

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 16th + SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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| Saturday<br>15 March    | 5-00pm<br>5-30pm   | Confession<br>VIGIL MASS                        | Peter Connell [LD]                                |
| Sunday<br>16 March      | 11-00am            | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT                           | For the Gribben Family                            |
| Monday<br>17 March      | NO PUBLIC<br>MASS  | SAINT PATRICK,<br>BISHOP & PATRON OF IRELAND    | November Dead List 2024/5                         |
| Tuesday<br>18 March     | 09-30am            | Weekday of Lent                                 | November Dead List 2024/5                         |
| +Wednesday+<br>19 March | 10-45am<br>Requiem | ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE<br>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | Joan Bottomley [LD]                               |
| Thursday<br>20 March    | NO PUBLIC<br>MASS  | Weekday of Lent                                 | November Dead List 2024/5                         |
| Friday<br>21 March      | 09-30am            | Weekday of Lent                                 | November Dead List 2024/5                         |
| Saturday<br>22 March    | 5-00pm<br>5-30pm   | Confession<br>VIGIL MASS                        | Helena & Stefan Mazur and<br>Traudi Pickering [A] |
| Sunday<br>23 March      | 11-00am            | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT                            | Antoinette McGowan [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 MARCH £545.00** - 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** | The prognosis remains guarded. Pray for him.

**+ 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 21, April 04. All Ladies are invited to join them.

**LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held on Fridays at **The Good Shepherd** during Lent. Stations Friday, 21 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 April, 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](mailto: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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction) to write to your MP - it takes just 30 seconds! local MP, Josh Fenton-Glynn, has organised two panel events where constituents can share their views on Kim Leadbeater MP's Bill to legalise assisted suicide. These will take place on Thursday 20 March at 7pm in Todmorden and Thursday 27 March at 7pm in Brighouse. Specific location details will be provided after booking. Booking for these events is essential, via the links provided below:

Thursday 20 March, 7-9pm – Todmorden – [Click here to book](#).

Thursday 27 March, 7-9pm – Brighouse – [Click here to book](#).

Please note that spaces are limited, so tickets should be applied for as soon as possible.

The vote on the assisted suicide Bill is likely to be very close at Third Reading. Josh Fenton-Glynn chose to abstain at its last reading and has not yet reached a final view on the issue.

**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

**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

**Please complete the following:**

**Wife's First Name:** .....

**Wife's Surname:** .....

**Wife's Maiden name:** .....

**Husband's First Name:** .....

**Husband's Surname:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Postcode:** .....

**Email:** .....

**Telephone Number:** .....

**Date of Marriage:** .....

**Place of Marriage:** .....

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*(Please include the name, town and county of the church in which you were married)*

**VACANCIES**

**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.

**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 with candidates. To apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/>

**VARIOUS TEACHER VACANCIES:** St. John Fisher Catholic Academy, Harrogate, Start: September 2025. Closing date: Friday, 21 March 2025. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Paula Deacon, [office@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:office@sjfchs.org.uk)

**PASTORAL WORKER FOR OLDER PEOPLE VACANCY:** The Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford is recruiting a part time Pastoral Worker for Older People, for 10hrs per week. The role will pay a vital role in supporting the spiritual and emotional well-being of older parishioners. More details at [www.marymotherofgod.org.uk](http://www.marymotherofgod.org.uk). Closing date for applications is Friday, 4 April 2025.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS CLASS TEACHER VACANCY: St. John's Catholic Specialist School, Boston Spa,  
Start: September 2025. Closing date: Friday, 21 March 2025. Further info and an application pack please  
contact Mrs K Holt – karen.holt@stjohns.org.uk

**Sunday 16 March 2025 Year: C(I).**

### **Readings at Mass**

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#### **First reading**

##### **Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

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#### **Responsorial Psalm**

##### **Ps 27(26):1. 7-8b. 8c-9c. 13-14. R1a**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread?

***The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer me.

Of you my heart has spoken,  
'Seek his face.'

***The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help.

***The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong;  
be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord!

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

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**Second reading**

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.  
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:  
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.  
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

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**Gospel**

**Luke 9:28b-36**

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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