Sacred Heart & St Patrick

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+ Sunday 15th + THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +

Saturday 14 Nov	**5-30pm**	**VIGIL**	**Annie Hayes [A]**
Sunday 15 Nov	**11-00am**	**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY** *World Day of Prayer of the Poor*	**For Lucy [Exams Success]**
Monday 16 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Edmund of Abingdon	November Dead List 2026/27
Tuesday 17 Nov	**09-30am**	**St Hilda, Abbess**	**November Dead List 2026/27**
Wednesday 18 Nov		Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul	
Thursday 19 Nov	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2026/27
FRIDAY 20 Nov	NO MASS TODAY	**Leeds Cathedral Friday 20 November, 12:30pm**	**The annual Mass for the deceased bishops, priests and deacons of the Diocese**
Saturday 21 Nov	**5-30pm**	**Confession 5.00pm – 5.30pm VIGIL MASS**	**Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families**
Sunday 22 Nov	**11-00am**	**CHRIST THE KING**	**Karl Heinz Nagal [AB]**

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 |09 November 2026 **Total £335.00** | **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.
Thank you for your support through standing orders. A Gift Aid form is available here: https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/gift-aid-declaration/.

THE ADVENT FAYRE A little festive bustle is coming to the Church Hall! Come and browse the stalls, see what treasures you can find and enjoy a chance to catch up with friends. Bring someone along and help make it a lovely parish weekend. **Saturday 28 November, 10.00 am to 2.00 pm**

Sunday 29 November, after Mass until noon

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.

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NOVEMBER DEAD LIST 2026–2027

During the year 2026–2027, 85 Masses will be offered from November onwards for the deceased relatives and friends of the following. We received £850 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
Family of 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 Iaconetti, Sirianni & Nagel families
The Family & friends of Patricia Stabler
The O'Connel family
The Cheetham family
Family of Kevin Barker
Mary & Anthony Hainsworth
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

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The Fair is an important fundraiser for our parish. If you can spare a little time to help, please add your name to the list in the church porch. You'll also find a list of suggested stall items and raffle prizes, with a box in the porch for donations. Advent Draw tickets are available from this weekend.
Thank you for all the ways you make the Fair possible. A little time, a gift for a stall or simply coming along all make a difference.

ADVENT DRAW
The tickets are on sale, and the first three prizes have been announced.
Have a look at the notice at the back of church to see what's up for grabs. Every ticket helps support the parish, and the Draw is an important part of our Advent fundraising. If you'd like to add a prize or make a donation towards the cost of the prizes, we'd be very grateful. Thank you for buying tickets, donating prizes and spreading the word. Good luck to everyone who takes a chance!

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY Friday 20 November at 12.30pm, Leeds Cathedral. Mass will be offered for the deceased bishops, priests and deacons of the diocese.

LAND OF CANAAN SPARK Social Justice presents a film about growing and sustaining olive groves in Palestine on Friday 20 November at 7pm, St Chad's parish hall, Otley Road, Headingley. Details and tickets at sparksocialjustice.org.uk.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS Free tours on Saturdays 21 November and 12 December at 1.30pm, lasting about an hour. No booking is needed. Meet by the baptismal font at the back of the Cathedral.

WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH Advent day of reflection led by Canon Dennis Cassidy on Saturday 21 November at The Briery, Ilkley. £35 including a two-course lunch and refreshments. Contact admin@briery.org.uk or 01943 607287.

HEAD OF FINANCE VACANCY The Diocese of Leeds seeks a Financial Controller with ACA, ACCA or CIMA qualification. Apply by Monday 23 November. See www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/ or email recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH Catholic men aged 21–35 are welcome for faith, fellowship and formation at Hinsley Hall at 6.30pm on the last Thursday of the month. Email oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS TEACHER St John's Catholic Specialist School, Boston Spa, seeks a full-time permanent SEND teacher for Preparation for Adulthood, starting 4 January 2027 or as soon as possible thereafter. MPS/UPS plus one SEN allowance. Apply by noon on Friday 27 November. Interviews on 4 December. Contact Karen Holt at karen.holt@stjohns.org.uk or 01937 842144. Application pack at https://www.stjohns.org.uk/work-with-us/vacancies.

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS Pre-Advent retreat led by Fr Chris Thomas, 27–29 November at The Briery, Ilkley. £230 fully inclusive or £110 non-residential. To book, email admin@briery.org.uk or call 01943 607287.

YOUTH 2000 HOLY HOUR Friday 27 November, St Mary's Church, LS18 4AG. Mass at 6.30pm, followed by guided Eucharistic Adoration at 7.15pm. Confessions available. Young adults aged 18–35 are welcome.
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

HEALING SERVICE Tuesday 1 December at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Horsforth. Come to pray for physical, psychological or spiritual healing for yourself or others. Everyone is welcome.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT Online support for unpaid carers on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm and 7.30pm. Meet, chat and pray together. For more information or to register, email Michelle at carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk.

FRATRES MEN'S PRAYER GROUP Eucharistic Adoration and Lectio Divina with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal at St Pio Friary, 1A Sedgfield Terrace, Bradford BD1 2RU. Thursdays at 7.30pm on 3 December, 7 January, 4 February, 4 March, 8 April, 6 May and 3 June.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL DISCIPLESHIP DAYS "May the Lord Give You Peace" at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford, 11.45am to 4.30pm on 5 December, 9 January, 6 February, 6 March, 3 April and 1 May. Rosary, Mass, a talk, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch is provided.

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 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 The Alma Mater Fund offers financial and practical support to university students facing a crisis pregnancy. ARCH offers free, confidential support to those affected by abortion. https://spuc.org.uk/support-hub/alma-mater/ and 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

SUNDAY READINGS

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

Sunday 15 November 2026 *Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: A(II).*

READINGS AT MASS

First reading
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
'She works with willing hands.'
An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. ℟1a
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

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Second reading
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
'Do not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.'
Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and

sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

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Gospel Acclamation
John 15:4a, 5b
Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.

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Gospel
Matthew 25:14-30
'You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master.'
At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.
'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '