

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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SUNDAY YEAR C - WEEKDAY YEAR I

+ Sunday 23rd + SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +

Saturday 22 Feb	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Wilfred Teesdale [A]
Sunday 23 Feb	11-00am	SEVENTH SUNDAY	Deirdre Thompson [LD]
Monday 24 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	November Dead List 2024/5
Tuesday 25 Feb	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Peter Connell [LD]
Wednesday 26 Feb		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 27 Feb	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	November Dead List 2024/5
Friday 28 Feb	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Fr Firth [R]
Saturday 01 March	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Timothy Larkin [A]
Sunday 02 March	11-00am	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Brenda & Keith Townend 65th [WA]

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 | 17 February £400.00 - 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.

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.

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.

POPE FRANCIS was admitted to the Agostino Gemelli Policlinico Hospital in Rome. The Pope is 88yrs. Please pray for the Pope. The Pope wrote on X: "Thank you for the affection, prayer and closeness with which you are accompanying me in these days."

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

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!

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR – Thursford Christmas Spectacular – Ladies and Gentleman come and join the Sacred Heart & St. Patrick's Ladies Group on a festive adventure! Our trip will take place from Sunday 7th December to Tuesday 9th 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.

Posters are displayed on church noticeboards where you can 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 23 February 2025 Year: C(I).

Readings at Mass

First reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?' So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 8, 10. 12-13. R8a

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.
As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Brothers and Sisters: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

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