

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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SUNDAY YEAR C - WEEKDAY YEAR I

+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD +

Saturday 11 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Peter Connell [LD]
Sunday 12 Jan	11-00am	+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD + Christmas Time ends	Silvia & Alexander Pachowko [A]
Monday 13 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Hilary	November Dead List 2024/5
Tuesday 14 Jan	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Miss E Gill [A]
Wednesday 15 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	-
Thursday 16 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2024/5
Friday 17 Jan	09-30am	St Anthony, Abbot	Marilyn Swann [LD] SVP
Saturday 18 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Phyllis & Ronald Blackshaw [A]
Sunday 19 Jan	11-00am	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Zygmunt Wisniewski [A]

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm – 5.30pm

Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass (From 11.45 - 12.45)

A WARM WELCOME to our parish. Whether you are a regular member of our community or a visitor joining us for the first time, we are delighted to have you here. It is a true blessing to gather together in the sacred celebration of Holy Mass, united in prayer and worship. This Jubilee Year of 2025 is a time of grace and renewal, a beautiful opportunity to deepen our faith and embrace the abundant mercy of God. As we come together in faith, we are reminded of the rich heritage of the Church and the enduring promise of hope and salvation through Jesus Christ. May this year of Jubilee fill your heart with the joy and peace of Christ. Join us after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee in the parish hall, you are most welcome.

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

BANKED | 08 January £438.61 - plus standing orders of £1430 per month.

Collection for the Diocese of Leeds Lourdes Fund has been moved to the weekend of 8th/9th February 2025 to coincide with the anniversary of the first apparition on the 11 February.

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.

THE LADIES GROUP will meet on Friday mornings from 10 AM to 12 pm on the following dates January 24th, February 7th, & 21st, March 7th and 21st, April 4th. All Ladies are invited to join them.

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE 2021 – 2024 | 5979 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2021) | 9392 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2022) | 11438 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2023) | **10773** people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2024) - Over the past few years, it has been truly inspiring to see so many souls gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The numbers reflect a deep yearning for God and a rekindled commitment to live out the Gospel in our daily lives. Each Mass is an opportunity to encounter Christ, listen to His Word, and receive His Body and Blood, strengthening us for the journey ahead. Let us, "keep coming to Mass" for it is here that we encounter the fullness of God's grace and mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like a Mass offering for a particular intention or for the repose of the soul of a loved one, please put your offering in an envelope and write the name of the intention, the date requested and your contact details & pop it into the collection box or through the presbytery letterbox. In most parishes, there are never more than three maybe four weeks of Mass intentions outstanding at any one time.

Holocaust Memorial Service. On **Sunday 26 January** the eve of Holocaust Memorial Day there will be a special Service of Evensong at **Halifax Minster** starting at **4.00pm**. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Douglas Charing (visiting Rabbi of Bradford Synagogue. This year Holocaust Memorial Day commemorates the 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp. All are welcome.

Also, you may be interested to know that on Sunday 06 April, as part of a bigger Lenten programme, Kim Leadbeater MP will be in conversation with Bishop Smitha Prasadam (Anglican Bishop of Huddersfield) on the subject of the Assisted Dying Bill followed by a Q & A. This will also be at Halifax Minster. I'm not sure of all the detail yet but it is probably something to get on your radar.

RECYCLING OLD LECTIONARIES At the Bishop's Conference in November 2024, the Bishops agreed that a Guardians of Creation project would be used to dispose and recycle old lectionaries using, in an environmental and sustainable way, as practical. Collect and Recycle have been engaged to facilitate this across all the Dioceses of England and Wales. As we are now using the new lectionaries, arrangements for the disposal of Parish's old lectionaries have been made. To keep costs to a minimum (a Curia expense), the firm engaged have a tight collection window and on how the lectionaries should be collated and boxed for their collection at a single Diocese collection point. I have arranged for the deanery to drop off the lectionaries after Christmas at a Deanery collection point (Sowerby Bridge) by 16 January 2025. Finance Office Colleagues will then collate all the Diocese's old lectionaries at Hinsley Hall as required by the firm for their collection to meet their narrow time frame. In the new year a similar scheme for old Mass Books and other literature that is now also out of date will be implemented.

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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

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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS In the ebb and flow of life, there are some topics we instinctively shy away from, and one of those is the inevitable journey towards our own end. Though the thought of our mortality may be daunting, a small gesture of preparation can make a world of difference, particularly to those who mourn our passing.

By engaging in a heart-to-heart conversation with our loved ones about our final wishes, we can offer them comfort and clarity in a time of grief. Consider discussing preferences for your Requiem Mass or funeral Service, your chosen Hymns, and Scripture Readings. These intimate details will not only reflect your personal faith journey but will also provide solace and direction to those you leave behind.

For those contemplating a spiritual continuation of remembrance, the offering of a monthly Mass for a year is a beautiful tradition. With a donation, 12 Masses can be offered in your name, ensuring prayers for your soul and a continued bond with your community. Once decisions have been made, we recommend penning down these arrangements and placing them alongside your important documents in a safe location. In doing so, you provide guidance when it's needed most, ensuring that, even in absence, your love and thoughtfulness continues to guide and comfort.

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

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 12 January 2025 Year: C(I).

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 3: 16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

‘Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.’

Thus says the Lord: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my Spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,

or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,

and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged

till he has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his law.

‘I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people,

a light for the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b, 9b-10. R11b

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the Lord upon the waters,

the Lord on the immensity of waters;

the voice of the Lord full of power;

the voice of the Lord full of splendour.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders;
in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!'
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second reading

Acts 10:34-38

'God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia.

He who is mightier than I is coming, said John.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

'When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.'

At that time: 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.'

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1: 32, 34

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Announcement of the date of Easter and movable feasts

After the Gospel, following a long-established custom of the Church, the deacon or cantor may proclaim the movable feasts of the current year, in the following form.

Know, dear brethren (brothers and sisters), that,
as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Saviour.

On the fifth day of March will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the twentieth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-ninth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the eighth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the twenty-second day of the same month, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the thirtieth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

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