

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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SUNDAY YEAR C - WEEKDAY YEAR I

+ Sunday 16th + SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +

Saturday 15 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Jackie Lyons [A]
Sunday 16 Feb	11-00am	SIXTH SUNDAY	Tanya [R]
Monday 17 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	Doris Sultana [A]
Tuesday 18 Feb	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Peter Bridges [AB]
Wednesday 19 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 20 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen Larkin [AB]
Friday 21 Feb	09-30am	St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Charlotte Davenport [A]
Saturday 22 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Wilfred Teesdale [A]
Sunday 23 Feb	11-00am	SEVENTH SUNDAY	Deirdre Thompson [LD]

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm – 5.30pm

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

A WARM WELCOME 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 | 10 February £385.00 - plus standing orders of £1430 per month.

LOURDES SECOND COLLECTION APPEAL £138.30. 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.

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

THE LADIES GROUP will meet on Friday mornings from 10 AM to 12 pm on the following dates February 21, March 07 and 21, April 04. All Ladies are invited to join them.

SCHOOL PLACES for any children needing a school place contact on 01422 831360

ASH WEDNESDAY the days are slowly getting longer heralding the imminent arrival of spring, with Shrove Tuesday, Lent and Easter around the corner. The season of Lent is intrinsically linked to spring - Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent in the Christian calendar, has been observed for centuries. This is a day of penance for the whole Church of the Roman Rite, to be marked by fasting and abstinence from the eating of meat. The usual Penitential Act is omitted from the beginning of Mass. After the Gospel, the ashes are blessed and distributed (RM. 234-235). I invite you to attend Mass and receive the ashes on the **Wednesday 05 March in the Parish at 7-30pm**. Also, **Mass at The Good Shepherd, Mytholmroyd - 12noon** Ashes distributed at all Masses.

THE RITE OF ELECTION and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on the 1st Sunday of Lent, 09 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 (16 April) at the Cathedral.

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

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. If you feel called to help in this important role, we would love to hear from you contact Fr Larkin after Mass.

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

The Submission of the Bishops' Conference to the Bill committee hearing is now on the parliamentary website: Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill (3rd February 2025)

Committee stage of Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has begun, raising serious concerns about its conduct.

- The Committee has been 'stacked' with a higher number of MPs who support the Bill
- Nearly twice as many witnesses supported assisted suicide than the number who opposed it
- Important voices have been excluded, including the Government's chief Suicide Prevention Strategy Advisor, the British Geriatrics Society and a number of disability rights groups, senior palliative care doctors and legal experts with relevant expertise.

MPs must be aware of the serious issues in the scrutiny of Kim Leadbeater's Bill. It's vital they know your concerns and vote against it at Third Reading.

Take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction to write to your MP - it takes just 30 seconds!

IFM MEMBER - National Catholic Energy Buying Group. Over the past three decades, IFM has focused on upholding values such as **stewardship**, **community**, and **service**, inspired by our Catholic faith and One Church approach. We have benefited from several initiatives, including:

Value for money: Our collective purchasing power secures competitive energy rates, reducing operational costs for parishes and organisations.

Sustainability Initiatives: We promote environmentally responsible practices, aligning with our role as guardians of creation and responding to Pope Francis' call in the Papal Encyclical Laudato Si'.

Green Energy: IFM electricity is 100% renewable from wind, hydro, and solar sources. Our gas contract includes 88% certified green gas (biomethane), making us a leading buyer of green gas volume in the country.

Time Saving: Our team manages contract negotiation, automatic renewals, VAT certification, and carbon footprint and ESOS reporting for diocesan properties, saving significant time annually.

Expert Support: Our team provides comprehensive support, ensuring efficient fulfilment of energy needs. We check invoices for accuracy before sending them out and handle queries, providing a single point of contact for gas, electricity, and oil.

These benefits enhance the operational efficiency of our parishes and organisations while supporting **stewardship** and **care for creation**. These efforts demonstrate a commitment to living out Catholic values practically, showing that IFM is **more than just a unit price**.

Green milestones: Since 1994, IFM has grown from 8 dioceses in northern UK to working with all dioceses in England and Wales and expanding in Scotland, covering **26 dioceses** and **10,000+ supplies**.

By 2025, most UK parishes will use IFM to procure renewable energy, significantly reducing carbon output.

Onwards – the future, together: Our success has stemmed from **shared values, collaborative spirit, and one Church approach**. We aim to continue promoting **sustainable** and **responsible** practices to build a better future. Thank you for your support over the past **30 years**, and we look forward to continuing our work together in the future.

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR – Join the Sacred Heart & St. Patrick’s Ladies Group on a festive adventure! Our trip will take place from Sunday, 7th December to Tuesday, 09 December, at a cost of £345 per person (half-board). We plan to fill a 56-seater coach, allowing us to travel directly to our destination without any en-route pick-ups. For more details about the spectacular visit the Thursford website at www.Thursford.com or contact Marion (Chair of the Ladies Group) at 07873 907645. To add your name and contact details to register your interest. We look forward to sharing this magical experience with you!

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Fri 4 - Thurs 10 July 2025. Bookings are now open. The theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope', to coincide with the Jubilee Year of Hope. The Jubilee is a major celebration in which pilgrims are invited to immerse themselves in God's infinite mercy. Early booking strongly recommended. In anticipation of higher than usual numbers, transfers will be offered to and from Stansted Airport once the Leeds flight is full. Please book via the Tangney website or by phone directly with Tangney Tours. Further information is available on the Diocesan website.

SACRAMENTAL TIMETABLE FOR OUR PARISH 2024/25

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

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

| 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 16 February 2025. Year: C(I).

First reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

'Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.'

Thus says the Lord: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

'Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4, 6. R Psalm 40(39):5a

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Blessed indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the path with sinners,
nor abides in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord,
and who ponders his law day and night.

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they, like winnowed chaff,
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

'If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.'

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23ab

Alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,
for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

'Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.'

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

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