

1934 – 2024

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 22nd + FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT + CHRISTMAS TIME +

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]
Monday 30 Dec	NO PUBLIC MASS	SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE	November Dead List 2024/5
Tuesday 31 Dec	09-30am	SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE	Norman & Josphine Haw, Lynne Carr, Anne Key [LD]
Wednesday 01 Jan	09-30am	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	Tim Larkin [LD]
Thursday 02 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	November Dead List 2024/5
Friday 03 Jan	09-30am	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	Peter Connel [LD]
Saturday 04 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Gabrielle Stansfield [LD]
Sunday 05 Jan	11-00am	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Maureen Timlin [LD] Ladies Group

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. Thank you for joining us in this sacred celebration, and may you travel onwards in safety and God's grace.

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

BANKED | 18 December £375 - 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.

PRINCIPAL SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 December - 5-30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas - Family Mass -

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.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE JUBILEE HOLY YEAR 2025: The Holy Father Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year, the theme for which is Pilgrims of Hope. In every Diocese across the world, the beginning of the Jubilee Holy Year is to be marked by the celebration of Mass in each Cathedral on 29 December 2024. Bishop Marcus will celebrate the 11:00am Mass at Leeds Cathedral on that day. Everyone welcome.

2025 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS The annual publication provides a very valuable 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

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

SACRAMENTAL TIMETABLE FOR OUR PARISH 2024/25

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

MONDAY | 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

Sunday 22nd + FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A reading from the prophet Micah

Micah 5:2-5a

Thus says the LORD: You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore, he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

And he shall be their peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Ps 80(79):2ac, 3b, 15-16. 18-19. **R**4

RESPONSE: Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,

the son you have claimed for yourself. **R.**

May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book."'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according to the Law), then he added, 'Behold, I have come to do your will'. He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord;

let it be to me according to your word.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'

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

NATIONAL SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM has a live streaming service for Mass and other services:

www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream

Diocese www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Church www.sacredheartandstpatrickschurch.org.uk

School www.sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk

Readings and Holy Mass www.universalis.com

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