

1934 – 2024

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 1st + FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| Saturday 30 Nov | 5-30PM | VIGIL MASS | Denise O'Donnell [LD] |
| Sunday 01 Dec | 11-00AM | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | The Green, Todd & Andrewan families |
| Monday 02 Dec | NO PUBLIC MASS | Advent Week 1 | Yorkshire Brethren 2024 DEC |
| Tuesday 03 Dec | 09-30am | St Francis Xavier, Priest and Doctor of the Church | Rev Daniel O'Neil [LD][YB] |
| Wednesday 04 Dec | 11-00am | Advent Week 1 | |
| Thursday 05 Dec | NO PUBLIC MASS | Advent Week 1 | Rev Dan Harrison [LD][YB] |
| Friday 06 Dec | 09-30am | Advent Week 1 | Timothy Larkin [LD] |
| Saturday 07 Dec | 5-30PM | VIGIL MASS | Peter Connel [LD] |
| Sunday 08 Dec | 11-00AM | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C | Fr Firth [R] Ladies Group |

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 | 25 November £420.00 - plus standing orders of £1430 per month.

Catholic Youth Service £60.20 thank you.

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 for supporting standing orders.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR CANON FIRTH has recently been diagnosed with throat cancer. Thank you for keeping Fr. Firth in your thoughts and prayers.

FR DONALD (DON) CLEMENTS It is with great sadness to inform you that Fr Donald (Don) Clements died in the early hours of Friday 22 November 2024. Fr Clements was a priest of the Diocese of Portsmouth who, in retirement, moved to the Little Sisters in Headingly before moving to a care home in Ipswich.

Please pray for the repose of his 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.

THE ADVENT FAYRE will be held in the Church Hall TODAY Sunday December 01 from 12noon -2.00pm.

2025 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS on sale at £5 each

SCHOOL PLACES for any children needing a school place in other year groups at any time within the academic year, they are more than welcome to visit us – please contact the school if you would like an appointment with the headteacher contact the school office on 01422 831360

ADVENT CONFESSION this year will take place Saturday 14 December 2024 at St Mary's.

09.00 - 10.00 Fr J Hilton | 10.00 - 11.00 Mgr. M McQuinn | 11.00 - 12.00 Fr M Hall

12.00 - 13.00 Fr M Larkin | 13.00 - 14.00 Fr B Owens | 14.00 - 15.00 Mgr. P Owens | 15.00 - 16.00 Fr J Hilton

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFESSION in Preparation for Christmas and Throughout the Year.

As we approach the Advent season, a time rich with expectation and hope, the Church invites us to deepen our spiritual preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth. This year, Advent Confession will take place at St Mary's on Saturday, 14 December 2024, from 9:00am to 4:00pm. This sacred opportunity calls us to reflect on the transformative power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Confession is not merely a routine practice but a profound encounter with God's boundless mercy.

Through this sacrament, we acknowledge our sins and express sincere contrition, opening our hearts to receive divine forgiveness. In doing so, we are restored to a state of grace, enabling us to draw closer to God and our community.

During Advent, as we anticipate the birth of Christ, Confession holds special significance. It mirrors the journey of spiritual renewal and light that leads us to the manger in Bethlehem. Just as the Magi and shepherds came with their humble offerings, we, too, bring our humble hearts before the Lord, seeking His love and mercy.

Moreover, while Advent Confession helps prepare us for Christmas, the sacrament's importance extends throughout the year. Regular participation in Confession strengthens our spiritual resolve, promotes inner peace, and deepens our relationship with God. It is a continual reminder of God's infinite willingness to forgive and renew us, allowing us to live with greater integrity and joy.

I warmly invite all parishioners to take part in this Advent Confession on 14 December. Let us embrace this time of penance and grace as we ready ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, renewed in spirit and heart.

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, 26 & 27 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.

DATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2025

First Reconciliation 29 March 2025 at 11am St Bernard's

First Holy Communion 18 May 2025 at 11am Sacred Heart & St. Patrick, Sowerby Bridge

Deanery Confirmation | Venue: St Malachy's Nursery Ln, Halifax HX3 5NS

Rehearsal: 25 February 2025 at 7pm | Confirmation: 4 March 2025 at 7pm

VACANCIES - CATHOLIC CARE DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER VACANCY: Salary over £70,000 pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision/skills for leadership, a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing/delivering strategy. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk. Contact Katrina on 0113 388 5400

SVP - Following our recent appeal we would like to thank everyone for their donations of warm clothing etc. The items have now been delivered to Happy Days and St Augustine's Centre.

