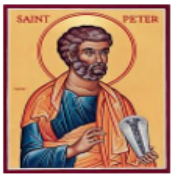
THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, BRADFORD

St Columba's Church
229 Tong Street.
Bradford BD4 9PY

Our Lady & St Peter's Church
651 Leeds Road
Bradford BD3 8EL



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

15th March 2026

Parish of St Mary - One family

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH - Tong Street			
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass	Joseph Yewdall RIP
Sunday	11.15am	Mass	Joan Dennison
Wednesday	9.00am	Exposition	
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Veronica Balazova RIP
Wednesday	12noon	Mass	Spiritual Revival - Priest's Ints.
Friday	9.00am	Exposition	
Friday	9.30am	Mass	Parish Dead List
Friday	7.00pm	Stations	
ST. PETER'S CHURCH - Leeds Road			
Sunday	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Tuesday	6.00pm	Exposition	
Tuesday	6.30pm	Mass	Vince McKenna & Gillian Batt RIP **ST PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND**
Thursday	9.00am	Exposition	
Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Philip Balaz RIP **ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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READINGS: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 22; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

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.

PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE LEO - March
For disarmament and peace.
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Peter's
Ugochi Iheoma
(Divine Protection)

St Columba's
Private Intention

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 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.

EASTER FLOWERS
A basket is available at the back of church for donations towards flowers for Easter. Thank you.

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Departing Souls Oh, St Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place into your hands all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ our Lord, so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to God. Oh, St Joseph, may I never weary contemplating you and Jesus Christ asleep in your arms. Ask Him to empower my soul with His saving graces when I draw near my dying breath. St Joseph, Patron of departing souls, Pray for me.

PARISH DIARY & EVENTS

TODAY: SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CARE.

THIS WEEK: 18th March 12noon - 3.00pm - SPIRITUAL REVIVAL at St Columba's Church, with Exposition, Mass, Rosary and Benediction. All welcome, please see the poster for further details.

19th March 4.00pm - BAPTISMAL PREPARATION in St. Columba's Church, please call at the parish office to collect a baptism form before attending the preparation.

20th March 7.00pm - STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St. Columba's.

21st March 11.00am - LENTEN HEALING SERVICE with Anointing of the Sick and blessing of water at St Columba's.

21st March 1.00-2.00pm - ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSAL at St Peter's.

NEXT WEEK: 28th March 10.00am - FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE at St Columba's Church for First Holy Communion 2027 candidates.

28th March 1.00 - 2.00pm - ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSAL at St. Columba's church.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: 29th March - PALM SUNDAY.

1st April 11.00am - CHRISM MASS at Leeds Cathedral.

2nd April 7.00pm - MAUNDY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER with **WATCHING BEFORE THE ALTAR OF REPOSE** until 10.00pm at St. Peter's Church.

3rd April 3.00pm - GOOD FRIDAY at St Peter's.

OTHER PARISH NOTICES: NOVENA PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH, copies are available at the back of church, please help yourself.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day. You are invaluable treasures to the world.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH is open daily Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 7.00pm for private prayer.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Please collect your new rota from the back of church. Thank you (St. Columba's)

EASTER RAFFLE - £1 for a strip of 5 tickets. Prizes on display at the back of church. The raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER - Please take a leaflet from the back of Church giving times and places of all our Masses and services for Holy Week and Easter.

Lenten and Holy Week Prayers, Intentions and Words of Jesus in Mark's Gospel.

14th March	Nos.116-120 Psalm 24	Pray for Civil Servants
15th March	Nos.121-125 Psalm 25	Pray for Pregnant Woman
16th March	Nos.126-130 Psalm 26	Pray for Parents
17th March	Nos.131-135 Psalm 27	Pray for Weak Catholics
18th March	Nos.136-140 Psalm 28	Pray for Our Catechists
19th March	Nos.141-145 Psalm 29	Pray for Parish Staff
20th March	Nos.146-150 Psalm 30	Pray for Homeless People

NON-PARISH EVENTS

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESES OF LEEDS & MIDDLESBROUGH
As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit: https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/

ONLINE STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CARERS: Tuesday 24th March 7-8pm. Leeds Diocese older people's charity Growing Old Grace-*fully* is hosting a special online Stations of the Cross, to attend, email Michelle at carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

DAY FOR CATECHISTS, CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Saturday 11th April, 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. The Vicariate for Education ran a very fruitful and well-attended day workshop for Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists in January. This is a repeat of the previous session. Lunch included. Please register your free place by emailing formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: St. Stephen's Parish, Skipton, invites you to come on pilgrimage to Krakow in Poland, 12th to 18th October 2026. The itinerary includes visits to Wadowice (John Paul II Museum), Auschwitz, the Salt Mines, the Divine Mercy shrine, the Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa with daily Mass and time to explore Krakow. Cost is £1829 + flights.
For the full itinerary and to book, please email christopher.angel@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS £519.21
TEA & COFFEE (ST PETER'S) £101.00
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, Rose Devlin, Sally Scott, Tilly Morton, Gloria Maloney, Pat Long, Anne Marshall, Alan Radford, Annmarie Taylor, John Osborn, Joseph Thomas, Festus Okafor, 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 Mark Joyce and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.