



Catholic Diocese of Leeds
Parishes of St Aelred's, Harrogate.
and St Mary's Knaresborough.
 Diocese of Leeds Registered Charity Number 249404

30.11.2025		First Sunday of Advent Year A		Office Week 1
Day	Time	Intention	Venue	
Saturday 29 th	05.30pm	Marianne Spencer	ST.A	
Sunday 30 th	09.00am	People of the Parishes	ST.A	First Sunday of Advent
	10.30am	Peter Owens	ST.M	
Monday 1 st		No Mass	ST.A	
Tuesday 2 nd	10.00am	Annie Cunningham	ST.A	
Wednesday 3 rd	10.00am	Ann Keating	ST.M	St Francis Xavier
Thursday 4 th	10.00am	Paddy Kennedy	ST.A	St John Damascene
Friday 5 th	10.00am	Tony Agar	ST.M	St Nicholas
Saturday 6 th	5.30pm	People of the Parishes	ST.A	
Sunday 7 th	09.00am	Douglas Tatrtto & Family	ST.A	Immaculate Conception
	10.30am	Philomena Clarke	ST.M	

Rosary: Tuesdays & Fridays 9.35am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every weekday half an hour before Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass at St. Mary's

or St. Aelred's at 5pm or by appointment

Evening Prayer of the church: Join other parishioners for prayer 6-6.15pm

any evening via Zoom: Meeting ID 748 9844 4879 Passcode: 4Z9YTB.

St Aelred's Prayer Group: every Wednesday from 7pm to 8.30pm

in the adoration chapel.

Come and join us before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome.

SVP: discrete help in tough times. When you need a friend or support with everyday living the

SVP are only a call away St Aelred's Tel: 07311214364 or St Mary's 07985331743

Many thanks for your Offerings on the 23.11.2025	St Aelred's Loose Plate: Envelopes: Standing Orders: Total:	£288.86 £78.00 £552.17 £889.03	St Mary's Loose Plate: Envelopes: Standing Orders: Total:	£184.39 £0 £756.00 £940.39
Deadline for submitting notices to the weekly bulletin is 10am on Thursdays		Church Cleaning: See Rotas in the Narthex – more volunteers warmly welcomed.		
Very Rev Canon Gerard F Kearney 71A, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate. HG2 7BE. Telephone: 01423 276496 Email: Gerard.Kearney@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Deacon David Arblaster Telephone 01423 560279 David.Arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Deacon Philip Rogerson: Telephone: 07709094535 Philip.Rogerson@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Parish Safeguarding Officers: St Aelred's: Frances Elliott - psr.felliott@dioceseofleeds.org.uk St Mary's: Emma Tolan – psr.etolan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Websites: https://www.st-aelred.org.uk https://stmarysknaresborough.org				

Preparing for Christmas with prayer. Four sessions reflecting and praying over the Sunday Readings during Advent. Tuesdays 2/12, 9/12, 16/12 in St Aelred's hall after Mass at 10.45-11.45am. All very welcome.

Action by Christians against torture: are again organising a Christmas greetings campaign to send cards to prisoners of conscience around the world. There are full details on the website - see acatuk.org.uk.

Deanery day of renewal. Saturday 13th December 11.30 am to 3.45 pm in St. Aelred's church hall. **Speaker is Rev. Lesley Taylor. the theme for her talk is "We are all poets." She will share on her Sabbatical and writing poems. There will also be activities for us to do.**

Studio 3 dance workshop are having their annual Christmas show at the Frazer Theatre Knaresborough on 13th & 14th December. Local senior citizens are invited to a FREE performance, including a buffet lunch, on Sunday 14th December from 12.30. Tickets are available from The Welfare and Leisure Centre in the Market Place (underneath the clock). Please join us.

Thank you from St Aelred's SVP for returning your donation envelope today. Don't worry if you've forgotten it, we'll be here next week too. **The Fisher Singers annual Christmas Concert** will take place on Monday 15th December, 7.30pm, at the Cairn Hotel.

