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Sunday 15th + GAUDETE SUNDAY + ADVENT WEEK 4 + CHRISTMAS TIME +

Saturday 14 Dec	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	For Paul Connolly [H]
Sunday 15 Dec	11-00AM	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	Peter Bridges [A]
Monday 16 Dec	-	Advent Weekday	Requiem Mass for Marilyn Swann At Mytholmroyd
Tuesday 17 Dec	NO PUBLIC MASS	Advent Weekday	November Dead List 2024/5
Wednesday 18 Dec		Advent Weekday	-
Thursday 19 Dec	NO PUBLIC MASS	Advent Weekday	November Dead List 2024/5
Friday 20 Dec	09-30am	Advent Weekday	Maureen Timlin [LD]
Saturday 21 Dec	5-30PM	VIGIL MASS	Gabrielle Stansfield [LD]
Sunday 22 Dec	11-00AM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Antoinette & Felicità Nagra [LD]
Monday 23 Dec	09-30am	Advent Weekday	Bill Anderson [LD]
Tuesday 24 Dec	5-30pm	VIGIL MASS NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Mr & Mrs T Larkin & Kathleen MM Larkin [A]
Wednesday 25 Dec	11-00am	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Ann Knowles [A]
Thursday 26 Dec	09-30am	ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR FEAST	Peter Connel [LD]
Friday 27 Dec	09-30am	ST JOHN, APOSTLE, AND EVANGELIST	Maureen Timlin [LD] SVP
Saturday 28 Dec	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Fr Firth [R]
Sunday 29 Dec	11-00am	THE HOLY FAMILY OPENING OF THE JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2025 IN THE DIOCESE	Private Intention [RIP]

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

WELCOME to our parish during this most blessed season of Advent and Christmas. The flickering candles of the Advent wreath illuminate our path towards the celebration of Christmas, a time when our community comes together in harmony and gratitude. As we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, we become a beacon of light and warmth, echoing the message of God's unfailing love and mercy. We cherish these moments of togetherness, sharing in the joy and wonder of the season. May this Christmas fill your hearts with peace and your journey with blessings, as we find our truest source of comfort and joy. Thank you for joining us in this sacred celebration, and may you travel onwards in safety and God's grace.

PRINCIPAL SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 December

5-30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas - Family Mass - a warm welcome to our families and children

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 December - Christmas Morning – 11-00am

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

22 December (4th Sunday of Advent) - Let us pray for all parents expecting a new child, that they might be blessed with a safe and healthy pregnancy for mother and baby. Lord hear us.

25 December (Vigil of the Nativity) - Our Lady said Yes to God's plan for her pregnancy, and for the birth of the Child Jesus. Let us pray for all parents experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, that the Lord would give them the necessary graces to repeat Mary's Yes for their new child. Lord hear us.

25 December (Mass of the Day - Nativity) - Let us pray for babies born today and throughout this coming year, that God would grant them health and happiness, and their parents, joy, patience and strength. Lord hear us.

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

BANKED | 09 December £955.00 - plus standing orders of £1430 per month.

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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Each year, the collection taken at Christmas, together with the collection taken at Easter, is the offering which forms an important part of the annual taxable income of priests. If you would prefer to make an offering by direct bank transfer to the parish bank account, please mark it '**Christmas Offering**'. Thank you.

Account name: DoL Sacred Heart & St. Patrick (Use - Sacred Heart)

Bank: HSBC / Sort Code: 40-27-15 / Account: 41 01 7454 – as always, thank you for your kind support.

2025 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS The annual publication provides a very valuable physical record and guide to the life and mission of our Diocese, not only for immediate use but also for archival reference. Available today £5.00.

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

HUDDERSFIELD CATENIANS:The Circle meets monthly on the third Tuesday at Meltham Golf Club. Activities include walks, trips away (Isle of Man and Shrewsbury planned for 2025), Garden Party, Barbecue, attend cricket or rugby matches, are some of the events. Wives/partners welcome to come along and meet our ladies too. Any gentleman interested to learn more can check the website at <https://thecatenians.com> or contact the Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042. Friendship in Faith; Family; Fun.

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages. Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading. Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY To subscribe for the paper to be sent direct to your home, michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk or 07436 617650.

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 – please contact the school if you would like an appointment with the headteacher contact the school office on 01422 831360

ADVENT FAYRE 2024 - The following outlines the funds raised over the two days of the Advent Fayre

Stall			Stall Total
Cakes & Cake Raffle			158.70
Bottle			173.50
Coloured Stall			220.00
Piety – Religious Cards			115.70
Refreshments			70.10
Raffle Draw			340.00
		Sub Total	£1078.00
	<i>Cost</i>		<i>£59.15</i>
Total			£1018.85

THANK YOU I'm delighted to share the success of the Advent Fayre in 2024. With a total of £1018.85 raised over two days, it's evident that the event was a triumph. This success is a testament to hard work, commitment, and generosity of everyone involved. Once again, thank you to all who contributed to this wonderful event, making it a special and memorable occasion for everyone involved.

SACRAMENTAL TIMETABLE FOR OUR PARISH 2024/25

SACRED HEART - School - 3:30 - 4:30pm
MONDAY 13 th Jan 2025 27 th Jan 10 th Feb REHEARSAL TUESDAY 25 FEBRAURY, 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

Sunday 15th + (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

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

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgements against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
'Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.
The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Is 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6. R3

RESPONSE: Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Behold, God is my salvation!
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD is my strength and my praise,
and he has been my salvation.
With joy you will draw water
from the springs of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;
make known among the peoples his deeds;
proclaim that his name is exalted. **R.**

Sing to the LORD for he has wrought wonders;
let this be known through all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell in Sion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:10-18

At that time: The crowds asked John, 'What, then, shall we do?' And he answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.' Tax collectors also came to be baptised and said to him, 'Teacher, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Collect no more than you are authorized to do.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

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