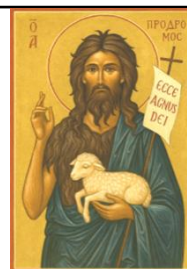


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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning - 25/07/26	Intention
Sat	6pm	Vigil for 17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Paddy, James and Henry Bourke
Sun	10am	17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time (with Baptism)	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9:30am	Feria (3pm Wedding - Renata and Krystian)	Syliva Hartley
Tues	9am	Feria (Funeral Service: 11:15 – Dennis Sandham)	Dianne McDermott
Wed	12noon	Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Richard Swann
Thurs	7pm	St Peter Chrysologus	Elizabeth Sears
Fri	9:30am	St Ignatius of Loyola (Adoration until 10:30)	Maurice Nixon
Sat	6pm	Vigil for 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Sun	10am 3pm	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass with Anointing of the Sick	In thanksgiving (New Home) For the sick and housebound

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 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 Instr: @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

The re-lighting Project will begin 1st of September for about 3/4 weeks. Although Sunday Masses will be in Church, during the week Mass will be in the Hall. Funerals during this time will have the option of using St Joseph's, Castleford or St Mary Magdalene's, Altofts. I am grateful to Provost Aveyard and to Fr David for this hospitality if required and appropriate.

Scams and more:

Email from the Parish or the Parish priest will only come from@dioceseofleeds.org.uk if they are from any other email address they are a scam. Do not click, do not respond – just delete. There have been a number of these scams throughout the diocese asking for money, details etc. They are fraudulent. There are also issues with dealing and antisocial behaviour on the site in the evenings and at night. If you see anything, report it. Even if nothing is done about it, it still helps. Please note the time so the CCTV can be downloaded and saved, this saves Police time.

DIOCESAN:

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:

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.

Catholic Care recruitment: Community Development Worker – Huddersfield, £28,193 pro rata for 6 hours per week. Closing date 21 August 2026. 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:

The parable speaks very directly to modern life because we are constantly being told what should be our "treasure." Today, many people invest most of their time and energy in: Career success, Financial security, Social status, Technology and entertainment, Personal achievement. None of these things are wrong in themselves, but Jesus asks whether they have become our ultimate treasure. The problem is that all these things can be lost or can leave us feeling unsatisfied. The hidden treasure reminds us that the deepest meaning of life is found not in what we own, but in our relationship with God. Jesus teaches that when we discover God's Kingdom, our priorities change. A busy professional who chooses to prioritise time for prayer and family. A young person who values faith and integrity. Some who gives time to serve others, even when life is busy. In each case, a person is recognising that some things are more valuable than money, comfort or recognition. In a world filled with noise, the treasure may be hidden beneath distractions. We can become so occupied with daily concerns that we overlook the presence of God in ordinary moments—in the Mass, in prayer, in Scripture and in acts of love toward others. The challenge of the Gospel is not simply to find the treasure but to recognise its value. Many people spend their lives searching for happiness; Jesus tells us that true and lasting joy is found in Him. The man in the parable sells everything "out of joy" because he knows the treasure is worth far more than what he gives up. In today's world, we are encouraged to accumulate more, achieve more and possess more. Jesus offers a different vision. The greatest treasure is not something we own but Someone we know. When Christ becomes the centre of our lives, everything else finds its proper place, and we discover the joy and purpose for which we were created.

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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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.

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.