

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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**SUNDAY YEAR C - WEEKDAY YEAR I**

**Sunday 2nd + EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday 01 March</b>	<b>5-00pm 5-30pm</b>	<b>Confession VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Timothy Larkin [A]</b>
<b>Sunday 02 March</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Brenda &amp; Keith Townend 65th [WA]</b>
Monday 03 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Rita Hatto [LD]
<b>Tuesday 04 March</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>St Casimir</b>	<b>Iris &amp; Albino Seghetti [A]</b>
<b>Wednesday 05 March</b>	<b>7-30pm</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>November Dead List 2024/5</b>
Thursday 06 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	November Dead List 2024/5
<b>Friday 07 March</b>	<b>09-30am</b>	<b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Private Intention [W]</b>
<b>Saturday 08 March</b>	<b>5-00pm 5-30pm</b>	<b>Confession VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>Arthur Oldfield [A]</b>
<b>Sunday 09 March</b>	<b>11-00am</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Norma Edwards [A]</b>

**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 | 24 February £400.00** - 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.

**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** Slight improvement' in Pope's condition. The Holy See Press Office provides an update on the Pope's health: no new episodes of asthma-like respiratory distress; a slight reduction in oxygen flow and levels; and improved test results. His mild kidney insufficiency is not a cause for concern. Pope Francis

has resumed work. Pope Francis thanks the entire People of God, who in these days have gathered to pray for his health.

**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

Confirmation: 4 March 2025 at 7pm

**WE CAN STILL DEFEAT Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill** update you on the progress of Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill and share some very concerning news with you about its ongoing scrutiny in Parliament. Thank you to everyone who has written to their MP.

**SENSIBLE AMENDMENTS REJECTED** During line-by-line scrutiny; MPs have had the opportunity to table amendments to the Bill. So far, over 80 amendments, which were proposed by MPs who are concerned that the supposed safeguards in the Bill are not strong enough, have been considered by the Committee and, in every case, rejected.

Astonishingly, today, this included the assisted suicide Committee rejecting amendments, supported by a number of eating disorder charities, designed to explicitly prevent people with anorexia from being eligible for assisted suicide, as they have been elsewhere.

The same Committee also rejected an amendment that would have required someone to have a consultation about palliative care options before being able to have an assisted suicide, so that all other options are made available to them. This was voted down.

**CENTREPIECE 'SAFEGUARD' REMOVED** The *Independent* reported that, during the Second Reading debate, 60 MPs identified the High Court judge safeguard as an important reason for their support, with a further 20 pointing to the necessity of "judicial oversight".

Since the announcement that Leadbeater would scrap this key "safeguard" in her Bill, five major national newspapers - *The Independent*, *The Times*, *The Telegraph*, the *Daily Mail* and *The Sun* - have run editorials that raise serious concerns about the Bill.

Most importantly, a number of MPs who supported the Bill have indicated to *The Times* that they are having second thoughts about voting for the Bill at Third Reading.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** We now have only 54 days left until 25 April, the date when it is currently expected that the Bill will be voted on at Third Reading. This is when we will have an opportunity to ensure that this dangerous Bill is defeated. Thank you for taking the time to read through this update and do keep up the great work that I know so many of you are doing to ensure this dangerous assisted suicide Bill is defeated. Take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction) to write to your MP - it takes just 30 seconds!

**THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR** – Thursford Christmas Spectacular – Ladies and Gentlemen 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](http://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!

**CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST (CAT) FOUNDATION DIRECTORS:** We are recruiting additional volunteer Directors for our Diocesan CAT Boards with skills in: Catholic Life & Mission, change management, organisational growth, finance, marketing, PR, educational leadership, secondary school improvement, **SEND**. Requirement to attend and be involved in board meetings throughout the academic year. If you are interested, please email [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) to speak with Mgr. Paul Grogan, Episcopal Vicar for Education or Kieron Flood, Director of Education.

#### **VACANCIES**

**DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St. Edward's Catholic Primary School, Boston Spa. Start: September 2025. Closing date: Tuesday 4 March 2025. To discuss or arrange a visit, please contact, [stedwardsadmin@st-edwards.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:stedwardsadmin@st-edwards.leeds.sch.uk)

**SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER VACANCY:** Salary currently £30,559 - £35,235, pro rata dependent on qualifications and experience. Post: Permanent Part time or 1 X Fixed term 15 hours to cover Maternity Leave. Location: West and North Yorkshire. Social Work Qualification required. Closing Date: Open until the vacancy has been filled.

New notice

**ASSISTANT TO LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY:** Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start: ASAP. Closing date: Monday, 17 March 2025. Further info: <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies> To discuss/arrange a visit, contact Vicky Winterburn, [v.winterburn@notredamecoll.ac.uk](mailto:v.winterburn@notredamecoll.ac.uk)

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**ASSISTANT HEAD OF PTE VACANCY:** Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start: ASAP. Closing date: Monday, 17 March 2025. Further info: <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies> To discuss/arrange a visit, contact Louise Jackson, [l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk](mailto:l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk)

New notice

**DIOCESE OF LEEDS MUSIC VACANCY:** Diocese of Leeds Music is seeking a talented Assistant Director of the Schools Singing Programme. An excellent opportunity for a choral leader with a desire to nurture creativity, foster expression, and shape the voices and musical foundations of future generations. For more information/application pack, please visit [dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk/vacancies](http://dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk/vacancies). Closing Date: Monday 24 March 2025, 5.00 pm.

New notice

**CARITAS LEEDS CO-ORDINATOR VACANCY:** Salary: £11,250. Post: 15 hours per week. Initial fixed contract for 2 years. Working across the Diocese of Leeds. Closing date: 1 April 2025. Interview date to be arranged. To apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/>

**Sunday 2 March 2025 Year: C(I).**

#### **Readings at Mass**

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#### **First reading**

#### **Sirach 27:4-7**

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind.

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

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## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 92(91):2-3. 13-14. 15-16. R cf. 2a**

***It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.***

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning,  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

***It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.***

The just one will flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord,  
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

***It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.***

Still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is upright.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

***It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.***

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## **Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Philippians 2:15d, 16a**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine as lights in the world,  
holding fast to the word of life.

Alleluia.

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## **Gospel**

**Luke 6:39-45**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?'

How can you say to your brother, “Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye”, when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

‘For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.’

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

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