St Augustine's Centre is making an appeal for donations of Christmas gifts for their centre members, and they asked them what they would most like to receive. The top few items that people would like to receive are umbrella, backpack, hot water bottle and cover, warm socks, gloves and hats. If anyone can donate new items from this list or any other suitable gifts it would be very much appreciated.

There is a box in the church porch for donations.

SOCIAL MEDIA USE The internet and social media have many benefits for evangelisation and communication across the Diocese, but this must be utilised with responsibility and prudence. All contents and/or posts on a Parish site remain the responsibility of the Parish Priest, therefore if administrative rights have been delegated to a third party, a protocol must be agreed. If anyone replies or posts on any Parish social media account and indicates that they are at risk of harm or if someone appears to be at risk, this must be reported immediately to the Safeguarding Team. If it is believed that they may be in/or at risk of immediate harm, this must be reported immediately to the Police dialling 999 and subsequently to the Safeguarding Team.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST During the year 2024– 2025 - **102** Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the following from November onwards. We received £1020 in donations. Thank you.

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| <p>Family & friends of Pauline Brady Tony Pilling Catherine & Michael Farrell Brian Urwin Family & friends of Joan Bottomley Family & friends of Rick & Janette Forest Family & friends of Mrs K. Richards The Read family The Connell family The families of Margaret Butterworth The Wisniewski & DeLacey families The Semp Family The family & friends of Linda Hayes The Foster family Family & friends of Irene Hellowell The Bainbridge & Seghetti families The Melia & Stubbs, families The Insall & Richardson families The Butterfield family Family of Fiona Collins The Bentham & Nemeslaki families The Green, Todd & Andrewan families Maurice & Kathleen Sweeney The McMahon, Sheldrake & Woodhouse families The relatives & friends of the Frankland families The Brearley family and friends The souls of Brian Tate & family Family of Kevin Barker Dorothy & Fred Wildsmith Family & friends of Tadeusz Sulich Helen & Stefan Mazur Traudi & Falco Pickering The Mazur & Pickering families McCabe, Duffy & Arber family All the deceased of the Parish The Jack Brassil & family Peter McCartney & family Marie Lister</p> | <p>The Tidswell & Graydon family The Armitage family Family & friends of Patricia Stabler Family & friends of Anne Bridges Sister Catherine Kenny The Drummond family The Williams & Joyce family Family & friends of Brigid Bentley The Pachowko & Palerrmo families Family & friends of the French family The Cassidy family Mary & Anthony Hainsworth The Blackshaw & McMahon families Family of Maria Broks The Farrell family The Wilkinson family Jackie Lyons The family & friends of the Lyons & Crossley family Mr. & Mrs. J. Carr & Jason Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Carr Paddy & Tommy Kevin Carr The Murphy & Skirkowski family The Dziurman & Turner family The Allport & Hargreaves families Those who have no one to pray for them The family of Marion Howarth Marie Finn & Catherine Ellis & the Finn family The Ambrose & Helliwell families Ron, Sheila & Chris Hall The Jablonski & Jorkarski families Danuta Igielska The Iaconette, Sirianni & Nagel Families The Hume & Ryan family Family & friends of the Larkin Family</p> |
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SACRAMENTAL TIMETABLE FOR OUR PARISH 2024/25

SACRED HEART - School - 3:30 - 4:30pm

MONDAY | 2nd Dec | 16th Dec 2024 |

13th Jan 2025 | 27th Jan | 10th Feb

REHEARSAL

TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY, ST MALACHY'S CHURCH
AT 7PM (candidate and sponsor to attend)

CONFIRMATION

TUES 4 MARCH AT 7PM, ST MALACHY'S CHURCH

MONDAY

10 Feb 2025 | 24 Feb | 10 March | 24 March

RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAY 29 MARCH:
ST BERNARD'S AT 10AM

MONDAY

31 March 2025 | 14 April | 28 April | 12 May

HOLY COMMUNION ON SUNDAY 18TH MAY:
SACRED HEART AND ST PATRICK'S AT 11AM

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READINGS, PRAYERS AND MASS TEXTS can be found at: www.universalis.com

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise, I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Ps 25(24):4-5b. 8-9. 10, 14. *R* 1b

RESPONSE: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O LORD, make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me;

for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he shows the way to sinners.

He guides the humble in right judgement;

to the humble he teaches his way. **R.**

All the LORD's paths are mercy and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and commands.
The LORD's secret is for those who fear him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the first letter to the Thessalonians
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus *Ultimate Defence Against Modernism and the Culture of Death keep us safe.*

MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

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www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream