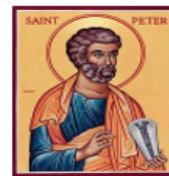


THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, BRADFORD



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th January 2026

Parish of St Mary - One family

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH - Tong Street

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.15am	Nicolina Introwicz RIP
Wednesday	9.30am	Doris Reynolds RIP
St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church		
Friday	12.30pm	Requiem - Betty King RIP

ST. PETER'S CHURCH - Leeds Road

Sunday	9.30am	Cedric Wilson RIP (A)
Tuesday	6.30pm	Joseph Heaviside & Companions
Thursday	9.30am	Milan Balaz RIP

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READINGS: Is 8:23b -9:3; Ps 26; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is the 'Sunday of the Word of God' - a day, instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of Saint Jerome in 2019, devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture.

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 - January:

For prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Peter's
In Loving Memory
of Rufino Largo RIP

St Columba's
In Loving Memory
of Maureen Coyne
(nee Sarsfield) RIP



You can sponsor a lamp that will burn night and day 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.

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.
Please support our
shops as this is a
great means of
raising much needed
parish funds.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

'What is it that Catholics/ Christians believe?'
All welcome - existing Catholics who want to
deepen their faith; and those adults enquiring
about the faith or about receiving sacraments
such as Confirmation. Have you questions you
would like to ask but haven't had the chance to
ask? Then this Journey in Faith group may be
just what you need! Meeting on Tuesday
evening 27th January in St. Theresa's room,
St Peter's Church at 7.15pm.

PARISH DIARY & EVENTS

TODAY: LEpra APPEAL - There will be a short talk on the appeal at all masses. Also, a link to a short film about the work of Lepra is available on the parish website. Donations can also be made via the card machine. Thank you.

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

THIS WEEK: 30th Jan. 12.30pm - REQUIEM MASS for Betty King RIP at St Columba's.

NEXT WEEK: RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: 12th Feb. 7.00pm - PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting at St Columba's. If you wish any matter to be considered, please email Fr Festus or John at johnjoyce_leeds@hotmail.com

18th Feb. ASH WEDNESDAY.

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

25th Feb. 3.30pm - 5.00pm - "FRIENDS OF JESUS " YOUTH GROUP
The meeting will take place at St. Columba's Church. It's all about fun, friends and "Jesus" primarily for ages 5 -11 but everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

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

OTHER PARISH NOTICES:

CONGRATULATIONS to all our children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Winefride's on Thursday evening. You are now filled with the Holy Spirit to become witnesses to Jesus in the world!

Many thanks to the catechists for their dedication and hard work in preparing these young people.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST

RECONCILIATION for those children, in Year 3 or above, who attend a non-Catholic Primary School, Saturday, 31st January at 11.00 a.m. at St Peter's Church. Each weekly Session will last approx. 1 hour & parents/guardians are expected to stay with their child. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Saturday, 28th March at St Columba's Church.

MASS ATTENDANCE SHEET: All children who are preparing 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.

REFRESHMENTS following Sunday Morning Mass at St Peter's. Come along and join us for some social time with fellow parishioners. Meet old friends and make new ones.

THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING SERVICE have advised us that children should not be going to the church toilet on their own. They should always be accompanied by a parent or a responsible family member over the age of sixteen.

NON-PARISH EVENTS

THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR:

welcomes all parish musicians and parishioners, all choir parents and friends, and all school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing!
Rehearsals work towards singing Mass in Leeds Cathedral. Rehearsals take place from 2.30pm - 4pm 25 January, 8 and 22 February, 8, 15 and 22 March at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To sign up please email: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA: On Tuesday 27th January, St Joseph's, Bradford will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella. He is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Mass at St Joseph's at 6.30pm, and receive a blessing with his relics. *The cathedral and other churches are also hosting the relics dates and times available on the notice board.*

'PEACE BE WITH YOU!' – A RETREAT DAY:

Saturday 31st January at The Briery, Ilkley. All are invited to join Wharfedale parishioners for a day of prayer and reflection at the start of the year. 10.00-3.30 £35pp including a two-course home-cooked lunch and all refreshments. For more information and to book, contact Beth 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

BRADFORD DEANERY AFRICAN MASS: Sunday 15th February 1.00pm at St Winefride's followed by Agape lunch in the church hall, all welcome.

IRISH NIGHT FUNDRAISER: In aid of the Little sisters of the Poor rebuild fund February 27th Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds commencing at 7.30pm. Irish meal soda bread and Irish dessert, Irish music and dancing. Tickets on sale in the Irish Centre or contact Sister Christina funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS £574.28

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, Fr Colum Kelly, Silvia Balazova, Rose Devlin, Sally Scott, Tilly Morton, Gloria Maloney, Pat Long, Anne Marshall, Alan Radford, Annmarie Taylor, Albert Hainsworth, John Osborn and all who have asked for our prayers. Please remember 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.**