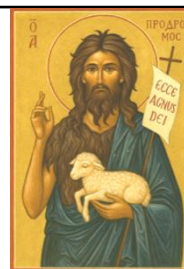


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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning - 18/07/26	Intention
Sat	6pm	Vigil for 16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Eileen and Patrick Lyons
Sun	10am	16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9:30am	Feria	Fred and Annie Cowley
Tues	9:30am	Feria	Juan Carlos – Special Intention
Wed	12noon	Feast of St Mary Magdalene	Ex voto
Thurs	7pm	St Bridget of Sweden (Adoration 6:30 -7pm)	Rev. Fr. Paul Reid
Fri	9:30am	St Sharbel Makhulf	John McGowan
Sat	6pm	Vigil for 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Sun	10am	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Paddy, James and Henry Bourke

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 of Dennis Sandham
who died 26th June. Please remember Christine and all the family in your prayers.
Dennis' Funeral Service will be 28th July at 11:15 in St John's. May he rest in peace.

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Burton.
Ann's Funeral Service will be Wed 5th August at 11:30. Please remember her family in your prayers.

The next SVP meeting is on the 30th July 2026 after evening Mass at 7.45 or 7.15 if there is no evening Mass, meeting 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!
Anyone who wants refreshments please put your name on the list - there will be sandwiches/nibbles as well as the BBQ - please let's make this free parish event a successful one.

Tea on the Tow Path:

Everyone is welcome to enjoy tea / coffee and cakes on the Canal Tow Path. Saturday 15th August from 11am onwards in aid of Parish Funds. Park at Stanley Ferry, then just past the pedestrian bridge, relax with a drink and cake, perhaps followed by a walk in the canal path.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 CELEBRATION:

The children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion this year will celebrate together and with the Parish on SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER. There will be a 'Shared Table' after the morning Mass, so please do bring food along to share and celebrate.

CONFIRMATION 2027. (NEXT YEAR'S – YEAR 6)

Please note that since Bishop Marcus will be amalgamating three Dioceses into one, his diary will be very challenging in the coming year. Therefore, he has given permission for Parish Priests or Deaneries to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The dates, place and times of these are yet to be decided. However, we will **NOT be celebrating Confirmation in February** as we have done for the past few years. Parents are reminded to keep an eye on the parish Bulletin and that Confirmation celebrates active faith and commitment. Children must be practicing Catholics, who have already celebrated First Confession and First Holy Communion.

Catholic Men's Group (21-35) "The Oratory of St Joseph".

Helping young Catholic men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saint that God is calling them to be – Prayer, Guest speakers, Social time and Supper, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm, Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane. Leeds. LS6 2BX.
oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk X: @oratorystjoseph Insta: @oratoryofstjoseph
Threads: @oratoryofstjoseph Poster in the narthex with QR code.

Safeguarding: Please pass any safeguarding issues to Matthew Harris at PSR.Mharris@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Year 6 have done extremely well in their SATs, the best in their Academy Trust, so congratulations to them and to Mrs Grainger their Class teacher!

Happy Feast Day to Fr David and the people of St Mary Magdalene, Altofts for their patronal feast on Wednesday.

DIOCESAN:

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

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 - 11th 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT GRACE, OSMOTHERLEY, 2026. This year, the annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley, DL6 3AP, will take place on Sunday 16th August. The Rosary will be prayed at 2:30pm, and the Bishop will preside at the Celebration of Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 3:00pm.

Leeds Cathedral – August Timetable Information:

Leeds Cathedral is undertaking some essential works to upgrade the lighting system throughout August. To ensure health & safety, the Cathedral will be unable to open on weekdays for the duration of the works. Monday – Wednesday in Cathedral Hall: Access from 11.30am, Rosary at 12noon, Mass at 12.30pm. Thursday & Friday in Cathedral Hall: Access from 10am, Rosary at 10.30am, Mass at 11am. Mass will be held in the Cathedral at 5.30pm on Fridays (Access from 5pm, Evening Prayer at 5.10pm), and at the usual times on Saturday and Sunday. **There will be no confessions on weekdays.**

Vacancies:

Diocese of Leeds Job Vacancy: The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds is looking to recruit a Diocese Finance Coordinator. Strong Excel skills and an openness to working with volunteers is essential. Please visit www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/ for details.

Catholic Care recruitment: Schools Social Worker – 26.25 hours per week over 3.5 days. Salary £ 32,105 - £37,018 depending on experience. Based across Wakefield & Pontefract. Must be qualified and registered with SWE. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers needed for our children's residential home in Wakefield or Keighley. Applicants must have a current and valid UK driving licence. £15.07 / Hr inclusive Please send CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk or download application form from website.

Sunday Reflection:

Patience is a gift to be acquired, slowly! I am not, by nature, a patient person, however, when in the garden I appreciate that patience can also be a discipline if it is not my particular gift. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that God's power is shown not through harshness but through mercy and kindness. He is patient with us and always leaves room for repentance and new beginnings. In the 1st reading, and in the Gospel reading, we are shown that God sees not only who we are but who we can become and therefore is patient with us.

How often do we become impatient with the faults of others—or even with our own weaknesses? We may long for quick solutions, immediate change and perfect communities, indeed, our bankrupt culture thrives on the instant and immediate. Yet the Lord invites us to trust His timing. He works quietly and steadily within our hearts if we allow Him the space and time, nurturing the good while offering opportunities for conversion.

St Paul adds another source of comfort when he tells us that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, even praying within us when we do not know how to pray. We are never left to struggle alone. God's grace is constantly at work, even when we cannot see it. If you too are impatient, with yourself, others, the world around us do not despair, but rather thank the Good Lord that He is patient – He is patient, merciful and kind, even when we are not. It is that truth which should spur us on to imitate Him and grow in those same virtues.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of 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.

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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.

MASS PARTS:

Kyrie eleison.
Christi eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus.
Dominus Deus Sabaoth!
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venti
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
Miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
Miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
Dona nobis pacem.