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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 15 AUGUST 2021

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PARISH NEWSLETTER Please submit notices (by Wednesday 9-00pm) - to Fr Larkin by email at pp.sacredheart.sowerbybridge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Saturday 14 Aug	5-30pm	Saturday Vigil	Michael & Maureen Wray Golden Wedding [A]
Sunday 15 Aug	11-00am	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Michael & Julie Wisniewski Pearl Wedding [A]
Mon 16 Aug	<i>Private</i>	St Stephen of Hungary OM	Private Intention
Tues 17 Aug	09-30am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Miss Gill [LD]
Wed 18 Aug		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thur 19 Aug	7-30pm	St John Eudes, Priest	Mrs Bernadette Cook [LD]
Fri 20 Aug	<i>Private</i>	St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	Emily Power [A]
Sat 21 Aug	5-30pm	Saturday Vigil	For Anne Bridges
Sunday 22 Aug	11-00am	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mr T Larkin & Kathleen M M Larkin

SACRED HEART AND ST PATRICK – Direct link to book online click to follow

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-mass-the-parish-of-sacred-heart-st-patrick-catholic-church-tickets-113480998722>

THE MONTH OF AUGUST: is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life.

Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE Please remember in your prayers Mrs Bernadette Cook who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace, Amen.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Saturday 25 September 2021

Discussions have been held with the organisers at Walsingham and the coach firm regarding our proposed visit Saturday 25 September 2021. We had already transferred the previous year's booking to this year. But because of the uncertainty around Covid we have unfortunately made the decision to transfer this year's booking to September 2022. Therefore, this year's visit has been cancelled.

Reasoning behind the decision.

1. Numbers have decreased due to some people's uncertainty which changes the cost per person.
2. With regard to the room sharing, some were uncertain about this especially if not from the same household.
3. The close proximity to others on the coach for the long journey would be uncomfortable.
4. If one of the party had been in contact with Covid or was "pinged; this could affect everyone in the group.

We want the visit to be a safe and enjoyable visit for everyone – we are booked for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham September 2022

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Please remember to keep in your prayers those who are unwell or recovering from surgery, especially Canon John Nunan, Fr Éamon McGeough, Fr Bernard Battle and Fr John Gott. Please support with your prayers also, all the priests and deacons of our diocese who are burdened with long-

term illnesses of various kinds and strive to continue to carry out their ministry either in full-time parochial office or in retirement from office.

ANNUAL MASS AT FOUNTAINS ABBEY

The annual Mass for the feast of St Bernard will take place at Fountains Abbey at 12-00Noon on Friday 20 August 2021 with Fr Richard Duffield, Provost of the York Oratory as the Principal Celebrant.

Entry is via The Visitor's Centre where there is ample parking; a shuttle bus is available for those who find the walk too much. Disabled access is via the West Gate where all parking is reserved for the disabled. Special arrangements can be made for wheel chairs. Admission to the Abbey is free to National Trust Members and by special arrangement the National Trust has kindly agreed to waive normal charges to allow free admission for those attending the Mass.

GREEN GRANTS FOR HEATING IMPROVEMENTS Calderdale Council is committed to helping its residents heat their homes for less by installing energy saving home improvements. Offers and funding are limited so are on a first come, first served basis. Don't delay, act today. Find out about our latest work in your area and across the whole scheme throughout Yorkshire by taking a look at

<https://www.betterhomesyorkshire.co.uk/> Or, if you want to talk through options available to your home, please call advisers for more information on 0800 597 1500 or 0333 121 0073.

Projects include insulation and draft-proofing, and possibly installation of solar panels or air source heating.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY, St Joseph's, Barnoldswick St Joseph's Primary School, Barnoldswick is recruiting for a Deputy Head to start on 1 January 2022. The closing date for applications is 30 September 2021 with interviews on 14 October 2021. Applications must be made using the CES Application Form. Further information is available from recruitment@btlancashire.co.uk

CATHOLIC CARE: Many employment & volunteering vacancies – visit the following <https://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/>

VACANCY The Parish of St John Vianney Leeds is looking to appoint a Personal Assistant to the Parish Priest from September 2021. This is a full time post (37 Hours per week) Salary £25,012 per annum. Application packs can be requested from office.stjohnvianney@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date: 22 August 2021

GUIDANCE ON COVID AFTER THE 19 JULY

As we begin to move out of the restrictions that have been imposed upon us over these last months, let us all be mindful of others when we come to church and attend Holy Mass. Although restrictions will be eased, we must all remain prudent about how we act and inter-act within the confines of the church; we must all take personal responsibility for the way we act.

