

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## Sunday 30th + FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MOTHERING SUNDAY (LAETARE SUNDAY)

Saturday 29 March	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Gabrielle Stansfield [LD]
Sunday 30 March	11-00am	LAETARE SUNDAY	Anne Barker [A]
Monday 31 March	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2024/5
Tuesday 01 April	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	Joseph Reid [LD]
Wednesday 02 April		Weekday of Lent	
Thursday 03 April	NO PUBLIC MASS	Weekday of Lent	November Dead List 2024/5
Friday 04 April	09-30am	Weekday of Lent	Joseph Breeze [LD]
Saturday 05 April	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Joan Bottomley [LD] [Ladies Group]
Sunday 06 April	11-00am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	June Bingham [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 | 24 MARCH £355.00** –

plus, standing orders increase from **£1370** to **£1515** per month. 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.

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

**Requiem Mass** – Tuesday 15 April 2025– 10.45am followed by Committal - Parkwood– 12.00

**2025 -26 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** Those of you who use offertory envelopes will be aware that there is only one left in the box i.e. for this week. This is deliberate so that they coincide with the financial year. 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.

**TODAY:** Collection for Catholic Care 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.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER OF CANONS** We are pleased to inform you that Bishop Marcus has appointed The Very Reverend Fr Malachy Larkin VF as a member of the Cathedral Chapter of St Anne's, Leeds. Canon Larkin will be formally installed at St Anne's Cathedral by Bishop Marcus and The Very Reverend Provost John Aveyard during the Mass of Installation, which will take place on Tuesday, 27 May, at 12:30 pm. Bishop Marcus will preside at the Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to join this special occasion and celebrate this significant moment in the life of our Diocese.

**LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at **The Good Shepherd** during Lent. Friday, 4 April 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**.

**EASTER CARDS AND MASS CARDS** Available at the back of Church

**THE LADIES GROUP** We are making buns for Mother's Day and will be selling them in the church hall after Mass on Sunday 30 during tea and coffee. We are also selling raffle tickets for the Easter Egg draw after Mass on Saturday vigil and on Sunday in the Hall.

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**PALM SUNDAY – Sunday 13 April – 11:00am – Starting in the church hall.**

The liturgy gives us a preview of the events we will celebrate in the Easter Triduum.

**THE CHRISM MASS – Holy Wednesday 16 April – 11:00am**

Leeds Cathedral, Cathedral House, Great George Street, LEEDS LS2 8BE

Tel: 0113 245 4545. All welcome to attend – be seated by 10:45am.

**THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

The Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, includes Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and Holy Saturday, centres upon the Easter Vigil, and concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection.

I invite you to join me at the Good Shepherd Mytholmroyd:

- **Holy Thursday 17 April – 7:30pm** – Mass of the Lord's Supper – Watching before the Altar of Repose until 9:00pm. All welcome to attend.
- **Good Friday 18 April**
  - 10:00am: Join us and Christians Together in Sowerby Bridge for our Walk of Witness. Starting from the church hall at 10:00am ready to begin at 10:30am.
  - 3:00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion Sowerby Bridge – A Day of Fasting and Abstinence
- **VIGIL OF EASTER – HOLY SATURDAY 19 April – 7:30pm** (Please be seated by 7:25pm.)
- **EASTER SUNDAY 20 April**
  - First Holy Mass of Easter Day – Good Shepherd – 9:30am
  - Followed by Holy Mass at Sacred Heart & St. Patrick – 11:00am

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**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 7 December to Tuesday 9 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!

**MASS INTENTIONS** If you would like a Mass offering for a particular intention or for the repose of the soul of a loved one, please put your offering in an envelope and write the name of the intention, the date requested and your contact details and pop it into the collection box or through the presbytery letterbox. In most parishes, there are never more than three maybe four weeks of Mass intentions outstanding at any one time.

**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](mailto: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 The Bill’s sponsor, Kim Leadbeater, promised meaningful scrutiny at Committee Stage and claimed her Bill would have the “strictest safeguards anywhere in the world”. Unfortunately, proceedings at Committee Stage have shown these promises to be hollow. Well over 300 amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and that would have protected vulnerable groups were rejected by Kim Leadbeater and other Bill supporters. This included rejecting amendments that would have: Explicitly protected people with Down’s syndrome, autism and learning difficulties under the Bill. Prevented doctors from raising assisted suicide with patients unprompted, including children under the age of 18. Prohibited assisted suicide in cases where a person has been encouraged or manipulated into a request or where a request has been made under “undue influence”, putting the victims of domestic abuse at risk. This reveals a deliberate preference for a loose Bill, allowing for future expansion - something I am sure you are aware has happened with similar laws overseas. 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. Even if you have already emailed your MP asking them to oppose this Bill, it’s important that you email them again. Take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction) to write to your MP - it takes 30 seconds!

**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

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS** we tend to shun thinking about death and preparations for funerals. But sometimes a little preparation can help, especially those who are left behind. It might be an idea to have a chat with your family and friends about your funeral arrangement – Requiem Mass or funeral Service, Hymns, Scripture Readings. Perhaps having a monthly Mass said for the year. This will then be written down and placed with your papers in a safe place, so that when the time comes, we will know what to do.

### **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.

**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

### **DATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2025**

First Holy Communion 18 May 2025 at 11am Sacred Heart & St. Patrick, Sowerby Bridge

### **OTHER NOTICES**

**SHORT COURSE ON THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS:** Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans can seem overwhelming but his themes are just as relevant to us as they were to his first hearers. In this short course, available on the Diocesan website along with other courses suitable for individuals and groups, his teachings are explored in a straightforward way. <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/our-faith/learning-about-our-faith/resources-2/the-letter-to-the-romans/>

All the courses can be found at: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/our-faith/learning-about-our-faith/resources-2/>

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025:** Although bookings remain open with Tangney Tours, the Leeds flight is full. Seats available from Stansted (coach transfer Hinsley Hall to/from Stansted), leaving Thursday 3 July (an extra night at no extra cost). If the Stansted flights become fully booked, Tangney will try to arrange flights from another UK airport (coach transfers to/from Lourdes and in UK). Please book with Tangney Tours 01732 886666 as soon as possible.

### **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 play 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.

**CATHOLIC CARE ARE RECRUITING:** Support Worker – 2 Waking Nights, £24,404 - £25,584 pro rata (based on qualifications and experience), shifts patterns to include weekends and bank holidays) Location: Todmorden, please contact [hr@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:hr@catholic-care.org.uk) for an application form.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Austin's Catholic Primary School, Wakefield. Closing date: Thursday 17 April 2025 at 9am. For further information about the role and school please visit <https://www.bkcat.co.uk/vacancies/>

**Sunday 30 March 2025** *Liturgical Colour: Rose or Violet. Year: C(I).*

**Readings at Mass**

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**First reading**

**Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

In those days: The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

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**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. R cf. 18b**

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be glad.

***Taste and see that the Lord is good.***

Glorify the Lord with me;  
together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free.

***Taste and see that the Lord is good.***

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This lowly one called; the Lord heard,  
and rescued him from all his distress.

***Taste and see that the Lord is good.***

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**Second reading**

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### **Luke 15:18**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

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### **Gospel**

#### **Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

#### **'Your brother was dead, and is alive.'**

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."'

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