

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish

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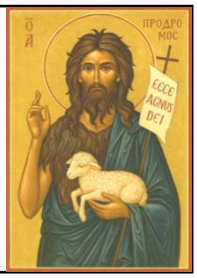

Day	Time	*Liturgical Celebration week beginning – 28/11/26*		*Intention*
Sat	6pm	Vigil - 1st Sunday of Advent – Year B – St Mark	C	Mr & Mrs Kurdybelski (Anniversary)
Sun	10am	1st Sunday of Advent	C	*People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)*
Mon	9am	St Andrew, the Apostle	H	Duncan Cowley
Tues	9am	Advent weekday (St Edmund Campion)	H	Dorothy Munns
Wed	12noon	Advent weekday	C	Maria Carr
Thurs	9am	Advent weekday	C	Anne & Gary Churchill
Fri	9am 11am	Advent weekday (1st Friday – Adoration to 10am) Funeral Service for Maureen Dye	C	Kevin Joyce
Sat	10am	1st Saturday – Votive Mass of the Immaculate		Rev Fr. P. Smith (YB)
Sat	6pm	Vigil – 2nd Sunday of Advent	C	*People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)*
Sun	10am	2nd Sunday of Advent	C	Maurice Nixon &Family (Foundation Mass)
SUN	3pm	Advent Service of Light for the Deceased		

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

Alms Box – Bethlehem Hospice Care

Parish Website QR code

Sick List: *E Gillen, A Cunningham, J Morrison, P Notsi, S Kaye, G Walker, M Crompton, J Bradley, Z Horodnichenko, E Zaskalko, C Harrington, G Lenord, M Reape, G Walker, L Wise, L Ivers, B & A McCreavy.*

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Dye, who died this past week. Please remember her family in your prayers. Maureen's Funeral will be at 11am on 4th Dec in St Johns. *May she rest in peace.*

THANK YOU!

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped or supported last Sunday's Advent Fair which was a great success and raised £2,381.57! In difficult and challenging times, this is remarkable. It was a great opportunity for our parish to come together. My thanks to Tina and Adam who brought it all together, to those who organised, contributed or ran stalls and activities! Both my freezer and Ella were very grateful for the food 'samples'. Thank you to all who supported the event!

Please remember in your prayers: Stephen O'Hara, former teacher at St Wilfrid's, who will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday 19th December at Oscott Seminary, Sutton Coldfield. Stephen will be ordained to the Priesthood in the summer. He will be the only ordination to the priesthood next year!

Altofts & Normanton Brass Band proudly present an Advent Concert at St John on Friday 4th December 7pm. Doors open @ 6.30pm. Tickets £8 on the door, £7 in advance. Refreshments & Raffle available. Advance tickets from the church on Sundays, also in the church carpark on Saturday 11am – 12 noon



Advent Service of Light for the deceased,
Sunday 6th December – 3pm. As we enter the season of expectant hope and light, the absence of loved ones can be particularly difficult. However, our faith tells us that the Church on earth, purgatory and in heaven are united as one body, the body of Christ. There will be an opportunity to remember our loves ones, to pray for them and to light a candle for them on Sunday 6th Dec in St John's. We will remember in a particular way our loved ones who have died this past year, commending them to the love and mercy of the Lord. Everyone is welcome to come and light a candle.

Sunday 13th December - a SVP free Advent social
open to parishioners and non-parishioners. From 2 'till 4, few songs and food.
Please put your name and number on the list at the back of church for catering.

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

Ashes and cremated remains.

The Church teaches that the body will be raised on the last day and so gives great honour to mortal remains. The integrity and dignity of the human body and person must not be compromised or desecrated.
Scattering is permitted, providing it is not a denial of the resurrection of the body.
Catholics must not desecrate the dignity of the person by 'sharing out or dividing up' human cremated remains. They must NEVER be mixed with the remains of other people, pets or objects. Created human remains must NEVER be made into something else, including 'diamonds', jewellery, rings, pendants, earrings or belly button rings. All of these things are a desecration of the high dignity of a child of God, created body and soul, in the image and likeness of God and reducing the person to mere objects or trinkets which may be lost, disregarded or otherwise profaned.

CONFIRMATION applications are now closed for 2026/27

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, 10th January 2027, the Baptism of the Lord. Preparation will begin with the books at home and after Sunday Mass 13th December 2026.

Please collect your workbook and form after Mass this weekend.

Zapisy do bierzmowania na rok 2026/27 są już zamknięte.
Sakrament Bierzmowania będzie udzielony w niedzielę, 10 stycznia 2027 r., w uroczystość Chrztu Pańskiego. Przygotowanie rozpocznie się od pracy z książką w domu oraz od spotkania po Mszy Świętej w niedzielę, 13 grudnia 2026 r. **Prosimy o odebranie podręcznika oraz formularza po Mszy Świętej w ten weekend.**

Phones:
Smart phones are ALWAYS listening.
When going to Confession please switch OFF the phone completely or switch to Airplane mode AND switch off the Mic…
unless you do want your confession recorded…

Panting heart of Yorkshire to the panting heart of Rome -

There has been a suggestion of a joint Castleford and Normanton pilgrimage to Rome, perhaps mid-Sept 2027. If you would be interested, to gauge possible numbers, please put your name on the list in the narthex.
There is no commitment at all at this stage!

200 Club:
Remember you have to be in it to win it,
and you also must be fully paid up!
(Preferably, you should also have a border terrier, wear glasses and be in your late forties)

Next Sunday – after Mass – those who wish to are invited to decorate the tree which will be in the narthex over the advent and Christmas seasons.

The Crib will also begin to take shape from next Sunday.

Home and family Cribs will be blessed on the 3rd Sunday of Advent (12 /13th – Gaudete Sunday).

That weekend there will also be an Appeal by The Friends of the Holy Land.

DIOCESAN:

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT: Residential Childcare Workers, Keighley, Salary £29,113 - £30,565. Senior Residential Childcare Worker, Keighley, Salary £31,068 - £32,639, Full time + sleep allowance. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers, Keighley & Wakefield, £15.07/hr. Schools Social Worker, Part-time 3.5 days £32,105 – £37,018 pro rata. Community Development Worker, Huddersfield, £28,193 pro rata. FT/PT & temp Support Workers: Leeds, Bradford, Todmorden, £26,045 pro rata. Please see https://catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/ for details.

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.

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae: vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria. Amen.

Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Holy Father's Intention for December:
For single-parent families
Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

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

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