

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 23rd + THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 22 March	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Helena & Stefan Mazur and Traudi Pickering [A]
Sunday 23 March	11-00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Antoinette McGowan [LD]
Monday 24 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2024/5
Tuesday 25 March	09-30am	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	November Dead List 2024/5
Wednesday 26 March		Weekday of Lent	
Thursday 27 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2024/5
Friday 28 March	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	Christine Gudgin [LD]
Saturday 29 March	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Gabrielle Stansfield [LD]
Sunday 30 March	11-00am	LAETARE SUNDAY	Anne Barker [A]

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 MARCH £350.00 - plus standing orders of **£1370** 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.

2025 -26 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES The new envelopes are available at the back of church – please check your box carefully - Thank you for all your help in reducing costs by Switching to Standing Order.

NEXT SUNDAY: Collection for Catholic Care

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

THE LADIES GROUP will meet on Friday mornings from 10 AM to 12 pm on the following dates, 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, 28 March at 12 noon. All welcome.

LENT - HALIFAX DEANERY CONFESSIONS – Saturday 12 April in St Mary’s. Confessions will be heard by the clergy of the deanery from **9am – 4pm**.

LENT READINGS, PRAYERS AND MASS TEXTS can be found at: www.universalis.com

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

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

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:

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

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

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! 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.

LENT AND EASTER AT ST PAUL'S BOOKSHOP, HINSLEY HALL St Paul's Bookshop at Hinsley Hall will be carrying a wide range of Lenten and Easter reading and devotional material for adults and children, and a good selection of Easter cards to send to family and friends. Open Monday - Friday, 10am - 4pm. Please get in touch if we can be of any assistance. Phone: 0113 275 4043

OFFICIAL LIST OF 100 CATHOLIC MOVIES

Catholic commentators review 100 movies every Catholic should see

<https://100catholicmovies.substack.com/p/the-official-list-of-100-movies-every>

Thus, filmmaking and discussing film is an essential part of modern evangelization.

VACANCIES

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/>

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. Closing date for applications is Friday, 4 April 2025.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SECONDARY) VACANCY: Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust. Start date: To be agreed. Closing date: Friday, 28 March 2025. Further info from the Trust HR department: hr@bcwcat.co.uk

Sunday 23 March 2025. Year: C(I).

Readings at Mass

First reading

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

In those days: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, 'I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.' When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' And he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.'

Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I Am Who I Am.' And he said, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8, 11. 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 does deeds of justice,
gives full justice to all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so strong his mercy for those who fear him.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Repent, says the Lord,

for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'

And he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, "Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" '

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

Diocese www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Church www.sacredheartandstpatrickschurch.org.uk

School www.sacredheart.calderdale.sch.uk

Readings and Holy Mass www.universalis.com

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