



2025 the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."

**PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS:** Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 19th September (Hinsley Hall), 17th October (Hinsley Hall), 14th November (Cathedral Hall), 19th December (Hinsley Hall). Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge [simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

**PERMANENT DIACONATE MASS:** As St Francis of Assisi's memorial, who was a deacon, is on Saturday 4th October, Bishop Marcus will be celebrating the 12.00 Mass at Leeds Cathedral in thanksgiving for the permanent diaconate in our Diocese. Clergy and lay faithful are invited to attend this celebration, especially men who may be discerning their possible vocation to the diaconate. Let us take this opportunity to pray for our permanent deacons and for vocations to the diaconate in our diocese.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2025:** Prayer, fasting and (current 'buffer-zone-law'-compliant) peaceful vigil in support of the unborn, their mothers, fathers and families. 7am-7pm daily from 24 September to 2 November. More info here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/40-days-for-life-2025/> Contact Chris via 07815 681343 & [40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlife@gmail.com)

**ANNUAL LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** The Annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 27th September. 12:00Noon Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 2:30pm Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 3.30pm Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine. Bring a picnic lunch!

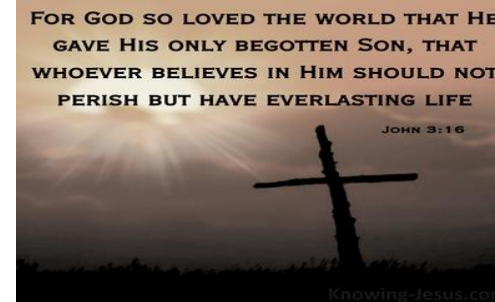
**CELEBRATING HERITAGE WEEK (History of St. Austin's):** As part of St. Austin's contribution to Heritage Week 2025 there will be a display and talk entitled "200 Years of St. Austin's in 60 images" in the St. Austin's parish centre on Friday September 19th . Display from 6:30pm with the talk 7:00 - 7:30pm. There is free parking on the terrace and surrounding roads after 6:00pm. The display will also be available for viewing on Saturday 20th September 11:00am - 3:00pm when guided tours of the church will be available. All are welcome.

**CATHEDRAL CHOIR FUNDRAISING CONCERT:** Join the Senior Girls Choir of Leeds Cathedral for a concert raising funds for the Diocese's Schools Singing Programme. Thursday 18th September, 7pm, Leeds Cathedral – includes Pergolesi's Stabat Mater. Tickets (£10) available on the door or at <https://dolmusic.uk/stabat-mater-2025>

**STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - further action needed!** As the assisted suicide Bill progresses through the Lords, Peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will have the most influence at this stage of the process. Right To Life UK has launched a new *EasyAction* tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you. *Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter) to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.*

## Church of St Peter & St Paul

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## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

In John's Gospel, Jesus' death on the cross as well as his resurrection and return to the Father are one event. For him, the cross is a sign of exaltation. The serpent that Moses lifted in the desert to offer healing to those injured by snake bites prefigures Jesus' being lifted up on the cross, bringing salvation. The eternal life God offers through Jesus is not life without end, but life lived in the unending presence of God. That is why it can begin now in this life. The world to which God sends the Son is not a place but those people who are at odds with Jesus and God. Jesus is sent to this world as a gift. Only believers accept the gift. Finally, God's judgment on the world is not a future cosmic event but a present reality. God sent the Son out of love for the world. However, the world must decide to accept him. Those who accept him have eternal life at the moment of the decision. Those who reject him don't.

MASS TIMES			
<b>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle I; 24<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>SEPT 2025</b>		<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>
<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	Dead List
<b>SUNDAY: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Parish
Monday:	<b>15</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	NO MASS
Tuesday:	<b>16</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	NO MASS
Wednesday:	<b>17</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Dead List
Thursday:	<b>18</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Dead List
Friday:	<b>19</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Dead List
<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	Parish
<b>SUNDAY: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Dead List

### DEVOTIONS

Please Note that there will be no Come Follow Me this week.

MINISTRIES OF THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION		
Word		Extraordinary Ministers
SATURDAY 5.00 pm		
This: A Nichols, M-A Kaushiva, A Kaushiva		A Parkes, D Guile, K Snaith
Next: A-M Kaushiva, J Dore, L Handy		D Williams, D Mulroy, S Jameson
SUNDAY 10.00 am		
This: L Maher, K Robins, J Poole		K Flood, G Atkinson, R McCourt
Next: R Price, J Tandoc, M Swatridge		S Wilson, S Burland, A Lumb
OTHER MINISTRY ROTAS	This Week 13/14 SEPT	Next Week 20/21 SEPT
Vigil Offertory Procession	A & R Kennedy	S Jameson & J McInerney
Children's Liturgy	Annette	Sophie
Church Cleaning	Nicola & Ann	Anthony
Brasses	Sue	Bismark
Saturday Tea Bar	Jill & Christine	Moir & Christine
Sunday Tea Bar	Steph & Jayne	Maggie & Liz
Counters	Team A	Team B
Saturday Welcomers	Sue	Jill
Sunday Welcomers	Bismark	Sue

ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES AND REGULAR GROUPS	NEXT DATE	WHERE
<b>Healing and Prayer Ministry</b> For more information and testimonials please take a flyer from the Narthex.	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	In the Chapel after Mass (To arrange an alternative time please contact the Parish Office)
<b>Over 60's Group</b> Memories of School Days: For a group discussion, including questions such as, who was your favourite teacher and what was your learning experience?	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	2pm in the Parish Centre

**Second Collection This Weekend for the Catholic Education Service**  
**Second Collection Next Sunday for Evangelii Gaudium Day**

**Welcome to Father Gregory Knowles:** We are pleased to welcome Fr Gregory Knowles as our new Parish Priest, accompanied by his pet snake plus 2 cats, Vincenzo and Bethlehem. He will be well known to some of our longer standing parishioners having served as curate here when Fr Barrie was the Parish Priest. He joins us after a number of years serving as the Parish Priest of Saint Cuthbert and First Martyrs in Bradford and is looking forward to meeting Parishioners new and old. For email contact please use his Diocese of Leeds address [Gregorius.Knowles@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:Gregorius.Knowles@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)  
**Please note that Father Gregory's first Mass with us will be this coming Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon.**

**A Big Thank You to Father Paul Williment:** For his ministry over the past four weekends. We really appreciate all he has done for us and wish him all the very best. We look forward to seeing you again Fr. Paul.

**Christmas Fair Meeting:** There will be a meeting of volunteers for our annual Christmas fair on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

**SVP:** September is traditionally SVP Awareness Month. There are many of our local neighbours who face poverty, loneliness and isolation and the SVP can make a difference by offering a friendly visit or much needed practical support. More members are needed to ensure that this work continues to grow and flourish. If anyone has some time to offer, however small, please consider working with the SVP by becoming a volunteer. If you were unable to come along to 'Tea with the SVP' last Saturday and are interested in learning more about us, there is information on the display board in the parish centre or you can leave a message on the SVP dedicated mobile 07526 099523.

**SVP Christmas Cards:** The St Vincent de Paul Charity are now selling Christmas Cards at their shop (in the Ridings), Wakefield. Please support them if you can.