

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 6th + TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 05 Oct	5-30PM	VIGIL MASS	John Carr [LD]
Sunday 06 Oct	11-00AM	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY	Ida Szoke [LD]
Monday 07 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	Our Lady of the Rosary	Nov Dead List 2023/24
Tuesday 08 Oct	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen MM Larkin (XLI) [A]
Wednesday 09 Oct		ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	
Thursday 10 Oct	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Paulinus of York, Bishop	Nov Dead List 2023/24
Friday 11 Oct	09-30am	St John XXIII, Pope	Peter Connell [LD] [SVP]
Saturday 12 Oct	5-30PM	VIGIL MASS	Peter Connel [LD]
Sunday 12 Oct	11-00AM	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY	Thanksgiving for 90yrs of our Church

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm – 5.30pm**  
**Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass (From 11.45 - 12.45)**

**WELCOME** to our parish, thank you for your visit and may you travel on in safety.

**PARISH GIVING** – thank you for all your support it is very much appreciated.

**BANKED | 30 September £320.00** - plus standing orders of £1430 per month.

Collection for Evangelii Gaudium Day (Home Mission Sunday) **£27.50**

CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal today

**Standing Order** If you have online or phone banking, then you can set this up yourself.

Most people setup payments monthly. Please inform Fr Larkin know if you change to this system.

Bank details: HSBC / Sort Code: 40-27-15 / Account: 41017454.

Thank you so much for supporting standing orders.

**MASS ATTENDANCE 2024** – A total of **968** people attended Holy Mass (SEPT 2024)

This year so far **7799** people attended church. |**Just keep coming to Mass.**

**SACRED HEART & ST. PATRICK 1934 – 2024** – Celebrating 90 Glorious Years of Faith at Bolton Brow

On October 16, 2024, we celebrate 90 years of the Catholic Faith at Sacred Heart & St. Patrick's Church, we reflect on the rich heritage of this parish, which is built upon the deep faith of those who have gone before us, and ultimately upon the life of Jesus Christ and the history of the early Church in the New Testament.

This part of the journey began in 1919 when work commenced to build the first Roman Catholic Church in Sowerby Bridge. A humble beginning. The foundation stone was laid on October 26, 1919, by Councillor

Henry Blackburn and was blessed by Canon Foley of Halifax. A year later, on October 13, 1920, Bishop Cowgill of Leeds celebrated the first High Mass at the church's opening ceremony.

By the early 1930s, the parish had outgrown its original church. It was at this time that

Fr. Kealy proposed the construction of a larger, more dignified church. The men of the parish took up the task of clearing new land for the project, and in April 1934, the foundation stone for the new Sacred Heart & St. Patrick's Church was laid by Bishop Cowgill.

On October 16, 1934, the new Sacred Heart & St. Patrick's Church was opened and blessed by Bishop Cowgill in a ceremony that drew Roman Catholic clergy from across the region, local dignitaries, and the faithful of Sowerby Bridge.

On **Sunday the 13 October** we will give thanks to God at Holy Mass as we celebrate 90 years of worship and community at Sacred Heart & St. Patrick. We are reminded of the enduring legacy of faith, sacrifice, and dedication that has sustained this parish through the decades. We give thanks to God for the generations of parishioners who have built and nurtured this spiritual home. As we look to the future, we stand united in faith, rooted in the history of the Church, and inspired by the love of Christ and the witness of the early Christian communities. May the next 90 years be filled with the same faith, hope, and love that have marked the past. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Patrick, pray for us.

**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. Please **PRINT** your family name on the outside of the envelope (e.g., The Larkin Family).

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 at the end of 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. Please return the envelope before Sunday **27 October** thank you.

**NOVEMBER CEMETERY SERVICES** The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. I invite you to join me at both services.

**Sowerby Bridge Cemetery** Saturday 2 November at 3pm – 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 3 November at 3pm - Since the beginning of Christianity it has been a practice to honour the dead by visitations to the place of burial. We return to remember all those buried in this cemetery - Requiescant in Pace.

