Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
+ ALL SAINTS +

Saturday 31 Oct	**5-30pm**	**VIGIL**	**Missa pro populo**
Sunday 01 Nov	**11-00am**	**ALL SAINTS** *Holyday of Obligation*	**November Dead List**
Monday 02 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	ALL SOULS' DAY	The Larkin Family [A]
Tuesday 03 Nov	**09-30am**	**St Winefride**	**November Dead List**
Wednesday 04 Nov		St Charles Borromeo	
Thursday 05 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List
FRIDAY 06 Nov	**09-30am**	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	**Simon Tilley [LD]**
Saturday 07 Nov	**5-30pm**	**Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS**	**Trish De Marzo [LD]**
Sunday 08 Nov	**11-00am**	**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY** ***Remembrance Sunday***	**For the repose of the souls of all who lost their lives in war, and for the consolation of the bereaved**

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 |26 October 2026 **Total £410.00** | **SO** average **£1640** per month. (September 2026)

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/.

FR JOHN ANDERSON RIP It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Fr John Anderson, who died peacefully on the afternoon of 24 October at The Crest Care Home, Harrogate. Pray for the repose of Fr John's soul and for his family and friends at this time. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

ATTENDANCE 2026 – 881 people attended Mass (Oct). **Just keep coming to Mass**

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 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. The list closes today. Thank you.

NOVEMBER CEMETERY SERVICES 2026 - 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.

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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER On this day are remembered all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn. In England and Wales one Mass for the Dead may be celebrated on this Sunday.

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

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, and February 4.

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

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS 2026-2027: Please join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR's) for our Discipleship Days at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "May the Lord Give You Peace". November 7, December 5, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1.
The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions, and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration, 11.45am - 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

DURUFLÉ'S *REQUIEM*: Sunday 8 November, 3pm, Leeds Cathedral, Leeds Cathedral Senior Girls, Boys and Scholars Choirs sing Duruflé's *Requiem* and other music by Vierne, Byrd and Victoria in a special concert for Remembrance Sunday. Admission free, with a suggested £10 donation.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' DAY: Saturday 21 November. Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch (£15). To book your place, reply with dietary requirements by 13 November to James Jackson: jjackson@sbsj.co.uk & 01274 941941.

'WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH' - AN ADVENT REFLECTION: Saturday 21 November at The Briery, Ilkley. Join us in preparation for Advent for a day of reflection led by Canon Dennis Cassidy. £35pp to include a two-course home-cooked lunch and all refreshments. Contact 01943 607287

'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 email admin@briery.org.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOUR: Saturday 12 December at 1.30pm. Free guided tour lasting one hour. No booking required. Gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

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.

'ALMA MATER FUND' AND ABORTION RECOVERY AND CARE HELPLINE: (administered by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) provides financial/practical support to university students facing crisis pregnancy, enabling them to continue their education while embracing motherhood. The 'Abortion Recovery and Care Helpline' (ARCH), started by women who experienced abortion and struggled in the aftermath, provides free, confidential, compassionate and non-judgemental support for those who may be carrying similar emotional and psychological effects. https://spuc.org.uk/support-hub/alma-mater/ & www.archtrust.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

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.

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT: Community Development Worker: Huddersfield. Salary £28,193 pro rata for 6 hours per week. Full time, part time and temporary Adult Learning Disability Service Support Workers required: Leeds, Skipton, Bradford, Todmorden. Waking Nights Support Worker – Sutton-in-Craven. Support Worker Salary: £26,045 pro rata. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers for Keighley & Wakefield. £15.07 per hour inclusive. Please see website for further details and application form or email recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk Vacancies and application details: www.catholic-care.org.uk/jobs

- Diocese www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk
- Church www.sacredheartandstpatrickschurch.org.uk
- School www.sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk
- Safeguarding: Diocesan Office Tel: 0113 2618046| Parish Irene Hellowell 07432 121757

SUNDAY READINGS

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

Sunday 1 November 2026 *Liturgical Colour: White. Year: A(II).*
Readings at Mass

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First reading
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
'Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.'
I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.
After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

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Responsorial Psalm Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

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Second reading
1 John 3:1-3
'We shall see God as he is.'
Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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Gospel Acclamation
Matthew 11:28
Alleluia, alleluia.
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.
Alleluia.

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Gospel
Matthew 5:1-12a
'Blessed are the poor in spirit.'
At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

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