

Many Congratulations - To Anthony and Comfort married at St Aelred's last Saturday.

We welcome into the family of the church - Pebbles Lily Baptised last weekend at St Aelred's.

Refreshment Helpers After 9am Mass – Are you able to help once every 2 months with serving teas and coffees after 9am Sunday Mass at St Aelred's? Please contact Fr Gerard or Deacon David if you would like to join this friendly team.

Week of Guided Prayer – 11th -16th October 2026.

If any parishioners would like to join in the evening workshops then they are most welcome. These will be taking place in St Aelred's Hall, between 7-8.30pm: Tues 13th October - Praying together as a family, Wed 14th October - Ways of Praying, Thurs 15th October – Discernment. Please remember to pray for all our retreatants and our prayer guides.

St Aelred's Fish Lunch - Monday 26th October 2026 St Aelred's Hall, All are welcome to come and enjoy fish and chips, mushy peas, tea/coffee, bread & butter and sweets for afters. Come and have some good company and chat. Hall opens 12noon, luncheon served 12.30pm. £8.00 monies to be paid to Tony or Margaret. Please put your names on the list at the back of St Aelred's church or phone Tony on 07912790773.

St Aelred's Christmas Fair - Will take place on Sunday 29th November following 9am Mass. Please consider donating any bottles and raffle prizes to be left at the back of Church. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of Church if you are kindly able to help on a stall. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon, many thanks!

Religious Christmas Cards – Orders are being taken at the Piety shops in both churches. If you would like to buy your cards from church, please pop in to place your order.

Confirmation Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation - Session 1 Sunday 18th October 11.30am to 2pm with a half an hour break for packed lunch session 2 Sunday 8th November same timings. Both sessions to be held in the classroom at St Mary's. It is essential to attend both sessions before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Please email Fr Gerard before Wednesday 14th October to apply for Confirmation this year. The Sacrament will be celebrated at St Aelred's on Saturday 21st November at 5.30pm

CAFOD - Thank you for supporting Cafod's Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents. If you forgot to bring you envelope last week please return it in the offertory collection or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

November Dead List Envelopes – Are available at the back of church. Please return them to church as soon as possible. Thank you.

St Aelred's - Wishing to become Catholic? - For anyone who is thinking about being received into full communion with the Catholic Church; this maybe yourself or one of your friends. Please contact Deacon David for information about the "Journey in Faith" course that will begin in the Autumn with a hope that participants can be received into the church next Easter.

The Lourdes Roadshow & Quiz Night Want to know more about the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes? Then come along to Lourdes Quiz/information sharing night plus Pie & Peas supper from 7pm at St Josephs Church, Wetherby (in the Hall) on Friday 23rd October. More info & tickets available from Phil Marshall (07766 148375)

Live Simply pledge: *I will donate regularly to the Food Bank*

Annual Mass for our deceased relatives and friends - Will take place on 10th at St Mary's. 7pm

Walsingham Way Pilgrimage – Message from Ian; Thank you to everyone who supported me, in various ways, on the Leeds to Walsingham Way Pilgrimage. This was a successful Pilgrimage. There were around 50 Pilgrims who walked various sections of the route and three of us walked the full 250 miles. We delivered the written intentions to the Slipper Chapel in Walsingham. Your kind generosity has helped raise approximately £2,500, including Gift Aid, towards the St Mary's Building Fund. A daily account of the Pilgrimage can be found on the Diocese of Leeds website under the News section

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-walsingham-way-day-14/>. Days 1 to 13 are also available on the Diocese of Leeds website.

St Mary's 200 Club - The winning numbers for the September draw are:- £40 - 116, £25 - 160, £20 - 149, £15 - 159. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who supports the 200 Club. The winning cheques can be collected from the notice board.

Mary's Little Tots, Baby & Toddler Group - We are delighted to announce the start of a new Baby & Toddler Group, to be held on alternate Tuesday mornings at St. Mary's Church Hall. We are looking for **clean, safe baby and toddler toys** that your family has outgrown and would like to donate. These will help provide opportunities for children to enjoy play and exploration together. We would also love to hear from anyone who would like to support the group, even if you are unable to attend every session. Whether you can help with welcoming families, serving refreshments, or simply getting to know families from our parish and wider community, your support would be very much appreciated. If you would like to get involved, or have toys you would like to donate, please speak to Laura/ Fr. Gerard.

St Mary's SVP, Small Electrical Items - Many thanks for your generous response to St Mary's SVP request for small electrical items. Further donations are still welcome and can be left in the SVP box in ST Mary's Narthex.

St Mary's School Baby and Toddler Group - Held every Wednesday morning from 9.30am to 11.00am, in the school hall. Everyone is welcome!

St Mary's School - If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2027, we would love to meet you and help you get to know our school community. The next open session for prospective families is on **Wednesday 18th November** | 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Please ring the school office to arrange a visit during this session on 01423 864631. If this date is not convenient, please contact us and we will be happy to arrange a tour at a time that suits you.

St Mary's Children's Liturgy Group are looking to refresh our children's book box with some preloved religious books for children to borrow and enjoy during Mass. If you have any religious books for children that your family has finished with and would be happy to pass on, we would be very grateful for your donations. A basket will be left in the foyer for anyone who would like to contribute. Thank you.

Mass intentions – Please note that when you hand in a Mass intention all dates are allocated 2 weeks in advance. Please be aware that due to the high volume of Mass requests we have received this year, the time frame from the request to the Mass being celebrated is approximately 10 weeks. If you want a specific date you will need to hand in well in advance to avoid disappointment, if the date you request has already been taken you will be given the next available date nearest to your request. Please ensure that you put your donation inside the envelope (customary donation £10), and the details on the outside (**in block capitals**), who the mass is for, and the date and church you would like. Thank you.