

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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SUNDAY YEAR C - WEEKDAY YEAR I

+ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD +

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]
Monday 03 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr	Miss E Gill [A]
Tuesday 04 Feb	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	For Friends in need
Wednesday 05 Feb		St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	
Thursday 06 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	Ss Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	The Flowers of Manchester 1958 [A]
Friday 07 Feb	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2024/5
Saturday 08 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Jacqueline Ann Sweeney [A]
Sunday 09 Feb	11-00am	FIFTH SUNDAY	Raymond Shippey [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 | 27 January £445.00 - plus standing orders of £1430 per month.

LOURDES SECOND COLLECTION APPEAL will take place at the Sunday Masses on the weekend of 8 and 9 February 2025.

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.

CALL FOR READERS AT THE SATURDAY 5:30PM VIGIL MASS We are inviting parishioners to consider joining the rota for reading at the 5:30pm Saturday evening Mass. Proclaiming the Word of God is a vital ministry, as the Liturgy of the Word forms an essential part of the Holy Mass. Through the readings, we hear God speak to His people, drawing us closer to Him and deepening our faith. If you feel called to help in this important role, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Fr Larkin after Mass if you are interested.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Please remember to keep in your prayers those who are unwell or recovering from treatment, Canon Kevin Firth, Fr Michael Mahady, Canon Thomas O'Connor, Fr Michael McLaughlin, Fr Phillip Hall, Canon John Galvin and Fr David Bulmer

CONGRATULATIONS to all those clergy celebrating the Jubilee of their Ordination this year:

Platinum **Rev Fr Bryan Sharp**

Ruby Rev Fr Richard Carter

Diamond Rev Fr Michael Kelly

Silver Rev Fr Michael Hughes

Golden His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Roche

Rev Fr Simon Lodge

Very Rev Canon Lawrence Hulme

Rev Fr Peter Smith

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND DIACONATE

Pray for the following men currently in formation for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Leeds:

Rev Philip Thornley (Pontifical Beda College, Rome) and Stephen O'Hara (St Mary's College, Oscott).

Pray for the following men currently in formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Leeds:

Stephen Procter Parish of Sacred Heart and St Joseph, (Year 1)

Danny Murphy Parish of St Joseph, Brighouse (Year 3)

Jack Clark Parish of St Robert, Harrogate (Year 4)

Dominic Williams Parish of St Peter and Paul, Sandal (Year 4)

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.

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.

THE RITE OF ELECTION and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on the 1st Sunday of Lent, 9th March at 2:30pm, Leeds Cathedral.

CHRISM MASS This is a reminder that the celebration of the Chrism Mass will be at 11:00am on the Wednesday of Holy Week (16th April) at the Cathedral.

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

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

SACRAMENTAL TIMETABLE FOR OUR PARISH 2024/25

SACRED HEART - School - 3:30 - 4:30pm
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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 2 February 2025 Year: C(I).

Readings at Mass

First reading

Malachi 3:1-4

'The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple.'

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10. R8a

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

O gates, lift high your heads;

grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant;

the Lord, the valiant in war.

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

O gates, lift high your heads;

grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts,

he is the king of glory.

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Second reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

‘He had to be made like his brothers, so that he might become merciful.’

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia.

A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

‘The child grew, filled with wisdom.’

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord’) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons’.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

‘Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation

that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles,

and for glory to your people Israel.’

And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.'

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus *Ultimate Defence Against Modernism and the Culture of Death keep us safe.*

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