

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish

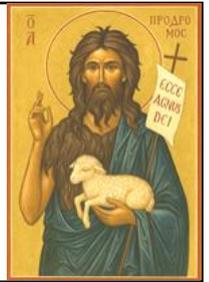
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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning 28/02/26	Intention
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 2nd Sunday of Lent	Alfred & Mary Lister
SUN	10am	2nd Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9:30am	Weekday of Lent	Anne Ward
Tues	9:30am	Weekday of Lent	Robert Slavin
Wed	11am	Requiem Mass	Barry Mumby
Thurs	9:30am	Weekday of Lent	Mary Durkin
Fri	9:30am	Weekday of Lent - followed by Stations - also at 7pm	Marilyn & Caroline Birchall
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 3rd Sunday of Lent	Sarah, Joseph & Thomas Martyn
SUN	10am	3rd Sunday of Lent	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, 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, Grahame Walker, Margaret Crompton, Jimmy Bradley, John O'Hara, John McGowan

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul Barry Mumby who died peacefully at Wakefield Hospice. Barry's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 4th March at 11am in St John's. Please remember Pat and her family in your prayers.

In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of: Mr & Mrs Kaye and George Gunn, formally of Whindale, Normanton, who died within hours of one another.

Please remember their family in your prayers. Their joint Requiem Mass will be Tuesday 17th March in St John's.

In your charity please pray for the repose Gillian Kinsey who died on Sunday 1st Feb. Gillian's Funeral Service will be Thursday 19th March in St John's. Please remember her family in your prayers.

May they rest in peace.

Lenten Series - Tuesdays at 7pm in the hall.

"The Holy Mass is the greatest act of love we can offer to God." – Saint Maximilian Kolbe

We will be having a series of reflections and discussions on the Mass - come to even one session to deepen your understanding of what we celebrate.

Stations of the Cross after Friday morning Mass and at 7pm.

1st Sacraments 2026:

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.



Gospel Reflection - A Glimpse of Glory

On the mountain of the Transfiguration, Jesus allows Peter, James and John to see who He truly is: the Beloved Son, radiant with divine glory. This moment is not an escape from the coming Passion but a promise—the path of sacrifice leads to life. Moses and Elijah stand beside Him, showing that the whole story of salvation points to this person, this God Incarnate.

The Father's voice gives the heart of Lent in three words: **"Listen to Him."**

When fear overwhelms the disciples, Jesus touches them and says, "Rise, and do not be afraid." Lent invites us to trust that same voice, to let Christ's light strengthen us for the valleys ahead and to carry the memory of this glory into the ordinary days where faith is lived.

DIOCESAN

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026: The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Friday 3rd to Thursday 9th July 2026. It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. The booking process is now open. Bookings can be made online on <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> or by phone direct with Tangney (01732 886666).

FLAME 2027: The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Saturday 6th March 2027. Passes are currently at the super early bird rate of £75 per person, which includes return coach travel to/from the Diocese, until 31st July 2026. Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book yours!

THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR: welcomes all parish musicians and parishioners, all choir parents and friends, and all school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals work towards singing Mass in Leeds Cathedral. Rehearsals will take place from 2.30pm- 4pm 8, 15 and 22 March at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To sign up please email: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE: The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Apply here: https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026. Applications close on 6th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

ROMERO LECTURE - Inspiration and Affirmation in Hard Times – St Oscar Romero to Pope Leo: Wed 11 March @ 7pm Leeds Trinity City Campus. Join SPARK Social Justice for an inspiring talk by Todd Walatka of Notre Dame University Illinois. See www.leedsjp.org.uk to book a free place.

Bishop John Crowley 3-day preached retreat: 17th -19th March at The Briery, Ilkley. You are invited to join Bishop Crowley for a short retreat during Lent entitled "Rest and you will see, see and you will love, love and you will praise (St Augustine)" £230pp fully inclusive or £110 non-residential. For booking or more information contact the administrator on 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT - CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL HOME: Keighley. Senior Residential Childcare Support Workers, Full Time, Salary *includes 8 sleep-ins per month:* £34,163 – £35,668. Residential Child Care Workers, Full Time, Salary £28,265 - £29,674 plus 1-2 "sleep -in" per week. If you complete 8 "sleep ins" per month that will add approximately £4,000 to annual salary. (Bank positions also available.) Please contact recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk. MUST have experience of residential childcare. Current valid driving license is essential.



At the Easter Vigil we will baptise, Confirm and Communicate one adult, receive into Full Communion, Confirm and Communicate another adult and Confirm another adult. If there are any other **adults** who have not yet been Confirmed and wish to be Confirmed, please speak to Fr Mark as soon as possible.

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.

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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