



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."

PONTEFRAC T 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.

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 to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

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.

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

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.

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7 SEPTEMBER 2025

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So, Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

MASS TIMES			
Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle I; 23 RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	SEPT 2025		TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY VIGIL	6	5.00pm	Parish
SUNDAY: TWENTY-THIRD IN ORDINARY TIME	7	10.00am	Brian Maher Anniversary
Monday:	8	9.30am	NO MASS
Tuesday:	9	7.00pm	NO MASS
Wednesday:	10	12.00	NO MASS
Thursday:	11	9.30am	NO MASS
Friday:	12	9.30am	NO MASS
SATURDAY VIGIL	13	5.00pm	Dead List
SUNDAY: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	14	10.00am	Parish

DEVOTIONS

**TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 10.30AM – COME FOLLOW ME IN THE
CHAPEL – ALL WELCOME!**

MINISTRIES OF THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION		
Word		Extraordinary Ministers
SATURDAY 5.00 pm		
This: K Fallon, W Nicholas, A Kennedy		P Guile, N Erojikwe, D Guile
Next: ****, M-A Kaushiva, A Kaushiva		A Parkes, D Guile, K Snaith
SUNDAY 10.00 am		
This: G Swatridge, J Poole, A Lumb		S Irving, R Atkinson, G O'Neill
Next: L Maher, K Robins, R McCourt		K Flood, G Atkinson, K Scott
OTHER MINISTRY ROTAS	This Week 6/7 SEPT	Next Week 13/14 SEPT
Vigil Offertory Procession	P Stanton & A Nicholls	A & R Kennedy
Children's Liturgy	Annette	Annette
Church Cleaning	Ayodeji & Family	Nicola & Ann
Brasses	Maria	Sue
Saturday Tea Bar	Jacqui & Cecil	Jill & Christine
Sunday Tea Bar	Sue & Kate	Steph & Jayne
Counters	Team E	Team A
Saturday Welcomers	Pamela & David	Sue
Sunday Welcomers	Rowena	Bismark

ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES AND REGULAR GROUPS	NEXT DATE	WHERE
Healing and Prayer Ministry For more information and testimonials please take a flyer from the Narthex.	This Saturday 6 th September	In the Chapel after Mass (To arrange an alternative time please contact the Parish Office)
Over 60's Group 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 th September	2pm in the Parish Centre

Pathways Bereavement Café: Due to low numbers the Bereavement Cafe will no longer meet on the first Sunday of the month. Please be assured that Bereavement support is still available from the Bereavement Team on an appointment only basis via the Parish Office. If you need any support surrounding grief of any kind please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Second Collection Next Week for the Catholic Education Service

CARPET CLEANING: A big thank you to Anthony McGilloway for taking on the task of cleaning our Church, Chapel, and Parish Centre Carpets this week. It was no mean feat! We are always looking for volunteers to help with the ministries of Church housekeeping. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to volunteer your time in any way. We have many jobs large and small including brasses, general cleaning, and gardening, etc.

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. To find out more about the work of the SVP come along to 'Tea with the SVP' next Saturday, 13 September. Members of our parish conference will be in the parish centre from 3.30 - 4.30pm to have a cuppa and slice of cake with and answer any questions about the SVP and what being a member involves.

For those who would like to keep in contact with Fr. Steven please use his Diocesan email address: 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.