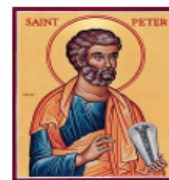


THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, BRADFORD



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Parish office is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays 9.00am to 4.00pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26th April 2026

Parish of St Mary - One family

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH - Tong Street

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass	Albert Hainsworth RIP
Sunday	11.15am	Mass	Sean Irvine RIP (A)
Wednesday	9.00am	Exposition	
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Betty King RIP ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Friday	9.00am	Exposition	
Friday	9.30am	Mass	Thorpe Family
Friday	7.30pm	May Devotions	

ST. PETER'S CHURCH - Leeds Road

Sunday	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Tuesday	6.00pm	Exposition	
Tuesday	6.30pm	Mass	Alexander Tuleja RIP
Thursday	9.00am	Exposition	
Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Parish Dead List
Saturday	9.00am	Exposition	
Saturday	9.30am	Mass	Alvin Blossom RIP St Athanasius, Bishop.

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Peter's
Simon Maloney
RIP
St Columba's
Rose Devlin RIP
(LD)



You can sponsor a lamp that will burn day and night on the sanctuary for a week. Available in both of our churches. Cost £2.50.

CONFESSIONS

Thursday following morning Mass at St Peter's Church, Leeds Road BD3 8EL
Saturday 4.30pm-5.15pm at St. Columba's Church, Tong Street, BD4 9PY
Or anytime upon request.

PIETY STALLS

Both our churches have piety stalls stocking a wide selection of books, prayer books, rosary beads etc. Items can be ordered for you if required.



GROUPS THAT ARE ACTIVE IN THE PARISH

- Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)
- Finance Council, ▪Scripture Group
- St Vincent de Paul (SVP)
- Choir, ▪Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Mass Servers,
- Rosary Group, ▪Faith Trail Group,
- Liturgy Group, ▪Social/Fundraising Group
- Catechists, ▪Children's Liturgists
- Flowers/Decoration Group
- Offertory Counters, ▪Gardeners

If you would like to join one or more of the groups or would like to know more, please see Fr Festus or contact the parish office.

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READINGS: Acts 2:14a 36-41; Ps 22; 1Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

JOIN BISHOP MARCUS IN PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS: Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE LEO - April: For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

PARISH DIARY & EVENTS

TODAY: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, there will be a retiring collection for the Priests Training Fund at all Masses this weekend. Please give generously to the retiring collection to help finance our students' studies and the work of fostering a culture of vocations in our diocese.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS for April, please come forward after Mass to receive a blessing.

THIS WEEK: 2nd May 9.30am - MORNING MASS at St Peter's followed by the Faith Trail.

NEXT WEEK: 10th May - MAY PROCESSION starting at 10.45am in St Columba's school grounds and processing to church prior to Mass at the slightly later time of 11.30am.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: 17th May - PARISH MARIAN PROCESSION with Mary's statue processing from St Peter's Church. (*Time to be confirmed*)

23rd May 10.00am - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY at St Columba's. Please keep our young children in your prayers as they continue their preparation.

11th June 7.00pm - PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING at St Peter's. If you wish any matter to be considered, please email the Parish Office. If you would like to know more or become a member of PPC please speak to either Fr Festus or John Joyce.

OTHER PARISH NOTICES:

THE PARISH OFFICE will have a limited-service next week, full-service resumes on Tuesday 5th May.

DAILY MAY DEVOTIONS at St Columba's, commencing 7.30pm Friday 1st May, come and spend an hour with The Blessed Virgin Mary. (Tuesdays will be at St Peter's after evening Mass) The Rosary will also be recited before all Masses during May.

EASTER BLESSING - If you would like your house blessed, please put your name and address in the petition box at the back of church or email the parish office and Fr Festus will arrange to visit.

MARRIAGE: For your information, couples intending to marry are required to give at least six months' notice and should contact the parish priest before making other arrangements for their wedding.

REFRESHMENTS are being served after 9.30am Mass at St Peter's. All very welcome to stay for a cuppa.

NEW MASS BOOKS: We have received the 3rd volume for this year's congregational Mass books which will be used after Pentecost. Some of you have kindly contributed, many thanks. For anyone who hasn't and would like to, you can do so through the donation envelopes at the back of church or the Dona machine, any contribution will be gratefully received.

MY DAY BY DAY MAY BOOKLET is now available at the back of church priced at £1.20.

NON-PARISH EVENTS

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF LEEDS AND MIDDLESBROUGH As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22 May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s and 30s) - Discerning God's Call in your life 15th - 17th May, Liverpool, the weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along?

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

To register: <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com

Additional Diocesan Invitations and vacancies from Parishes and other Organisations are advertised on the notice board.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

will be printed later.

STANDING ORDERS - £140.00 (wkly avg.)

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Digital Donation, Online payment, or you could set up a standing order. Our bank details are

Name: The Parish of St Mary

Sort Code: 40-27-15 Account No. 51023160

Many thanks for your very kind generosity.

PLEASE PRAY for our sick & housebound, especially, Silvia Balazova, Sally Scott, Tilly Morton, Gloria Maloney, Pat Long, Anne Marshall, Alan Radford, Annmarie Taylor, John Osborn, Joseph Thomas, Mubashar Hussain, Ume-Salma Hussain and all who have asked for our prayers. Please remember all on our parish dead list, those who have recently died, especially Rose Devlin and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.