

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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SUNDAY YEAR C - WEEKDAY YEAR I

**+ CHRISTMAS TIME + THE HOLY FAMILY + THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD +
20+C+M+B+25**

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 2025	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 Christmas. 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 New Year fill your hearts with peace and your journey with blessings, as we remember that in Christ, 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.

AS WE STEP away from the festive warmth of Christmas, our liturgical journey invites us to ponder a most cherished image: the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Consider the profound mystery and beauty that the Son of God, in his infinite wisdom, chose to embrace the simplicity and warmth of a family, just as any child in this world. This choice elevates the family of Nazareth, making it a beacon of hope and a model of familial love and unity for every household across the globe. In the humble setting of Nazareth, we witness the unfolding of the early chapters of the Son of God's human journey. It was here, in the sanctity of the nurturing walls of the Nazareth home saw Jesus' childhood bloom with joy and love, cradled in Mary's unwavering devotion and under the protective gaze of Joseph, a father figure who mirrored the tenderness of God Himself. As we reflect on these profound insights, let us carry in our hearts the image of the Holy Family. May their example guide us in nurturing our own families with love, patience, and spiritual

strength. Let us pray that the Virgin Mary blesses each of our families, helping us to grow closer to the ideal set forth in Nazareth, thus fostering a world steeped in compassion and unity.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier. May this new year be a time of spiritual growth for us; a time of welcoming your graces and gifts; a time for forgiving freely and unconditionally; a time for growing in virtue and goodness and holiness. Come, Holy Spirit, be with us today and always. Amen.

CHRISTMAS 2024 AND THE NEW YEAR 2025 I would like to thank you for your kindly support, cards and help as I celebrate Christmas with you. Let me take this opportunity to wish you and all in the district the blessings of Christmas and a Happy New Year. With my very best wishes, gratitude, and the assurance of prayers for you and those you love. Fr Larkin

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

BANKED | 23 December £350 - plus standing orders of £1430 per month.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING £980. 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.

DEACON PATRICK KELLY It is with great sadness to inform you that Deacon Patrick Kelly, after a long illness, died yesterday afternoon (21 December) at Kirkwood Hospice, Huddersfield. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his wife, 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.

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 YEAR C

WEEKDAY YEAR I

Sunday 29 December 2024

Liturgical Colour: White. Year: C(I).

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 2: 16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The Lord honoured the father above the children,
and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons.
Whoever honours his father atones for sins,
and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure.
Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children,
and when he prays he will be heard.
Whoever glorifies his father will have long life,
and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.
O son, help your father in his old age
and do not grieve him as long as he lives;
even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence;
in all your strength do not despise him.
For kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
and against your sins it will be credited to you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84(83):2-3. 5-6. 9-10. Rcf. 5a

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning
for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh cry out
to the living God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Blessed the people whose strength is in you,
whose heart is set on pilgrim ways.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
look on the face of your anointed.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second reading

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Acts 16:14b

Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.' And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

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