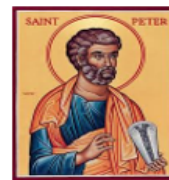


THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, BRADFORD



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7th September 2025

Parish of St Mary - One family

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH - Tong Street

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.15am	Kevin McGrath RIP (LD)
Wednesday	9.30am	Ida Tulejova RIP
Friday	9.30am	Joseph Yewdall RIP

ST. PETER'S CHURCH - Leeds Road

Sunday	9.30am	Brendan McKenna (For Healing)
Tuesday	6.30pm	Vince McKenna RIP (BA)
Thursday	9.30am	John Wardle RIP (A)

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READINGS: Eccle 3:19-21, 30-31; Ps 67; Heb 12:18-19,22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Prayer for Our Parishioners

Almighty God, we present our parishioners before you.
Protect us from all evil. Grant us good health of mind and body.
May your peace reign in our hearts, in our homes, and in our parish.
May we always experience your presence in all we do.
Comfort the sorrowful among us. Help our parishioners to always be spiritually and physically active in the parish, according to each person's ability. May our parish continue to increase in the number of active parishioners, in spirituality, and in faith. Bind our parishioners together with your selfless love as we journey towards heaven. Grant eternal rest to our Mother Mary, we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Fr Festus Ejiofor, MSP)

The Rota for Eucharistic Ministers/Readers and Children's Liturgy can be found on the notice board and on the parish website.

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Peter's
Sally Scott
(Birthday)

St Columba's
In Memory of
Maureen Lister
RIP (1st Ann.)



If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp to burn for someone or for a special intention, please let Margaret in the parish office know. 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.

PARISH DIARY & EVENTS

TODAY: CHILDRENS LITURGY resumes at both churches, for children aged between 5-9 years, (excluding the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion) Once children have made their First Holy Communion then they too should remain in Church with their families.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION with praise and worship. will take place at St Columba's every Wednesday in September 2.-4.00pm.

THIS WEEK: 9th Sept. 7.00pm - FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL MEETING at St Peter's to discuss the forthcoming International Food Festival, if you can help in any way, set up, clear up, help with serving food, refreshments, or prepare a dish, please come along.

10th Sept. 12noon - PARISH LUNCH in St Teresa's room at St Peter's. Why not come along and enjoy a nice lunch and lovely company. The cost will be £2.50p per person, a form is available at the back of church, please put your name down if you would like to attend.

10th Sept. 2.00pm - PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP held in St Teresa's room at St Peter's. All very welcome.

11th Sept. 7.00pm - PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING at St Columba's. If you wish any matter to be considered, please email the Parish Office.

13th Sept. 10.00am - CONFIRMATION PREPARATION at St Columba's Church. A confirmation form must be completed before starting the preparation. Forms are available at the back of church or from the parish office.

NEXT WEEK: SECOND COLLECTION for The Catholic Education Service.

14th Sept.- PRESENTATION of Confirmation Candidates at Masses.

16th Sept. - PARISH SVP MEETING after 6.30pm mass at St Peter's. Any older teenager/ adult parishioners interested in learning more about the Society of St Vincent de Paul and its work in our parish area are very welcome to attend.

20th Sept. 10.00am – READERS WORKSHOP/MEETING at St Peter's, if you would like to become a reader please come along to the meeting.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: 28th Sept. INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL - In St Columba's School Hall after 11.15am Mass. Come along and have lunch, try lots of different dishes from around the world. If you can prepare a dish for the festival, please inform Fr Festus or the parish office.

PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE LEO - SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

NON-PARISH EVENTS

PARISH RETREAT WEEKEND: 'BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS': 19th – 21st September at The Briery, Ilkley. Spaces are available for individuals to join this parish weekend. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

ANNUAL LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The Annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 27th September. 12:00Noon Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 2:30pm Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 3.30pm Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine. Bring a picnic lunch!

PERMANENT DIACONATE MASS: As St Francis of Assisi's memorial, who was a deacon, is on Saturday 4th October, Bishop Marcus will be celebrating the 12.00 Mass at Leeds Cathedral in thanksgiving for the permanent diaconate in our Diocese. Clergy and lay faithful are invited to attend this celebration, especially men who may be discerning their possible vocation to the diaconate. Let us take this opportunity to pray for our permanent deacons and for vocations to the diaconate in our diocese.

ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION:

Fr Eamonn Hegarty and the Parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession on Monday 6th October, commencing at 7:30pm.

The Procession will start at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and end at the nearby St Mary of the Angels' Catholic Church. The Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. Refreshments afterwards.

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS £551.97

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, Anne Marshall, Alan Radford, Betty King, Annmarie Taylor, Albert Hainsworth, John Osborn and all who have asked for our prayers. Please 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.**