the Annual Mass Count</i>	Peggy Ambrose [LD]
Monday 12 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Wilfrid, Bishop Patron of the Diocese	November Dead List 2025/26
Tuesday 13 Oct	09-30am	St Edward the Confessor	Alfred H Pohl [LD]
Wednesday 14 Oct		St Callistus I, Pope and Martyr	
Thursday 15 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	November Dead List 2025/26
FRIDAY 16 Oct	09-30am	St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	November Dead List 2025/26
Saturday 17 Oct	5-30pm	Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS	For Friends in need
Sunday 18 Oct	11-00am	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY	Stuart Stott [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 | 05 October 2026 **Total £355.00** | **SO** average **£1640** per month. (September 2026)

NEXT SUNDAY: 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/>.

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

ANNUAL MASS COUNT Mass attendance will be counted over the weekend 10/11 October.

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2026 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. 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/>

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 after 25 October, 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. Return the envelope before Sunday 25 October 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.

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 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. 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.

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.

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>.

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 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 and upcoming events, visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

MARRIAGE SUPPORT If you are in a rut or facing more serious issues, Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk | +44 797 338 0443.

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

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

Sunday 11 October 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*

Readings at Mass

First reading

Isaiah 25:6-10a

‘The Lord will make a feast, and he will wipe away tears from all faces.’

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,

of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples,

the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death for ever;

and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

‘Behold, this is our God;

we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the Lord; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.’

For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

The Lord is my shepherd;

there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures

where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me;

he revives my soul.

In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

He guides me along the right path,

for the sake of his name.

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,

no evil would I fear, for you are with me.

Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

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Second reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me.'

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

'Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'