Face Coverings no longer be mandatory - a good idea in indoor settings.

Hand Sanitiser prominently available for people to use.

Numbers increase from 45 – 50 / Good ventilation remains important.

Managing Church Access - continue to make available the means for people to book online.

QR Codes will remain in place.

Congregational Singing - to be kept under review.

The Communion Rite - the Sign of Peace remains suspended- to be kept under review.

Stewards - a sign of hospitality

Cleaning - attention to frequent touchpoints to continue.

REMEMBER if your health is not good and you are vulnerable, if you have a cough or cold or temperature you should stay at home.

Thank you for your continuing patience and support.

THE BRIERY ZOOM MEDITATION Each Thursday from 7-30pm to 8-15pm there is a Zoom Meditation from the Briery in Ilkley. It opens at 7-15pm for a chat and starts promptly at 7-30pm. It is a simple format of praying with the Sunday Mass Readings and sharing in small groups. To Join Briery Thursday Meditation click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83436583706?pwd=M1RUNFNvcVJkMXUwSUNWSVdITnhJZz09>

Or log into the app using the following:

Meeting ID: 834 3658 3706

Passcode: 977049

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCIES There are many vacancies for employment within Catholic Care, as well as opportunities for volunteering. Please see website: <https://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/> for full details.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR AUGUST 2021

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

PRAYER FOR THE COMING WEEK

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of the pro-life movement.

On this feast of the Assumption, we ask for his intercession, along with Our Lady's, as we the church seek to support all expectant mothers through their pregnancies, and that we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us.

We pray for the children and students of our parish who are facing important decisions about their future after exam results - may they be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

PARISH GIVING

OFFERTORY BANKED

03 AUG 2021 £646.00

STANDING ORDERS monthly benefit to the parish has increased from £1150.00 to £1350.00

PARISH INCOME by Text, Online Donate and Card JULY £39

With grateful thanks for your continuing generous donations to the parish.

SWITCHING TO STANDING ORDER FOR COLLECTIONS

If you have online or phone banking facilities, then you can set this up yourself.

Most people setup payments on a monthly basis. Please reference the monthly donation with surname plus first initial. Also, please let Fr Larkin know if you do change to this system.

Our bank details are:

Account name: DoL Sacred Heart & St. Patrick (Use - Sacred Heart)

Bank: HSBC / Sort Code: 40-27-15 / Account: 41 01 7454

Gospel Luke 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.
He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

FIELD NOTES

Today we celebrate the special place that Mary has in the life of the Church. As soon as Mary's body was laid in the grave, it immediately escaped from its earthly darkness and ascended "body and soul" into "heaven". Mary stands in adoration of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. She intercedes for us in our needs, offering her prayers on our behalf. Today's Gospel is the story of Mary's visitation to her cousin, Elizabeth, when both were expecting their first child. It is highly significant that it is Mary and Jesus who go to visit Elizabeth and John. Already in the womb, Jesus is showing that urge to serve rather than be served. Mary, too, shares that urge. And, at the presence of Jesus and his mother, the child in Elizabeth's womb jumps for joy. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, excitedly bursts out into praise. She recognises the special position of Mary and her Son: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary is indeed unique and blessed in being chosen to be the mother of our saving King and Lord. Elizabeth is deeply moved that it is Jesus and his Mother that come to her and John: "And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?" And yet that is what is happening to each of us all the time, and especially in every celebration of the Eucharist when the Lord comes to us in his Word and in the most Holy Eucharist.

And there is a special word of praise for Mary also: "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." This brings us to her faith and total trust in God. That was expressed in her fiat ('Let it be done to me...'), when, even though not fully understanding what was being asked of her, she unconditionally accepted to submit to God's plan.

It is now Mary's turn to sing God's praises in the lovely song we called the Magnificat, which the Church sings at its evening prayer every day. It is full of reflections on what makes Mary great in the eyes of God. "He has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant."

Mary was a simple unmarried girl living in obscurity in a small town in an out of the way Roman province. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Nathanael asked rather cynically when told where Jesus came from. But in the New Covenant, it is the lowly and obscure who are specially favoured.

Mary expresses this in the last part of her song:
"He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty."

We ask Mary to remember us as we continue our journey on earth and to intercede for us with her Son that we may remain faithful to our call as faithful disciples.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus - Ultimate Defence Against Modernism and the Culture of Death

Go to YouTube – Search for

Mary Immaculate, Star of the Morning · The Cathedral Singers Vol. 6: Catholic Marian Classics
Immaculate Mary · The Cathedral Singers
Regina Caeli Laetare · The Cathedral Singers

It is good to be together... Oremus pro invicem