

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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Sunday 3rd December + FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT + SUNDAY YEAR B / WEEKDAY YEAR II

Saturday 02 Dec	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Paul - Recovery
Sunday 03 Dec	11-00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Green, Todd and Andrewan families
Monday 04 Dec	NO PUBLIC MASS	Advent Weekday	
Tuesday 05 Dec	09-30am	Advent Weekday	Margerita Chavez [LD]
Wednesday 06 Dec		St Nicholas, Bishop	
Thursday 07 Dec	NO PUBLIC MASS	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	November Dead List
Friday 08 Dec	9-30am	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	SVP
Saturday 09 Dec	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	November Dead List
Sunday 10 Dec	11-00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Joyce Carr [A]

Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass today (From 11.45 - 12.45)

WELCOME to our parish, looking toward the altar and the Heart of the church where the priest celebrates Mass in the midst of the congregation, the great image of Christ on the cross is there to remind you that he died that we might have life and that having risen from the dead he draws us with him into Resurrection - you can trust completely in Him. Thank you for your visit and may you travel on in safety.

PARISH GIVING – thank you for all your support it is very much appreciated.

TO BE BANKED | 28 NOV £405 plus standing orders of £1220 per month (approx. £281.53 per week)
Collection for the Catholic Youth Service **£58.00** – thank you.

Switching to Standing Order If you have online or phone banking, then you can set this up yourself. Most people setup payments monthly. Please let Fr Larkin know if you do change to this system.

Bank details: HSBC / Sort Code: 40-27-15 / Account: 41017454. Thank you.

MASS ATTENDANCE 2020 - 2023

9392 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2022) |

November 2023, Mass attendance figures stand at **10145**.

We have already surpassed the figures of 2022. Just keep coming to Mass.

THE ADVENT FAYRE today after Mass, Sunday December 3. 2023. All support for this parish fundraiser is welcome. If you are willing to help on the days, speak to Anne Bridges. Donations of gifts for the stalls and the raffle will be welcome. Draw tickets will be available. Please note there is a date misprint on the tickets. The date for the draw will be Sunday December 3 at **12.15** in the hall. Thank you.

CATENIANS Any Catholic men wishing to learn more about the Catenians can call Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

DIOCESAN YEARBOOK 2024 The annual publication provides a very valuable physical record and guide to the life and mission of our Diocese, not only for immediate use but also for archival reference. Available today £5.00.

CAROL SERVICE, LEEDS TRINITY UNIVERSITY Carols by candlelight on **Monday 04 December** at 7.00pm in the Chapel including performances from the Leeds Trinity University Chapel Choir and Mount St Mary's Catholic High School. Complimentary mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards. For more information and to book visit: www.leadstrinity.ac.uk/events

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS on **Saturday 16 December** at St Mary's Halifax

Confessions Rota

9.00am	Mgr Michael McQuinn	1.00pm	Fr Michael Hall
10.00am	Mgr Michael McQuinn	2.00pm	Fr Joshua Hilton
11am	Mgr Paul Owens	3.00pm	Fr Bob Owens
12noon	Fr Larkin	4.00pm	Mgr Paul Owens

COMPLINE FOR ADVENT SUNG BY LEEDS CATHEDRAL CHOIR: A recording of Compline sung by the Cathedral Choir will be broadcast on BBC Radio 3 at 9.30pm on **Monday 4 December**. The programme will also be available for 30 days after broadcast on BBC Sounds (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001svtx>).

LEEDS CATHEDRAL ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION Tuesday 19 December, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

PASTORAL STATISTICS 2023 the Parish Pastoral Statistics for 2023 will be completed and returned to Bishop's House by 31 January 2024.

NEW LECTIONARY A New Lectionary will come into use on the First Sunday of Advent next year. The Lectionary will be published in four volumes and, from the presentation made by the publishers (Catholic Truth Society – CTS) during the recent Plenary Assembly of the Bishops Conference, will be of a very high quality. For parish budgeting, the estimated cost is expected to be between **£500 and £600** for the full set of volumes. A Book of the Gospels will also be available.

