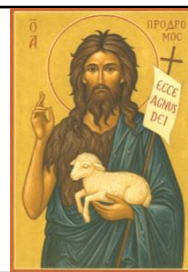


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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning - 25/07/26	Intention
Sat	6pm	Vigil for 18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Sun	10am 3pm	18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass with Anointing of the Sick	In thanksgiving (New Home) For the sick and housebound
Mon	9:30am	St Oswald, King and Martyr	Tom Holmes
Tues	9:30am	St John Vianney. Patron of Parish Priests	Tommy Newton
Wed	9:30am	BVM (Funeral Service 11:30am Ann Burton)	Ruth Burton
Thurs	12noon 7pm	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Anniversary Intention Helen Wilkinson (YB)
Fri	9:30am	St Cajetan	Tony Cunningham
Sat	6pm	Vigil for 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Sun	10am	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eugenia Paszkowska

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

Alms Box – Bethlehem Hospice Care

Parish Website QR code



**PLEASE NOTE THE MASS TIMES CHANGES ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
TO ACCOMMODATE FUNERAL AND ANNIVERSARIES**

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, Zakia Horodnichenko, Erik Zaskalko, Connor Harrington, Gloria Lenord and Margaret Reape.

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.

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 on 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.

Parish Magazine:

The August magazine is available in the Narthex and includes articles on the Talking Newspaper, local history, recent Police and Safeguarding training on Scams and online safety. The magazine is free.

Fundraising and Social Meeting:

If you are interested in helping the parish to raise funds, or want to assist in some social activities, you are very welcome to join us after Sunday Mass at 11:15 in the Hall.

CPR and Basic First Aid:

For those who have signed up, the dates are as follows in the Parish Hall:
 Monday 7th September 19:00 (Resuscitation) Monday 5th October from 19:00 (Basic First Aid)

Race Night - Hold the Date! We are off to the races!

Don't let this one slip past the post - hold Friday 9th October in your diaries for our annual Race Night!
 Full details of this fun night will be available soon!

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.

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

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 Walsingham Way: is a new joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi! Full information and links for Leeds, Hallam and Middlesbrough Day Pilgrims to sign up for any of the days walking through Leeds or Hallam Dioceses here:
<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/> All welcome to join the start, 8am Pilgrims' Mass, Saturday 12 September at Leeds Cathedral, followed by walk to Wakefield. Sunday 8am Mass at St Austin's, Wakefield, followed by walk into Hallam Diocese.

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.

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.

Reflection

The Wisdom of Ecclesiastes (1st Reading)

- 1. Hold things lightly** - Ecclesiastes reminds us that everything under the sun is passing. Possessions, success and status are gifts to be enjoyed, not idols to be worshipped. We are stewards, not owners. The wise person learns gratitude without attachment.
- 2. Live in the present** - The Preacher repeatedly encourages us to receive the ordinary blessings of life: food, work, friendship, and the joys of each day. Instead of constantly chasing the next achievement, we learn to recognise God's grace in the present moment.
- 3. Accept our limits** - Much of our anxiety comes from trying to control what we cannot control. Ecclesiastes teaches humility. We cannot foresee the future, guarantee success, or avoid every disappointment. Wisdom begins when we entrust what we cannot control to God.
- 4. Invest in what lasts** - If worldly accomplishments eventually fade, then our deepest energy should be directed towards things of eternal value: faith, prayer, love, mercy, justice, and service. These are the treasures that death cannot take away.
- 5. Cultivate wonder rather than certainty** - Ecclesiastes is comfortable with mystery. Not every question has an answer. Not every suffering can be explained. Faith is not possessing all the answers but trusting God amid life's unanswered questions. Ecclesiastes teaches us the freedom that comes from recognising that we cannot build our lives on things that are passing away. Wealth, success, and possessions all have their place, but they cannot bear the weight of our deepest hopes. The wisdom of the Preacher is not to despise life's gifts, but to enjoy them with gratitude while remembering that God alone is our lasting refuge. When we stop trying to possess everything, control everything, and achieve everything, we become free to receive each day as a gift, to love more generously, and to place our trust where it belongs. The question Ecclesiastes leaves for each of us is simple: *Am I living for what is temporary, or for what is eternal?*

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

For evangelization in the city Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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.

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.