



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."

**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 9 September - St Michael's Knottingley. All Jubilee Masses start at 7.00pm.

**ST MARK'S WAY ON THE NATIONAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE:** Begins on Saturday 6 September with 8am Mass at Leeds Cathedral. Walk all or part of the way between the Cathedral and the Jubilee Pilgrimage Church of St Austin in Wakefield. See Diocesan website for details of how to sign up.

**STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE – ACTION NEEDED!:** The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an Easy action tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers) to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2025:** Join March for Life UK, Saturday 6th September, London. The right to life underpins every other right and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society of their most basic right which is why this year's theme is "Human Rights For All Humans." Join thousands at this family-friendly event to recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/> or email: [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk).

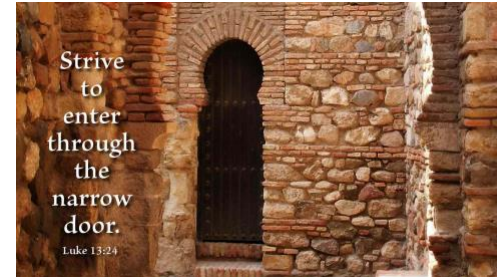
**PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS:** Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 19th September (Hinsley Hall), 17th October (Hinsley Hall), 14th November (Cathedral Hall), 19th December (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.

**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!

## Church of St Peter & St Paul

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### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24 AUGUST 2025

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is faithful to the covenant. Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take their place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth. The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. Many will be saved, but many who thought they would will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance to enter the kingdom.

MASS TIMES			
Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle I; 21 <sup>ST</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	AUGUST 2025		TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	23	5.00pm	Parish
<b>SUNDAY: TWENTY-FIRST IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	24	10.00am	Sharon McDonald Anniversary
Monday:	25	9.30am	NO MASS
Tuesday:	26	7.00pm	NO MASS
Wednesday:	27	12.00	NO MASS
Thursday:	28	9.30am	NO MASS
Friday:	29	9.30am	NO MASS
<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	30	5.00pm	Christina Norah Collin Anniversary
<b>SUNDAY: TWENTY-SECOND IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	31	10.00am	Parish

MINISTRIES OF THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION		
Word		Extraordinary Ministers
SATURDAY 5.00 pm		
This: L Handy, D Williams, C Cade		P Guile, S Jameson, T Walsh
Next: N Fallon, J Walsh, T Walsh		C Szczepanski, A Kennedy, L Handy
SUNDAY 10.00 am		
This: J Poole, N Assassa, K Flood		S Irving, R Atkinson, S Burland
Next: P Pascoe, S Irving, J Moran		S Wilson, R McCourt, G O'Neill
OTHER MINISTRY ROTAS	This Week 23/24 AUG	Next Week 30/31 AUG
Vigil Offertory Procession	M & J Jennings	C Smithson & R Tyrell
Church Cleaning	Dubem & Nnenna	Bismark
Brasses	Bismark	David
Saturday Tea Bar	Moir & Christine	Bola & Nnenna
Sunday Tea Bar	O'Neill Family	Gladun Family
Counters	Team D	Team C
Saturday Welcomers	D Williams	Claire Cade
Sunday Welcomers	Annette & Clive	Ros

**Please Note that Children's Liturgy will be back on 7<sup>th</sup> September**

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.	This Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	In the Chapel after Mass (To arrange an alternative time please contact the Parish Office)
<b>Pathways Bereavement Cafe</b>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	4pm in the Parish Centre
<b>Over 60's Group</b> A Music Quiz with Nigel	Monday 1st September	2pm in the Parish Centre

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**A BIG THANK YOU FROM FATHER STEVEN:**

Thank you For all the kind messages, cards and gifts I received ahead of my move to Rome. Your generosity is warmly appreciated.

Fr. Steven was presented with the ICON of Ss. Peter and Paul shown here and a cheque made up of donations from parishioners.



It was wonderful to see so many people come to celebrate Fr. Steven and his four years ministry with us last weekend. He will be greatly missed. We look forward to hearing all about Rome and wish him all the very best in his new ministry as Spiritual Director at the Beda College.

For those who would like to keep in contact with Fr. Steven please use his Diocesan email address: [steven.billington@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:steven.billington@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like Fr. Steven to continue to pray for your intentions please do contact him on the above email address to arrange this.

**RAFFLE PRIZES:** Last call for any unclaimed raffle prizes. Please see the notice board in the Narthex a list of winners. The unclaimed prizes can be found opposite the bookshelves.

**PLUMS:** Please find plums **free to take** in the Narthex from our Presbytery plum tree – Enjoy!