

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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SUNDAY YEAR C - WEEKDAY YEAR I

+ THIRD SUNDAY +

Saturday 25 Jan	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Moya Whitworth [R]
Sunday 26 Jan	11-00am	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Peppendo laconnette [LD]
Monday 27 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Angela Merici, Virgin	Malachy & Margaret of Gort House [A]
Tuesday 28 Jan	09-30am	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	For India [R]
Wednesday 29 Jan		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 30 Jan	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2024/5
Friday 31 Jan	09-30am	St John Bosco, Priest	November Dead List 2024/5
Saturday 01 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Gabrielle Stansfield [LD]
Sunday 02 Feb	11-00am	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Timothy Larkin [LD]

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. 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 | 20 January £415.00 - 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.

THE LADIES GROUP will meet on Friday mornings from 10 AM to 12 pm on the following dates 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 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.

HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM A date and time for your child's Baptism can be provisionally given once you have completed the parish form and established a relationship with the parish. Godparents play a vital role as Christian role models, so choose wisely. According to Canon Law, godparents must be at least 16 years old, practising Catholics, and have received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Parents are responsible for raising their child in the Catholic faith, supported by Catholic schools but primarily through active participation in the Church. Regular Mass attendance, use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and being fully initiated into the Church yourself are essential examples of this commitment. If after reading this information you feel ready to present your child to the Church for Baptism please see Fr Larkin after Mass for Pre-Baptism form.

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.

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

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. 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.

Please visit

<https://unherd.com/newsroom/kim-leadbeater-is-shielding-the-assisted-dying-bill-from-scrutiny/>

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE CEO VACANCY: Salary £80,000 to £90,000 pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision and skills for leadership and a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing and delivering strategy. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/>, email or speak to Katrina on 0113 388 5400 or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk. Closing date 9 February 2025.

HEADTEACHER: St. Anne's Catholic Primary School, Keighley. Start: September 2025. Closing date: Friday 24 January 2025. Further info: Blessed Christopher Wharton - Vacancies To discuss or arrange a visit, contact the Trust HR department, hr@bcwcat.co.uk

HEADTEACHER: St. Clare's Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Start: September 2025. Closing date: Monday 27 January 2025. Further info: Blessed Christopher Wharton - Vacancies To discuss or arrange a visit, contact the Trust HR department, hr@bcwcat.co.uk

HEAD OF SCHOOL: St. Winefride's Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Start: September 2025. Closing date: Friday 24 January 2025. Further info: Blessed Christopher Wharton - Vacancies To discuss or arrange a visit, contact the Trust HR department, hr@bcwcat.co.uk

HEADTEACHER: Headteacher, St. Malachy's Catholic Primary School, Halifax. Start: September 2025. Closing date: 27 January 2025. Further info: Headteacher at St Malachy's Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy, Halifax, West Yorkshire | MyNewTerm To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Lois Kozlowski, admin@bpstrust.org.uk

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER: St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Horsforth, Start: April 2025. Closing date: Friday 07 February 2025. Further info: Bishop Wheeler Academy Trust - Trust & Academy Vacancies (bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org) To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Helen Tye, h.tye@stmaryshorsforth.org

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER: St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Otley, Start: September 2025. Closing date: Monday, 27 January 2025. Further info: Bishop Wheeler Academy Trust - Trust & Academy Vacancies (bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org) To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Vikki Wilkinson, office@stjosephsotley.org

THE DEANERY MARRIAGE COURSES will take place this year at 12.15 (after the 11am Sunday Mass at St Mary's) on 23 March, 6 April and 13 April.

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 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 26 January 2025 Year: C(I).

Readings at Mass

First reading

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, 'Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 19(18):8. 9. 10. 15. R John 6:63c

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect;
it revives the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are steadfast;
they give wisdom to the simple.

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

The precepts of the Lord are right;
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear;
it gives light to the eyes.

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

The fear of the Lord is pure,
abiding for ever.

The judgements of the Lord are true;
they are, all of them, just.

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

May the spoken words of my mouth,

the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rock and my redeemer!
Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

Brothers and Sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor;

to proclaim liberty to the captives.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled.'

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written,

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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