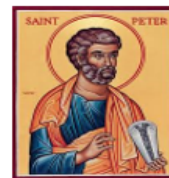


THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, BRADFORD



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th July 2026

Parish of St Mary - One family

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH - Tong Street

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.15am	Mass	John Marshall RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Exposition	
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Mary Marshall (For Healing) St Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Friday	9.00am	Exposition	
Friday	9.30am	Mass	Robert & Sabrina's Intentions St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

ST. PETER'S CHURCH - Leeds Road

Sunday	9.30am	Mass	Ann Chambers RIP
Tuesday	6.00pm	Exposition	
Tuesday	6.30pm	Mass	Jon Calaghan RIP (LD)
Thursday	9.00am	Exposition	
Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Donors Intention to Our Lady & St Jude
Saturday	9.00am	Exposition	
Saturday	9.30am	Mass	Veronica Balazova RIP
Saturday	12noon	Mass	Private Intention

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Peter's
Joyce Family

St Columba's
Audrey Theobald
RIP



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.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Year A – Volume 2 - Vigil Page 108

READINGS: 1Kgs 3:5-6a,7-12; Ps 118; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE LEO - July:

For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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.

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.

PARISH DIARY & EVENTS

TODAY: DAY OF PRAYER for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for 2026 is "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15), serving as a message of comfort and hope for the elderly. For details on the Vatican's official theme and resources, you can read the complete message on the [Vatican Official Message](#) page

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

THIS WEEK: 1st Aug. 9.30am - MORNING MASS at St Peter's followed by the Faith Trail, visiting five different faith venues (starting from St. Peter's Church) all near or on Leeds Road in Bradford. There is so much to see and do at the venues.

1st August 12noon -TRAVELLERS MASS at St Peter's Church.

OTHER PARISH NOTICES: PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION will begin in the Autumn. Registration forms are available from the parish office (St Columba's) or at the back of church. Please complete and return to Fr Festus or post through the parish office letterbox before your child begins the preparation programme. (The date for enrolment for all 3 Sacraments will be Sunday 4th October)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is taking a break for the summer holidays; it will resume on Sunday 6th September. Many thanks to all who help and freely give their time and talent - it is very much appreciated!

TACKLING LONELINESS - If you know of anyone in our parish who might appreciate a little company each week, please let one of the SVP know, so that they can arrange to visit.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/Readers and Children's Liturgy rota can be found on the notice board and on the parish website.

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

PARENTS & CARERS All children must be accompanied to the toilet in the interests of both Safeguarding and Health & Safety.

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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE: We are hoping to organise a parish pilgrimage to Ladyewell Shrine, Preston, Lancashire on Saturday 29th August. If you would be interested in joining us, please add your name to the sign-up-sheet at the back of church, (a £10 deposit is required). The cost will be around £25 per person, though to help make the pilgrimage more affordable for everyone, there will be a second collection this week and one in August to subsidise the cost. Also, the price may be reduced depending on the number of people who sign up. More details about the trip will be advertised soon.

PLEASE PRAY for our sick & housebound, especially, Silvia Balazova, Tilly Morton, Gloria Maloney, Pat Long, Anne Marshall, Alan Radford, Joanne Yewdall, Teresa Hird, Annmarie Taylor, John Osborn, Joseph Thomas, Malcolm Taraldsen and all who have asked for our prayers. Please also remember in your prayers all on our parish dead list, those who have recently died, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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

NON-PARISH EVENTS

PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons, seeking to legalise assisted suicide. MPs vote on Friday, 11 September 2026, so please consider contacting your MP by using this link <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH: Catholic Men's Group (ages 21-35). Helping young men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation to become the saint that God is calling them to be. Meeting on the last Thursday of the month, Hinsley Hall, 6.30pm. For more information email oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL – AUGUST TIMETABLE INFORMATION: Leeds Cathedral will be closed on weekdays throughout August to enable essential works on the lighting system. Mass will be held in Cathedral Hall; times will vary to the usual schedule. Please visit the Cathedral website for more information.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME: A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the spring and summer months: 8 August, the tour starts at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking is required.

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday, 1st August 2026, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Pilgrim Mass 12:00noon. Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Life and Benediction, Rosary and a silent walk as an Act of Reparation. The pilgrimage will be concluded by a Prayer for England and the Salve Regina. For further details, please visit prolifepilgrimage.org.

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY £440.43

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.