

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 TWO WEEKS AWAY!

Sunday 20th July, 12 to 1pm 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.

PARISH SUMMER RAFFLE DONATIONS: Thank you for the donations for our raffle prize hampers so far – We are still collecting donations for the 'Chocolate' and 'Food' Hampers – Donations boxes can be found in the Narthex. Also in The Narthex:

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

GUESS THE NAME OF THE TEDDY: 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?: Are 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.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours will take place on the following dates, starting at 1.30pm: Sat. 12 July; and Sat. 23 August. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

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.

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.

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6 JULY 2025

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them. A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just professionals trained for ministry.

MASS TIMES						
Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle I; 14th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	JULY 2025		FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
SATURDAY VIGIL	5 5.00pm		Francis Brophy Lately Dead			
SUNDAY:	6	10.00am	Parish			
Monday:	7	9.30am	Evie Porter Anniversary			
Tuesday:	8	7.00pm	Dead List			
Wednesday:	9	12.00	Dead List			
Thursday:	10	9.30am	Mary Hogan			
Friday: St. Benedict	11	9.30am	James Walsh Anniversary			
SATURDAY VIGIL	12	5.00pm	Parish			
SUNDAY: FIFTEENTH IN ORDINARY TIME	13	10.00am	Sebastian RIP			

DEVOTIONS				
Monday	8.15 – 9.15 am	Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament		
Tuesday	5.45 – 6.45 pm	Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament		
Thursday	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: M Selway, M Nicholas, H Iwanuschak	L Handy, D Erojikwe, N Erojikwe			
Next: D Williams, C Cade, N Fallon	P Guile, D Guile, A Parkes			
SUNDAY 10.00 am				
This: J Tandoc, R Price, R Atkinson	K Flood, J Moran, G Atkinson			
Next: M Swatridge, M Haley, J Poole	S Wilson, S Burland, G Swatridge			

OTHER MINISTRY ROTAS	This Week 5/6 JULY	Next Week 12/13 JULY
Vigil Offertory Procession	M & M Kenny & Michael	K Snaith & M Eyre
Children's Liturgy	Sophie	Annette
Church Cleaning	Bismark	Ayodeji & Family
Brasses	Sue Jameson	Kate Moran
Saturday Tea Bar	Bola & Nnenna	Jill
Sunday Tea Bar	Annette & Clive	O'Neill Family
Counters	Team A	Team B
Saturday Welcomers	Clare	Pamela & David
Sunday Welcomers	Maggie	Annette & Clive

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 12th July	In the Chapel after Mass (To arrange an alternative time please contact the Parish Office)
Pathways Bereavement Cafe	Sunday 6 th July	4pm in the Parish Centre
Over 60's Group For a talk and presentation by Stephen Wilson about V-J Day, Victory over Japan on 15 August 1945 officially ending World War II. Should the Atom Bomb have been used?	Monday 7 th 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 Next 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).