

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th September 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	Tom Dennison RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Exposition	
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Julius Balaz RIP
Friday	9.00am	Exposition	
Friday	9.30am	Mass	Joanne Yewdall RIP

ST. PETER'S CHURCH - Leeds Road

Sunday	9.30am	Mass	Vince McKenna & Gillian Batt RIP
Tuesday	6.00pm	Exposition	
Tuesday	6.30pm	Mass	Antonio & Iveta (For Healing) THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Thursday	9.00am	Exposition	
Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Patrick & Margaret Joyce (For Healing)
Friday	7.00pm	Mass	Special Intention (Voronezh Blast)

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Peter's

Mark Garratt RIP (LD)

St Columba's

Joanne Yewdall 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.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Year A – Volume 2 - Vigil Page 125

READINGS: I.580-Ez 33:7-9; Ps 94; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE LEO - September:

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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: CHILDRENS LITURGY resumes for children aged between 5-9 years.

THIS WEEK: 10th Sept. 7.00pm - PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING at St Columba's.

11th Sept. 7.00pm - TRAVELLERS MASS at St Peter's.

NEXT WEEK: SECOND COLLECTION for Catholic Education Service.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: 23rd Sept. 1.30pm - SCRIPTURE GROUP in St Theresa's room at St Peter's.

23rd Sept. 7.00pm - AFRICAN GOSPEL PRAISE & ADORATION EVENING at St Peter's Church, all welcome. Please see the poster for more details

4th Oct. - ENROLMENT MASS at St Columba's for all our young people who are preparing for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

OTHER PARISH NOTICES: PARISH PILGRIMAGE: A huge thank you to everyone who took part and to all those who helped make the pilgrimage such a success. The warm spirit of friendship throughout the pilgrimage made it an occasion to remember. We are already looking forward to the next one!

FIRST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Preparation 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 before your child begins the preparation.

MASS ATTENDANCE SHEET: All children who wish to begin preparation for any of the Sacraments must pick up the Mass Attendance Sheet at the back of the church and have the priest sign or fix a sticker each time they attend Mass. Each candidate for a Sacrament must attend Mass regularly.

URGENT APPEAL: We urgently need more volunteers to help with our children's Sunday liturgy. No experience is necessary – all you need is a willingness to help and spend time with the children. Without additional volunteers, we will have to reduce the number of Children's Liturgy we can provide. If you can help even occasionally, please give your name and contact details to Fr Festus or email the parish office.

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

JOANNE YEWDALL (Meadows). It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joanne, daughter of Margaret, a long-standing and much loved member of St Columba's who sadly passed away on Tuesday 1st September. Joanne was a very active and committed member of our parish community for many years, giving her time and support generously until her recent illness. She will be very sadly missed by all who knew her. Please keep Joanne, Margaret, and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY for our sick & housebound, especially, Silvia Balazova, Tilly Morton, Gloria Maloney, Pat Long, Anne Marshall, Alan Radford, 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 died recently especially Joanne, Kathleen Conway, Gail Williams and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.

NON-PARISH EVENTS

JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS - ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH Barkerend Road, BD3 9DF. 12th and 19th Sept. 10.00am-3.00pm Come and discover the history, of St Clement's church the Grade II* listed building in the heart of Bradford.

ANNUAL LEEDS AND MIDDLESBROUGH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: will take place on Saturday 26th September. Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 12:00 Noon. Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 2:30pm, Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine around 3:30pm. Bring a picnic!

ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION 75TH ANNIVERSARY: The Parish of St Mary & St Patrick, Batley/Birstall, warmly invite you to join them and Bishop Marcus for the Procession from St Mary's Catholic Primary School to St Mary of the Angels' Church. Monday 5th October, 7:30pm. A fine expression of our Catholic faith honouring Our Lady and uniting us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We also welcome friends from Hallam/Middlesbrough Dioceses. Refreshments afterwards. For more info. please contact Fr Eamonn 01924 474650 or eamonn.hegarty@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: The Diocese of Leeds Youth Service are excited to be offering this once in a lifetime opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 as part of a Northern Diocesan Partnership! For more information and to apply, please email: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY £591.15

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.