

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 9th + FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 08 March	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Arthur Oldfield [A]
Sunday 09 March	11-00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Norma Edwards [A]
Monday 10 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 11 March	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	Peter Connell [LD]
+Wednesday 12 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	Yorkshire Brethren 2025 MARCH
Thursday 13 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2024/5
Friday 14 March	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2024/5
Saturday 15 March	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Peter Connell [LD]
Sunday 16 March	11-00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	For the Gribben Family

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 | 03 MARCH £360.00 - 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.

POPE FRANCIS I feel all your affection and closeness and ... I feel as if I am 'carried' and supported by all God's people. The Pope continued his treatments, including active motor physiotherapy. As planned, after non-invasive mechanical ventilation during the night, he resumed high-flow oxygen therapy in the morning using nasal cannulas. Pope Francis is continuing some work activities. On Thursday, the Holy Father named Bishop Ángel Francisco Caraballo Fermín as Archbishop of Cumaná, Venezuela, and Bishop Ángel Román Idígoras as Bishop of Albacete, Spain. The Pope has continued to lead the Vatican during his hospital stay and met Cardinal Parolin at the Gemelli. The prognosis remains guarded.

MASS ATTENDANCE 2025 – 710 people attended Mass (Feb 25). Just keep coming to Holy Mass.

+ FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR – Austin Higgins RIP Please pray for the repose of Austin's soul and for his family and friends. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Funeral Service in church on Wednesday 12 March at 11.00.

+ FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR – Joan Bottomley RIP Please pray for the repose of Joan's soul and for her family and friends. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Reception into church – Tuesday 18 March 6-00pm.

Requiem Mass - Wednesday 19 March 10-45am

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.

RELICS OF ST ANDREW, ST COLUMBA & ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND will visit the Cathedral 10 – 16 March. There will be a Votive Mass celebrated by Bishop Marcus on Saturday 15 March at 12noon. Visits to see the relics are possible during Cathedral opening hours, outside the times of Mass.

LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on Fridays at the Good Shepherd during Lent. Stations will begin on Friday, 14 March at 12 noon. All welcome.

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

SACRED HEART invite all parishioners to join us during Holy Week we share the Easter story. On Sunday 13 June, our youngest children in reception will share 'Palm Sunday' at Sacred Heart & St Patrick's.

We also warmly invite you to join us on the below dates which will take place in school:

- 'Last Supper' – presented by Year 2 – on Tuesday 15 April at 9:15am
- 'Garden of Gethsemane' – presented by Year 3 – on Wednesday 16 April at 9:15am
- 'Crucifixion' – presented by Y6 – on Wednesday 16 April at 14:45 (School will close for the Easter break immediately following this)
- 'Resurrection' – presented by Year 4 – after the holidays on Friday 2 May at 14:40

Mrs Alexandra Hudson-Crook – Headteacher contact on 01422 831360

CATHOLIC CARE'S ANNUAL APPEAL will take place across the weekend of 29 and 30 March 2025. Like many other charities, Catholic Care is facing significant financial challenges, and we would ask you to give as generously as you are able, to enable us to continue our work in helping those in need across the Diocese. If you can make a regular contribution you can set up a standing order. Bank details are: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds) 05-00-20; 11472611. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact us for a Gift Aid form: finance@catholic-care.org.uk or see the Annual Appeal leaflet available at the back of church

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS Free Guided Tour, 22 March, 1.30pm: The tour last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the 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

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.

We now have only a few 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 to write to your MP - it takes just 30 seconds!

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION Saturday 29 March. Fr Dennis Cassidy will lead a day of exploration on the Lenten theme of forgiveness and healing at The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley. £42pp to include morning coffee, a 2-course lunch and afternoon tea. Booking essential - please call 01943 607287

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 Bede 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)

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE On Saturday 17 May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church and send it to the Bishop's Secretary: Miss Anne Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or Email it to: bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, by Friday 2 May 2025

TWO-CHILD CAP CAMPAIGN Following the recent meeting of the Department for Social Justice of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, bishops have been asked to remind parishes of the Bishops' Conference Secretariat's work on the implications of the current two-child limit on Universal Credit payments for vulnerable, larger families. The link to the 'contact your MP' page on this issue can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/contact-mp-two-child-cap/>

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.

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 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!

Sunday 9 March 2025 Liturgical Colour: Violet. Year: C(I).

Readings at Mass

First reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people: 'The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. And you shall make response before the Lord your God, "A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me." And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91(90):1-2. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15. R cf 15b

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
and abides in the shade of the Almighty,
says to the Lord, 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach your tent.

For you has he commanded his angels
to keep you in all your ways.

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

They shall bear you upon their hands,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread,
and trample the young lion and the serpent.

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him,
protect him, for he knows my name.

When he calls on me, I will answer him;

I will be with him in distress;

I will deliver him, and give him glory.

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Second reading

Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and Sisters: What does Scripture say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For, 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4b

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry.

The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."'

And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, 'To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."'

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." ' And Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

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