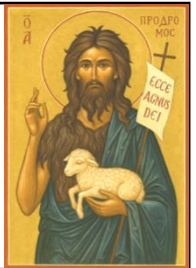


# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish

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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning - 20/06/26	Intention
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Sun	10am	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thomas Holley
Mon	9:30am	Sts John Fisher and Thomas More	Craig Swire (+ Ex Voto)
Tues	9:30am	Feria	Patrick, Maud & Pat Byrne
Wed	9:30am 12noon	<b>Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist</b> <b>Patronal Feast</b>	Molly Newton (School Attending) Yorkshire Brethren
Thurs	7pm	Feria	Eileen Saul
Fri	9:30am	Feria (Adoration until 10:30)	Thomas Gaughan
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Sun	10am	Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul	Leslie, Austin & Lilian Hartill

Confessions: Saturday - 5:15pm - 5:45pm or on request in Church

Alms Box – Bethlehem Hospice Care

Parish Website QR code



**Sick List:** Eddie Gillen, Ann Cunningham, Julie Morrison, Pascalina Notsi, Shelia Kaye, Lynne Hartill, Justin Martin, Grahame Walker, Margaret Crompton, Jimmy Bradley, John O’Hara, Zakiia Horodnichenko, Erik Zaskalko, Connor Harrington, Gloria Lenord and Margaret Reape.

**In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul Rev’d Fr. Paul Reid,**  
former Parish Priest of St John’s and to whom the Parish owes a great deal.

Fr Paul at peacefully and fortified with the Rites of Holy Mother Church in Airedale Hospital last week. Fr Paul’s body will be received into St Malachy’s Church, Halifax (HX3 5NS) on Tue 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. This will not be Mass but be a simple reception. Requiem Mass for Fr Paul will be celebrated by Bishop Marcus at **St Malachy’s on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 11.00am.** (Our Parish Mass will be moved to the evening)  
May he rest in peace and enter the banquet of the eternal Lamb.



**This Sunday: Second Collection for The Day of Life supporting the unborn**

**Next Weekend: Peter’s Pence, supporting the work of the Holy See –**

**the Holy See is the worlds’ largest NGO supporting those in need – the press never mentions that one!**

“Starting from Jerusalem” sessions have now ended. However, if there are themes you would like to explore in the future, Provost Aveyard and I are happy to have more sessions after the summer. Please let us know.

Prof Adam Layland has kindly offered to organise an evening for **CPR Training** and a second for **Basic First Aid**. In both cases, doing something is better than doing nothing and a little training can be a very real help to people in need. At this stage it would be useful to know how many people would be interested. (Probably either a Mon or Tues evenings in the Hall). If you would be interested in either / both, please put your name on the sheet in the Narthex.



The birth of St John the Baptist is a feast of beginnings—God’s quiet way of preparing the world for something greater than it yet understands. John’s life starts with promise, but also with purpose. Even in the womb he leaps at the presence of Christ. From the very start, his whole existence points away from himself and toward the One who is coming. As our patron, John the Baptist, teaches us that holiness is not about drawing attention to ourselves but about clearing a path for God. His message is simple and demanding: *make straight the way of the Lord*. That means allowing God to straighten what has become crooked in us—our habits, our priorities, our excuses—and to open space in our lives for grace to move freely. John’s birth reminds us that God’s work often begins quietly, long before we see its full shape. What looks small today may be preparing the way for something transformative tomorrow. Our task is to stay faithful, attentive and willing to be shaped. May this feast renew in us the courage to speak truth with humility, to live with integrity, and to point others toward Christ not only with our words but with the witness of our lives.

**St John the Baptist, pray for us**



**June, Month of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

The Church invites us to contemplate the pierced Heart of Christ, a sign of God’s faithful, merciful and inexhaustible love for humanity. It has, for centuries been a Catholic devotion as prompted by Divine revelation, to have a picture of the Sacred Heart in every home as a means of increased devotion to God’s all-embracing love. The wearing of the Scapula is also strongly encouraged for personal devotion.

**Safeguarding:** Please pass any safeguarding issues to Matthew Harris at [PSR.Mharris@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:PSR.Mharris@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)



## DIOCESAN:

**FOUNTAINS ABBEY MASS: MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST BENEDICT, TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 12NOON. ALL WELCOME.**

**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](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**Leeds International Organ Festival:** Join us at Leeds Cathedral for the Leeds International Organ Festival, featuring a series of recitals by outstanding organists from across the UK and around the world. Mondays up to 13th July, 1.15pm, Leeds Cathedral – free entry. For more information visit <https://www.leedsiof.org/home>

**CATHOLIC CARE GARDEN PARTY:** Join us on Sunday 19th July 12.30pm at Catholic Care Head Office for our summer fundraiser! Enjoy live music from Voices of Yorkshire, BBQ, games, raffles, cakes and more. Browse the clothes and book sale, try henna, relax with friends and family. Free entry. Proceeds support Catholic Care's work in the community.

**ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026: SAVE THE DATES:** 10 - 11<sup>th</sup> October. This year, after major Eucharistic events in Liverpool and Birmingham, the Adoremus Eucharistic Festival turns to London over two days. The event will include Mass in Southwark Cathedral, a keynote address, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral. More details to follow.

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## Vacancies

**Catholic Care Recruitment:** Senior Residential Childcare Worker, Residential Childcare Workers & Care Bank Workers needed for our children's residential homes in **Wakefield**. Please see our website for a recruitment pack or email [Alexandra.smith@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:Alexandra.smith@catholic-care.org.uk). Support Workers required for our services in Leeds & Bradford. Please see our website for details - [www.catholic-care.org.uk/jobs](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/jobs) closing date for all roles will be the 30<sup>th</sup> June.



**The next SVP meeting will be held on the 18th June 2026 at 7.15pm in the Narthex - everyone is welcome to attend to see what is happening with the SVP in Normanton.**

**A Healing Mass will be held on the 2nd August 2026 here at St Johns at 3pm all parishioners are welcome to attend. The Healing Mass will be followed with a Parish Social - BBQ and food - if you want to attend please put your name on the list at the back of church - we just need to know how many beef burgers will be required!**

The SVP will be undertaking a sponsored walk of either 3 or 9 miles on the 19th July 2026. This takes place at: St Joseph's Church, Wetherby LS22 6LL. If you would like to volunteer to walk please speak to Les Joy or Sarah Mitchell. At the end of the walk there is a family fun day with face painting, treasure hunts and children's games. If you would like to attend please email [leighb@svp.org.uk](mailto:leighb@svp.org.uk) Alternatively please sponsor some of our SVP members - sponsorship forms are in the narthex.

The SVP are currently looking into funding for school uniforms - council changes have meant that this has been removed from some families, however, if anyone is unaware - The Well Loved project in Normanton has a school uniform section upstairs for people to make use of.

## Reflection for the Feast of St John Fisher and St Thomas More

The feast of St John Fisher and St Thomas More invites us to sit with a tension that is as old as the Gospel itself: the call to be faithful in a world that constantly asks us to compromise. These two men lived in a moment when the cost of discipleship became painfully concrete. They were not martyred for obscure theological disputes; they were martyred because they refused to pretend that truth was negotiable, a world where 'my truth' is as valid as 'your truth' and objective Truth is rejected. At the heart of their witness is a simple but demanding conviction: **conscience matters**. Not conscience as personal preference, but conscience formed, tested and anchored in God. St Thomas More famously described himself as **"the king's good servant, but God's first."** That line is not just clever; it is a roadmap. It reminds us that loyalty, patriotism, and public responsibility are good—until they ask us to betray the deeper loyalty that shapes who we are. St John Fisher, the lone bishop in England who refused to bend to the will of the King and Government, shows us something equally important: fidelity is not about numbers. It is about courage. He stood alone because he believed that truth does not become false just because most people walk away from it. Their martyrdom is not meant to make us feel guilty or heroic. It is meant to make us honest. Where do we bend too easily? Where do we let convenience masquerade as prudence? Where do we allow fear to silence conviction? Where do we allow Government or Lobbyists dictate 'what is good' or decide our conscience of us? Their lives were not grim, both men were known for their humour, their gentleness, their humanity. They were not zealots—they were friends of Christ. That is what made them free enough to lose everything and still keep their souls.

Let us to pray for: **Courage** to follow conscience even when it costs. **Wisdom** to know when a line truly is a line. **Joy** in living the truth without bitterness or self-righteousness. **Love** that makes fidelity something more than stubbornness.

May St John Fisher and St Thomas More remind us that holiness is not about winning arguments or avoiding trouble.

It is about standing in the light of revealed Truth, even when the shadows grow long.

Let us pray for our country, a country which once produced great saints of courage, fidelity and hope.

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of June:

**For the values of sports:** Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values of respect, solidarity and personal growth.

**EASYFUNDRAISING**, a fantastic online platform that enables you to raise **FREE donations with every purchase you make - it won't cost you a penny!** With 8000+ participating retailers, each purchase earns a free donation for our church restoration! Signing up is easy - just use this

link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/st-john-the-baptist-catholic-church-normanton/>

**Thank you to all who support the Parish using EASYFUNDRAISING**



**QR code in the narthex for those who wish to donate to the Parish via the internet, or scan here:**

## Bishop Marcus' Prayer for Vocations:

*Prayer cards are available at the back of the Church*

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.