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - September 2025** as we prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025, I invite you to make a special pilgrimage to Walsingham, following in the footsteps of kings, saints, and holy people of past centuries. This pilgrimage offers a profound opportunity to deepen our faith and strengthen our reliance on our Lord Jesus Christ. Our parish visit is planned for **Friday and Saturday, 27 & 28 September 2025**, to coincide with the pilgrimage of the Bishop of Leeds and others from our diocese. If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage, please speak with **Anne Bridges** at the back of the church. **Early bookings are essential** to confirm accommodation, so we encourage you to express your interest as soon as possible. Thank you for your support and participation in this important event.

**NEW BISHOP OF PLYMOUTH** Bishop Moger's installation as Bishop of Plymouth will take place on Saturday 9 November at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth. Please keep him and the people of the Diocese of Plymouth in your prayers at this time.

**PERMANENT DIACONATE** on Saturday 23 November – The bishop will ordain **Mr Paul Coates** to the Permanent Diaconate, St Mary's, Halifax, 11:00am. Please pray for Paul.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** this year is on 20 October. On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and conflict.

**PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS** The second session of the Synod will commence on 2 October. The Holy Father has requested the prayers of the whole Church during the Synod. During October, dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, please consider offering a decade of the Rosary each week to pray for the maternal intercession of the Mother of God, for the Church and for the members of the Synod.

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE** – Parish Retreat: Spaces are available to join the parish retreat weekend on 18 – 20 October, led by the Briery Team. £180pp fully inclusive. For more information or to book, contact the Administrator on 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION** Saturday 7 December and Advent Preached Retreat Friday 13 to Sunday 15th December. For more information or to book, contact the Administrator on 01943 607287

**ST THOMAS MORE AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, 18 OCTOBER 2024** Join Lord Alton and Dr Marcus Cole for a free evening lecture exploring the legacy of the great saint and martyr of the English Reformation, St Thomas More. Dr Cole is the Dean of Law at the University of Notre Dame and winner of the 2023 Becket Canterbury Medal for Religious Liberty. A drinks reception will follow. Registration required: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/st-thomas-more-and-religious-freedom/>

**ST WILFRID'S WAY:** Our 9th annual Diocesan 'camino' between Leeds Cathedral & Ripon will be walked on Friday 11 & Saturday 12 October. Please could all pilgrims planning to join any stage of either or both days of the Pilgrimage register their interest by emailing [communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)  
The parishes through or past which we will be walking: Mother of Unfailing Help (Cathedral and Holy Rosary), Immaculate Heart, Moortown, St Joseph, Wetherby, St Robert, Harrogate, St Joseph, Bilton, St Mary, Knaresborough, St Joseph, Bishop Thornton, St Wilfrid, Ripon.

**PRAYING WITH ST DOMINIC, 1 – 3 NOVEMBER 2024** This retreat explores the life and faith of St Dominic de Guzman, founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans), whose objective was to continue safeguarding the Catholic faith. His Marian devotion and the place of the rosary in Christian prayer will be a special focus of this retreat preached by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP. For more information and to register, click here <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-dominic/>

**NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING** A two-day course for those wishing to learn how to accompany those who are grieving. 10am – 4pm Saturday 11 January and Saturday 18 January 2025 at The Briery. For more information contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at [epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE-PRAYER**, fasting and peaceful vigil outside the MSI abortion facility, Leeds. 25 September to 03 November, 7am to 7pm. The last sign of hope and first sign of mercy to those attending MSI Leeds. To get involved contact: Chris Redding 07815681343

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**READINGS, PRAYERS AND MASS TEXTS** can be found at: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

**FIRST READING** A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM** Psalm 127(128)

**RESPONSE:** May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! **R.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

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#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:

consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

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#### **MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL**

To participate online, please access the following YouTube channel: [www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk](http://www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk)

**NATIONAL SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM** has a live streaming service for Mass and other services:  
[www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream)

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