Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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32ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
+ Remembrance Sunday – Day of Prayer for all victims of war +

Saturday 07 Nov	**5-30pm**	**VIGIL**	**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**
Monday 09 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	November Dead List 2026/27
Tuesday 10 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	November Dead List 2026/27
Wednesday 11 Nov		St Martin of Tours, Bishop *Anniversary of Canon Larkin's Ordination 11 November 1989*	
Thursday 12 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	November Dead List 2026/27
FRIDAY 13 Nov	**09-30am**	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	**November Dead List 2026/27**
Saturday 14 Nov	**5-30pm**	**Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS**	**Annie Hayes [A]**
Sunday 15 Nov	**11-00am**	**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY** *World Day of Prayer of the Poor*	**For Lucy [exams success]**

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 |02 November 2026 **Total £370.00** | **SO** average **£1640** per month. (this month 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.
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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.

WREATH LAYING November 2026 This year I will represent the parish at a private wreath laying at the Memorial Gates, Crow Wood Park. Our poppy wreath will form part of the Remembrance services and highlight once again that the whole of our community came together in prayer to pay our respects to those who lost their lives while serving their country. The Soldier - If I should die, think only this of me: That there's some corner of a foreign field That is for ever England. (*Rupert Brooke*)

FR JOHN ANDERSON RIP Fr John Anderson died peacefully on the afternoon of 24 October at The Crest Care Home, Harrogate. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family and friends. May he rest in peace. Amen.

ATTENDANCE 2026 – 852 people attended Mass (Oct). **Just keep coming to Mass**

NOVEMBER CEMETERY SERVICES In the soft, afternoon light of late October and early November, our parish gathered for the annual Cemetery Services — moments of prayerful remembrance amidst the quiet beauty of autumn.

At **Sowerby Bridge Cemetery** on *Saturday, 31 October at 3.00pm*, it was good to be together, united in faith and affection for our parishioners who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

The following day, *Sunday, 1 November at 3.00pm*, we gathered at **Stoney Royd Cemetery, Halifax**. Around eighty-five people came together beneath an autumn sky, a dry, gentle afternoon touched by the hues of falling leaves, to pray for all those laid to rest there. May they rest in peace. With grateful thanks to all who came to pray, and to those who helped prepare for the service.

SVP Winter has now arrived and we would like to make an appeal for donations of hats, scarves, gloves and socks in new/good condition and new underwear for the homeless via the Happy Days charity. Please place your donations in the box provided in the church porch. Thank you.

HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM A date and time for your child's Baptism can be arranged once you have completed the parish form and begun to establish a relationship with the parish community. The choice of godparents is very important, as they are called to be role models in the Christian life. Normally, two godparents are chosen; they must be practising Catholics, at least 16 yrs old, and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Parents have the primary responsibility of handing on the faith to their children, both in teaching and in practice. Catholic schools exist to support you in this task, but they cannot replace your example, especially your faithful commitment to the Mass, which is the best instruction you can give your child. If, after reflecting on this, you wish to present your child for Baptism, please see Canon Larkin after Mass for the Pre-Baptism form.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL - SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Confirmation (for children in Year 6 or above) will be celebrated at the Parish of **St Malachy's in Halifax – 7pm on 24 November**. Our preparation is well underway. Bishop Marcus has given all Parish Priests in our diocese permission to administer the Sacrament. See below the decree;

MARCVS DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA EPISCOPVS LOIDENSIS

DECREE GRANTING FACULTY TO ADMINISTER THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

TO PARISH PRIESTS IN THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS

To our Beloved Brothers in Christ, Conscious of the need to ensure that the Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred upon the faithful who properly and reasonably seek it and mindful of the pastoral necessities arising from my current responsibilities across the three dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam, which thereby limits opportunities for episcopal visitations, I hereby grant to each of you, as Parish Priests of the Diocese of Leeds, the faculty to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation validly and lawfully in accordance with Canon 884, §1. This faculty is delegated for one year, concluding on 16th April 2027.

DIOCESAN AND OTHER DATED EVENTS

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.

DURUFLÉ'S *REQUIEM*: Sunday 8th 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.

ST BEDE'S PASTORAL CENTRE, YORK: Wednesday 11 November at 2pm: Mary's Meals film Lettie, with a soup and roll lunch and discussion afterwards. Contact Fiona Hill: fiona@stbedes.org.uk. For the full programme: https://www.stbedes.org.uk/whats-on/

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.

