

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."

OUR PARISH PICNIC - ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY!

Sunday 20th July, 12 to 3pm in the Parish Centre/Garden – Join friends (and make new ones), at our Parish Picnic. You can find sign-up sheets for our bring and share picnic food in the Narthex – We would especially like to encourage our parishioners from different continents to bring and share their traditional food for us all to sample. Please see poster in the Narthex for more details. All are welcome.

The Parish Social Events Team would welcome any help with the set up and clear up of this event. (Saturday evening set up).

SUMMER RAFFLE: Tickets on sale at £1 per strip.

GUESS THE NAME OF THE TEDDY: A Why not try your luck at guessing the teddy's name – the winner gets to give teddy a new home. £1 per guess.

HOW MANY SWEETS ARE IN THE JAR?: PARE you up for the challenge of guessing how many sweets you think the jar might contain? £1 per guess.

All winners will be announced at the Parish Picnic. All proceeds go towards our Parish funds.

Please contact Annette Allsop via the Parish Office for more details

MARIAN GARDEN: Our new Marian Garden is starting to take shape and the statue of Mary is now firmly in place. You can see the garden adjacent to the car park and through the Parish Centre windows. We are looking for contributions of plants especially of the perennial variety. If you would like to contribute or offer help for the care of the garden please speak to or contact Andrea Nicholls via the Parish Office. The Marian Garden will be blessed by Father Steven on the 20th July at the Parish Picnic.

PARISH RETREAT: This year our retreat at The Briery will take place over the weekend of 31 October to 2 November. The cost will be in the region of £190 -£200 which includes all meals from Friday teatime to Sunday Lunch. If you think you may be interested then please contact Christine Szczepanski via the Parish Office

FRIENDS OF THE BRIERY SUMMER FAYRE: Sunday 20th July 2-4pm You are invited to enter the beautiful house and grounds of The Briery for an afternoon of fun and entertainment. Receive a glass of fizz on arrival, browse and shop at the many stalls; craft cards, jewellery, Fairtrade, books, cakes, tombola...and then enjoy a delicious cream tea.

OLK HEALING SERVICE: The next Healing Service will be on Tuesday 15th July at 7pm in St Mary's Catholic Church, Horsforth. This is a beautiful opportunity to pray for healing for yourself or others, whether physical, psychological, or spiritual. Remember Jesus is alive, and miracles can and do happen! Everyone is welcome, including non-Catholics and those of no faith - all that is needed is an openness to Jesus.

PONTEFRACT AND WAKEFIELD DEANERY JUBILEE MASSES: There will be a series of special Jubilee Masses in some of the churches in the Deanery. Parishioners are encouraged to go to some or all of these Masses and so become 'pilgrims' in this Holy Year whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Jubilee Masses are: Tuesday 15 July - St John's Normanton; Tuesday 9 September - St Michael's Knottingley. All Jubilee Masses start at 7.00pm.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13 JULY 2025

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. The lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asks the expert to answer this question. "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. Love of God and love of neighbour are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live." The lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbour whom I must love like myself? This was a trick question. Jesus responds with the parable, the Good Samaritan. The traveller in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, could identify with the man. After an attack from bandits, a man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, instead of helping, he crosses the road. Another religious person comes along. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both choose to not find out if the man is alive. A third comes along. Instead, he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbour. The Samaritan goes over to the injured man, cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbour in this parable. Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A neighbour is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion. When Jesus asks the lawver who was the neighbour in the story, he can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

MASS TIMES						
Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle I; 15 th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	JULY 2025		FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
SATURDAY VIGIL	12 5.00pm		Parish			
SUNDAY:	13	10.00am	Sebastian RIP			
Monday:	14	9.30am	Elizabeth White Lately Dead			
Tuesday: St Bonaventure	15	7.00pm	NO MASS			
Wednesday:	16	12.00	NO MASS			
Thursday:	17	9.30am NO MASS				
Friday: The Dedication of the Cathedral in the Diocese	18	9.30am Joe Murtagh Anniversary				
SATURDAY VIGIL	19 5.00pm		Roy Collin RIP			
SUNDAY: SIXTEENTH IN ORDINARY TIME	20	20 10.00am Parish				

DEVOTIONS				
Monday	day 8.15 – 9.15 am Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament			
Friday	8.15 – 9.15 am	Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament		
Saturday	4.15 – 4.45 pm	Confession in the Chapel (or by appointment)		

Please Note that Come Follow Me will be back again in September.

MINISTRIES OF THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION				
Word	Extraordinary Ministers			
SATURDAY 5.00 pm				
This: J Walsh, T Walsh N Fallon	P Guile, D Guile, A Parkes			
Next:, ********, S Jameson, K Fallon	K Snaith, D Williams, D Mulroy			
SUNDAY 10.00 am				
This: M Swatridge, R Price, K Scott	S Wilson, S Burland, J Moran			
Next: N Assassa, K Scott, P Pascoe	S Burland, S Irving, A Lumb			

OTHER MINISTRY ROTAS	This Week 12/13 JULY	Next Week 19/20 JULY
Vigil Offertory Procession	K Snaith & M Eyre	H Iwanuschak & A Mallinson
Children's Liturgy	Annette	Annette
Church Cleaning	Ayodeji & Family	Nicola & Ann
Brasses	Kate Moran	Bismark
Saturday Tea Bar	Jill & Christine	Moira & Christine
Sunday Tea Bar	O'Neill Family	Gladun Family
Counters	Team B	Team C
Saturday Welcomers	Pamela & David	Sue
Sunday Welcomers	Annette & Clive	Ros

ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES AND REGULAR GROUPS	NEXT DATE	WHERE
Healing and Prayer Ministry For more information and testimonials please take a flyer from the Narthex.	Saturday 2 nd August	In the Chapel after Mass (To arrange an alternative time please contact the Parish Office)
Pathways Bereavement Cafe	Sunday 7 th September	4pm in the Parish Centre
Over 60's Group For a talk by Val Williamson about 'Battles in Wakefield and Towton during the Wars of the Roses.'	Monday 21 st July	2pm in the Parish Centre
Wednesday Lunches Please sign up in the Narthex. (Due to low numbers, this will be the last Wednesday lunch)	Wednesday 23 rd July	After 12 o'clock Mass in the Parish Centre

Second Collection This Sunday: For Stella Maris (The Apostleship of the Sea)To help sustain and nourish the faith of Christian seafarers; To encourage the Christian seafarer to witness to his faith; To dialogue with non-Christian religions; To promote justice for those seafarers who are being exploited.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025: Taking place at Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025. Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. For more information, email: events@youth2000.org.

If you would like to know more or fancy meeting up at Y2K (Saturday only), please contact Gill in the Parish Office or speak to Lauren Rayner (our flautist at Sunday morning Mass).