



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

07.12.2025		Second Sunday of Advent. Year A		Office Week 2
Day	Time	Intention	Venue	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	05.30pm	People of the Parishes	ST.A	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	09.00am	Douglas Tatrtto & Family	ST.A	Second Sunday of Advent
	10.30am	Philomena Clarke	ST.M	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass	ST.A	Immaculate Conception
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Deceased members of the Broderick Family	ST.A	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	James Carson	ST.M	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1pm	Requiem Moira Bryden RIP	ST.A	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Tony Agar	ST.M	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Cyril & Maeshel Besabella	ST.A	St Lucy
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	09.00am	People of the Parish	ST.A	Third Sunday of Advent
	10.30am	Sean McStay	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 30.11.2025	St Aelred's		St Mary's	
	Loose Plate:	£194.73	Loose Plate:	£144.70
	Envelopes:	£128.00	Envelopes:	£0
	Standing Orders:	£552.17	Standing Orders:	£756.00
	Total:	£874.90	Total:	£900.70
	Dona November:	£787.30	Dona November:	£301.12
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: <a href="mailto:Gerard.Kearney@dioceseofleeds.org.uk">Gerard.Kearney@dioceseofleeds.org.uk</a> Deacon David Arblaster Telephone 01423 560279 <a href="mailto:David.Arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk">David.Arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk</a> Deacon Philip Rogerson: Telephone: 07709094535 <a href="mailto:Philip.Rogerson@dioceseofleeds.org.uk">Philip.Rogerson@dioceseofleeds.org.uk</a> Parish Safeguarding Officers: St Aelred's: Frances Elliott - <a href="mailto:psr.felliott@dioceseofleeds.org.uk">psr.felliott@dioceseofleeds.org.uk</a> . St Mary's: Emma Tolan – <a href="mailto:psr.etolan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk">psr.etolan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk</a> Websites: <a href="https://www.st-aelred.org.uk">https://www.st-aelred.org.uk</a> <a href="https://stmarysknaresborough.org">https://stmarysknaresborough.org</a>				

**Preparing for Christmas with prayer.** Four sessions reflecting and praying over the Sunday Readings during Advent. Tuesdays 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](http://acatuk.org.uk).

**Deanery day of renewal.** **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Advent Reconciliation** and healing service (with opportunities for individual Confessions) Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 7pm – 8pm at St Aelred's. **St Mary's opportunities for Advent Confessions Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 11am to 12 Noon.**

*Thank you to all who worked so hard to make St Aelred's annual, community, Christmas Fair such a success. So far, a total of £1245.50 has been raised. Raffle prizes can be collected from the back of church*

**The Fisher Singers annual Christmas Concert** will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm, at the Cairn Hotel.

**St Aelred's Christmas Family Film Night:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**St Aelred's Carol Service will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm, **at St Mary's.** Refreshments served afterwards and a collection for Martin House Hospice will be taken.

**The Friends of St Mary's School** are holding a raffle with some amazing prizes such as Ridding 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 30<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 school mass Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am in church and their carol service Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm – all most welcome.**

If you know of someone in need or alone on Christmas Day who might benefit from a delicious free hot Christmas dinner - whether eating in at The Hub on Vicarage Lane at 1pm or having a meal delivered to their own home, please contact Bruce Reid, [knaresboroughcdd@gmail.com](mailto:knaresboroughcdd@gmail.com) or 07958 653084.

**Christmas show at the Frazer Theatre Knaresborough** on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December. Local senior citizens are invited to a FREE performance, including a buffet lunch, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 12.30. Tickets are available from The Welfare and Leisure Centre in the Market Place (underneath the clock). Please join us.

**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.

**Christmas Mass Times: Christmas Eve St Mary's 4pm led by the Children's Liturgy team,  
St Aelred's 6pm and 8pm Christmas Day  
St Aelred's 9am Led by the Children's Liturgy team and St Mary's 10.30am**

Dates for your diary:

**STM Carol Service** 14<sup>th</sup> December 3pm

**STA/STM poinsettia Sunday's 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December.**

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

**Confirmations 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - 7pm at St Aelred's.**

**STA First Confessions** 4.30pm 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**STM First Confessions** 6pm 18<sup>th</sup> March 6pm

**STM First Holy Communion** 16<sup>th</sup> May 11am

**STA First Holy Communion** 17<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am

**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](mailto:office.staelred@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) [hall.stmary.knaresborough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:hall.stmary.knaresborough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)**

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