The Huddersfield University Chaplaincy: is delighted to invite all students to our monthly Holy Mass at the University, Monday, 16th November, 6:00 pm, Community Hall, Jo Cox Building. Weekly Meetings every Wednesday for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth. Other Activities and Social Events - providing opportunities to meet new people, build friendships and enjoy a sense of community. Come along, connect with others, and be part of our welcoming Chaplaincy community. We look forward to seeing you!

JOB VACANCY - Head of Finance (Financial Controller): The Diocese of Leeds is seeking an experienced and committed Head of Finance to lead and oversee the Diocese's financial management. The successful candidate must hold a recognised professional accountancy qualification (ACA, ACCA or CIMA). For an application form and further information, please visit our website at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/ alternatively please e-mail any queries to recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date for applications is Monday, 23 November 2026.

'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

HANDEL'S MESSIAH AT MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: Saturday 28 November at 7pm. Manchester Cathedral Choir and Manchester Baroque perform on period instruments under Christopher Stokes. A 25% discount on red seats is available using promo code "hallelujah" at checkout. Book tickets for Handel's Messiah www.manchesterbaroque.co.uk/whats-on Watch a previous performance

BACH'S ST MATTHEW PASSION: Good Friday, 26 March 2027, at 4.30pm, Manchester Cathedral. Manchester Baroque and Manchester Cathedral Choir mark 300 years since the first performance in Leipzig in 1727. The same ticket promo code, "hallelujah", is offered. Enquiries: martynshaw@manchesterbaroque.co.uk

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 that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.

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. Unpaid carers are invited to meet, chat and pray. Contact Michelle for information or to register carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

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

JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Catholic doctors, nurses, students and allied professionals are invited to join for fellowship, prayer and formation. Information and events: 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

'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/

CATHOLIC CARE UPDATE: Catholic Care has moved to Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX. New telephone number: 0113 831 5712.

Catholic Care recruitment: Schools Social Workers: Full/part-time, £32,105 – £37,018 pro rata. Waking Nights Support Worker: Sutton in Craven, £26,045 pro rata. Community Development Worker: Huddersfield, £28,193 pro rata, 6 hours per week. Full/part time/temporary Adult Learning Disability Service Support Workers: Leeds, Skipton, Bradford, Todmorden, £26,045 pro rata. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers, Keighley & Wakefield. £15.07 per hour inclusive. Please see https://catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/ for further details/application form.

- 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

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NOVEMBER DEAD LIST 2026–2027

During the year 2026–2027, Masses will be offered from November onwards
for the deceased relatives and friends of the following.

We received £840 in donations.

Dzimurman & Turner families
Hume & Ryan families
Green, Todd,Andrewan families
Ambrose family
Irene Hellowell
Donnellan family
Sellers family
Corbett family
Anne Maynard
Susan Ackroyd
Helena & Stefan Mazur
Mazur & Pickering families
McMahon, & Sheldrake family
The Woodhouse family
Family of Fiona Collins
Family of Tadeus Sulich
The Farrel family
The Wilkinson family
Dorothy & Fred Wildsmith
Adrian Finn
The Hayfield family & friends
The Murphy family
The Allport family
The Hargraves family
For those who had no one to pray for them
The Ashton family
The Starsmore family
The Blackshaw family
The Family & friends of Patricia Stabler
The O'Connel family
The Cheetham family
Family & friends of Pauline Brady
The Palermo & Pachowko family
The Butterfield, Owen & friends
Family of Margaret Butterworth
Mary Tate
For Fiona Read
Bainbridge & Seghetti families
Nalepa & Dabrowski family
Lecki & Tilly family
Bentham & Nemeski family
The Henry family
Family & friends of Linda Hayes
The Tidswell & Graydon families
Stephen Joyce
The Joyce family
Mr & Mrs Carr & family
John, Joyce & Jason Carr
The Williams family
Harold & Isobel Williams
Family & friends of Bridget Bentley
Jackie Lyons
The Lyons & C Rossley families
Deceased members of Monica Melia
Paul Connelly
Family of Theresa Hillam
Friends of Mr & Mrs Franklin
Wisniewski family
Johnson, Ellis & Henderson families
Sister Catherine Kenny
Family & friends of Anne Bridges
Family of Canon Larkin

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

SUNDAY READINGS

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

Sunday 8 November 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*
Readings at Mass

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First reading
Wisdom 6:12-16
'Wisdom is found by those who seek her.'
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

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Responsorial Psalm
Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R2b
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

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Second reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
'Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.'
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Gospel Acclamation
Matthew 24:42a, 44
Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

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Gospel
Matthew 25:1-13
'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'
At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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