St Aelred's Christmas Family Film Night: Sunday 7th December at 6pm in the church hall. All are welcome. £5 per family (to be paid on the door) and includes popcorn and hotdogs. Adults are encouraged to bring their own festive drink and Christmas cards for a festive card writing session, at the back of the hall whilst the film is shown. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Annual Parish Christmas Luncheon will take place on Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 12 Noon in St Aelred's Parish Hall. Cost for a 3-course lunch £13. if you have signed up to attend the Christmas lunch please can you tick your starter and dessert preferences, also please give money to Rhonda by December 7th contact number is 07771141453

The Friends of St Mary's School are holding a raffle with some amazing prizes such as Rudding Park membership to the 'Foodies club', So Bar voucher, Castlegate Bookshop voucher, passes to Fairfax House and many, many more. Tickets are £1 each and can be bought from Steph after mass on Sunday 30th November and 7th December. We unfortunately can not accept card payments so please bring cash. Thank you so much for your support, we are currently raising funds for a refurbishment of the school library.

St Mary's 200 Club - The winning numbers for the October draw:- £40 - 128, £25 - 176, £20 - 122, £15 - 190. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who supports the 200 Club. The winning cheques can be collected from the notice board.

CAFOD World Gifts: Give a life changing gift this Christmas. This year, share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD *World Gift* - from safe water to school supplies. A meaningful way to bless loved ones and help families overseas. Find them at: worldgifts.cafod.org.uk

St Mary's PPC will meet on Sunday 7th December at 11.30am. Items for the agenda to be emailed by 30th November to the parish office.

St Aelred's Carol Service will take place on Sunday 7th December at 4pm. It will be a traditional Carol Service with readings and Carols. A retiring collection will be taken for the SVP and refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterwards.

A Christmas Reflection, seasonal carols and readings. Sunday 14th December, 3pm, at St Mary's. Refreshments served afterwards and a collection for Martin House Hospice will be taken.

Advent Reconciliation and healing service (with opportunities for individual Confessions) Tuesday 9th December 2025, 7pm – 8pm at St Aelred's.

Mass intentions gratefully received using the brown envelopes in both churches. All Mass intentions must be made via the brown envelopes in the narthex and a cash donation placed in them or use the tab on the Dona machine. **Please give at least 2 weeks' notice** to facilitate a special day.

Fishy Luncheon - Thursday 4th December 2025 St Aelred's Hall. All are welcome to come and join us for fish & chips, mushy peas, coffee/tea, bread & butter and sweets for afters, as well as some good chat. Hall opens 12 noon, luncheon served 12.30pm. £7.00, 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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: will be celebrated, by Bishop Marcus, on Wednesday 25th February 2026, 7pm, at St Aelred's. All Year 6 students and above are invited to apply for the sacrament. Please see Fr Gerard, Deacon David or Deacon Philip for an application form.

Christmas Nativity at St Aelred's – Would your child like to take part in this year's nativity at St Aelred's? All ages welcome and talking and non-talking parts available! The nativity will be carried out during the 9am Mass on Christmas day. Please contact Krista in person or via the office email if you would like your child to participate and the part they would like. office.staelred@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Thank you

Christmas Mass Times: Christmas Eve St Mary's 4pm, St Aelred's 6pm and 8pm Christmas Day St Aelred's 9am and St Mary's 10.30am

Dates for your diary: STA Carol Service: 7th December 4pm

STM Carol Service 14th December 3pm

STA/STM poinsettia Sunday's 14th and 21st December.

Open House at Fr Gerard's Saturday 3rd January 2026. 2-5pm all welcome for Mulled wine and mince pies.

Confirmations 25th February 2026 - 7pm at St Aelred's.

STA First Confessions 4.30pm 14th March 2026

STM First Confessions 6pm 18th March 6pm

STM First Holy Communion 16th May 11am

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Details of classes coming soon!

Parish Hall Bookings: St Mary's OR St Aelred's see
the parish websites. Or email:
office.staelred@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
hall.stmary.knaresborough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

*Please join us for refreshments after Mass in the
church hall – all most welcome.*



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