



St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish

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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning 07/01/26	Intention
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sarah & Joe Martyn
SUN	10am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9:30am	Feria	Patrick Joseph Hughes
Tues	9:30am	St Sebastian	Marie Sturm
Wed	12noon 4pm	St Agnes Reception of William Barry into Church	Anne & Peter Poundall
Thurs	11am	Requiem Mass	William Barry
Fri	9:30am	Feria (Adoration until 10:30)	Eileen Lutts
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	John & Theresa Bourke & Kathleen Higgins
SUN	10am	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

Confessions: Before Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:15—5:45pm or on request in Church

Alms Box supporting - Bethlehem Hospice

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Sick List: Please remember in your prayer: Molly Newton, George & Kaye Gunn, Marie Vella, Connor Harrington, Dianne and Simon MacDermott, Dr John Gallagher, Trevor Durant, John Ellis, Eddie Gillen, Peter Farrell, Ann Cunningham, Julie Morrison, Pascalina Notsi, Shelia Kaye, Lynne Hartill, Justin Martin, Margaret Wilmott, Grahame Walker, Margaret Crompton, Jimmy Bradley, John O'Hara, Barry Mumby.

William Barry (Reception 4pm, 21st and Requiem 11am 22nd Jan).
Paul Henry (Service 29th Jan at 11am)
May they rest in peace.



Confirmation:

Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Stock, January 28th at 7pm in Sacred Heart Parish, Hemsworth.
Completed Confirmation cards, with the patron saint and sponsor's details
must be returned no later than THIS SUNDAY

Adults to be Confirmed— Please speak to Fr Mark after weekend Mass.

Please remember in your prayers all the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation as they approach this important step in completing their baptism and full initiation into the life of the Church.

1st Sacraments 2026:

Applications are available after Vigil and Sunday Masses this weekend
and the following weekend only.



Required Preparation Day for 1st Confession (Year 4 and above) will be 21st March.

Required Preparation Days for 1st Holy Communion will be 25th April and 9th of May 2026.

Once they have completed the required Preparation Days dates for 1st Holy Communion, throughout the summer months, may be booked.

RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA: The Diocese will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella at various venues across the Diocese in the week of 26th January. He is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, celebrate Mass and receive a blessing with his relics. For times, dates, venues please see poster on the noticeboard.

Monday 26th January, Holy Redeemer Parish, Huddersfield— Mass at St Patrick's at 7pm and blessing with his relics.

Tuesday 27th January, St Joseph's, Bradford— Mass at St Joseph's at 6.30pm and blessing with his relics.

Wednesday 28th January, St Austin's, Wakefield - Mass at St Austin's at 7pm and blessing with his relics.

Thursday 29th January, Leeds Cathedral— Mass at the Cathedral at 5.30pm and blessing with his relics.

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

DIOCESAN

ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE: Friday 13th February 2026 at the Met hotel in Leeds. Tickets are available from Phil Marshall at £45 or £400 for a table of 10. The ticket price includes reception drink, a 3 course Meal, Tea & coffee, DJ and entertainment throughout the evening. To secure your tickets for this popular event, contact Phil on 07766 148375 or email philmarshall49@outlook.com. All profits at the event go to the Diocesan Lourdes fund.

IRISH NIGHT FUNDRAISER: in aid of the Little sisters of the Poor rebuild fund February 27th 2026, Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds commencing at 7.30pm. Irish meal soda bread and Irish dessert, music and dancing. Auction, raffle and football card, tickets on sale in Irish Centre and also contact Sister Christina email funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

LOURDES NURSES VOLUNTEER APPEAL: Are you a qualified nurse? Would you like to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (3-9 July 2026)? Please contact: lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for further information. We desperately need registered nurses to join the team to enable our assisted pilgrims to travel to Lourdes. This is a wonderful experience and many nurses return year after year. Please consider joining our friendly, happy team and enjoy a truly blessed week with our assisted pilgrims.

VACANCIES

SENIOR GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING OFFICER VACANCY: The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds, is recruiting a Senior Grants and Fundraising Officer. Based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. More details at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/. Deadline for applications is Friday, 30 January 2026 and first interviews to be held on Wednesday, 4 February.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Normanton. Start: **September 2026**. Closing date: **Monday, 2 February 2026**. Further info: https://ce0218li.webitrent.com/ce0218li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC179GF.open?WVID=797592QEnN&VACANCY_ID=992803rPOv
To discuss or arrange a visit, contact sbm@sjb.bkcat.uk or call 01924 891685

HEAD OF FINANCE VACANCY: Ten:Ten Resources, a provider of online Catholic teaching content is recruiting. Please visit <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/recruitment/head-of-finance/> for more details.

Reflection for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our patron, St John the Baptist gives us a simple but powerful message this Sunday: "Behold the Lamb of God."
It is the prayer of every Mass before we receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

St John, cousin and friend of the Lord does not draw attention to himself, but rather he points directly to Jesus. In a world full of noise, opinions and self-promotion, John reminds us that faith begins with recognising Christ standing quietly in our midst.

Isaiah speaks of God's servant becoming "a light to the nations," and Paul reminds the Corinthians that they are "called to be holy." These aren't abstract ideas. They describe what happens when ordinary people allow their lives to point toward Christ—through patience, kindness, forgiveness, and the courage to choose what is good even when it is costly. St John did what was right even when it was difficult and unpopular, even when it would mean prison and death. He had seen, heard and known Jesus, the Lamb of God and that relationship drove him to proclaim the truth.

This week, the Gospel invites us to ask: Where is Jesus already present in my life, waiting to be noticed?

And just as importantly: Who might need me to be a gentle signpost toward hope or mercy?

May we, like our patron St John, have the humility to step aside and the clarity and the courage to point others toward the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Remember,

O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy
protection, implored thy help
or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins,
my Mother.
To thee I come; before thee
I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear
and answer me. Amen.

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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.

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