THE LECTIO DIVINA GROUP Meetings will take place on Tuesdays at 1pm and will focus on the coming week's Gospel. More details or to join the group contact Malcolm or Mary Henry on 01422 831923.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY To subscribe for the paper to be sent direct to your home, michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk or 07436 617650.

POST - PLEASE NOTE I would suggest that your last mailing day 1st Class 20/21 December, if you are sending something 2nd Class 18 December this would enable your letters to arrive in time for Christmas.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME for children in Year 6 will commence on **Thursday 16 November 2023 3:30pm** and the sessions, led by Mrs Hutchings will be held here in school, lasting approximately one hour. If you are available, attend with your son/daughter to support and share their continuing journey in faith.

DATE	LESSONS	Time
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Thursday 14 December	(5-6) The Gift of the Holy Spirit (both sessions)	
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Thursday 11 January	(7-8) The Gift of the Church / The Gift of Faith Handed On	
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Thursday 25 January	(9-10) Eucharist / Prayer	
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Thursday 08 February	(11-12) The Gift of Service / The Gift of Confirmation	
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If you are unable to attend here, alternative dates/times for our Catholic family of schools can be found on our School Website. Bishop Marcus Stock will be celebrating Confirmation for all candidates in our Halifax deanery on **Thursday 07 March 2024 / 7pm at St Mary's Church Halifax**.

ADVENT PREACHED RETREAT: "See, I am doing something New!" (Isaiah 43:19) Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp will lead a weekend retreat welcoming the Ever-Coming God who makes all things new. **December 8-10** at The Briery, Ilkley. To book or to find out more see below.

EXHIBITION OF THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN REPLICA A full-size copy of the Shroud of Turin is coming to Leeds Cathedral. It will be on display from Sunday 12 – Thursday 30 November and will be available to view outside of service times. Free talks about the Shroud on 18 November (12.40pm) and 27 November (2pm).

THE SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT The Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament is a Confraternity devoted to the Most Holy Eucharist, based at the Shrine Church of Corpus Christi in Covent Garden, London. Masses are offered each month for the intentions of Sodality members, wherever they might be in the world. There is a different guest preacher every month and the Masses are live-streamed for those who can't be there in person. A newsletter containing that month's homily, along with spiritual readings, is also emailed out to members along with a Monstrance lapel pin badge to wear as an outward sign of our devotion to the Eucharist. More information can be found at <https://sodality.co.uk/>.

WEEKLY ONLINE MEDITATIONS WITH THE BRIERY Thursdays from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. The Zoom opens at 7.15pm for a chat. All are welcome. Register for zoom link by emailing: admin@briery.co.uk

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST During the year 2023– 2024 list has been closed and will be ready next week. During the year 2023– 2024 103 Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the following from November onwards. We received £1030 in donations.

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 & pop it into the collection box or through the presbytery letterbox. In most parishes, there are never more than two maybe three weeks of Mass intentions outstanding at any one time.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT This parish is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. The Church recognises the personal dignity and rights of children and adults who may be at risk towards whom it has a special responsibility. The Church and individual members of it undertake to take all appropriate steps to maintain a safe environment for all and to practise fully and positively Christ's Ministry towards children, young people and adults and to respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to help keep them safe from harm.

Safeguarding **Diocesan Office** 0113 261 8069

Safeguarding **Parish** Irene Hellowell 07432121757

SWITCHING TO STANDING ORDER FOR COLLECTIONS 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
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CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY for volunteers: For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit.../latest-vacancies/> or telephone 0113 3885400 to request an application form

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY for Parish Representatives: For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit.../latest-vacancies/> or telephone 0113 3885400 to request an application

Catholic Care Vacancies: Various paid roles and volunteer opportunities currently advertised including Senior Residential Childcare Worker and School Social Worker. For further details of individual roles, and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit.../latest-vacancies/> or call 0113 3885400.

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

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 63:16f

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this
for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

RESPONSE: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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