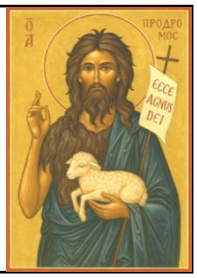


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Day	Time	*Liturgical Celebration week beginning – 07/11/26*		*Intention*
Sat	**6pm**	Vigil for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**C**	Caroline & Marilyn Birchall
Sun	**10am**	**Remembrance Sunday – Requiem for the Fallen**	**C**	*People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)*
Mon	9am	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	**C**	Agnes Joyce
Tues	9am	Pope St Leo the Great	**C**	Anges and Tony Robinson
Wed	12noon	St Martin of Tour **(11am Armistice Silence in Church)**	**C**	James A Bills
Thurs	9am	St Josaphat (Ukrainian Saint of Latin and Orthodox Rites)	**C**	John McGowan
Fri	9am	Feria (Adoration/ Holy Souls Devotion)	**C**	Tony Cunningham
Sat	**6pm**	Vigil for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**C**	*People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)*
Sun	**10am**	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**C**	Robert Thompson

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.*



Remembrance Sunday - Lest we forget

This year Mass will remain at 10am as normal and will conclude with the Service of Remembrance at 11am, remembering our War Dead commemorated in the Church, and joining with the King and Nation in remembrance. *11am Armistice silence will be kept in Church on Wednesday with prayers.*

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of John O'Hara
who died 2nd November. Please remember John's family in your prayers. John's funeral will be Friday 27th Nov at St John's, time to be arranged. *May he rest in peace.*

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of James Bickerton
who died on 5th November. Please remember Margaret and their family in you prayers. Funeral arrangements to follow. *May he rest in peace.*

My thanks for the many prayers and messages concerning the death of my sister-in-law. Please remember my niece, nephew and their families in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

To our neighbours, especially Smirthwaite and St Michael's, those with babies, children with autism and families with pets; I offer a genuine and unreserved apology that no communication, information or time for preparation was given on 5th November and resulted in distress. This situation will not happen again.

1st Confession and 1st Holy Communion 2027

Children should collect their 1st Confession workbooks – FINAL CALL – *if not collected applications will be withdrawn.*
The 1st Confession Preparation Day is Saturday 28th Nov at 10am. The none-attending will be able to apply next year.
Pierwsza Spowiedź i Pierwsza Komunia Święta 2027*: Dzieci powinny odebrać swoje zeszyty ćwiczeń do przygotowania do* ***Pierwszej Spowiedzi*** *w ten weekend. Jeśli nie zostaną odebrane, zgłoszenia zostaną wycofane.* ***Dzień Przygotowania do Pierwszej Spowiedzi*** *odbędzie się w* ***sobotę 28 listopada o godz. 10.00****. Osoby, które nie wezmą udziału w tym dniu przygotowania, będą mogły ponownie złożyć zgłoszenie w przyszłym roku.*



Tickets for the Grand Raffle to be drawn at the Advent Fair, are available from Margaret and Carol in the narthex after Masses



JOURNEY IN FAITH:
St Joseph's Castelford and St John's, Normanton series of presentations on the Catholic Church, on Monday's at Castleford at 7pm. The dates and topics are:
9 November - I believe in the communion of saints. **16 November** - Sacraments: outward signs of inward grace.

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

CONFIRMATION – school year 6 and above.

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. Those unable to make the Preparation may apply next year. Application forms will be available this week and for 1 more only. Applicants must have already celebrated their 1st Confession and Holy Communion.

BIERZMOWANIE – uczniowie klasy 6 i starsi

*Sakrament **Bierzmowania** będzie celebrowany **w niedzielę 10 stycznia 2027 r.**, w **Święto Chrztu Pańskiego**. Przygotowanie rozpocznie się od pracy z książkami w domu oraz spotkania po Mszy Świętej w niedzielę **13 grudnia 2026 r.** Osoby, które nie będą mogły uczestniczyć w przygotowaniu, będą mogły złożyć podanie w przyszłym roku. Formularze zgłoszeniowe będą dostępne **w tym tygodniu i jeszcze tylko przez jeden dodatkowy tydzień**. Kandydaci muszą już wcześniej przyjąć sakramenty **Pierwszej Spowiedzi Świętej** i **Pierwszej Komunii Świętej**.*

ADVENT FAIR - Sunday 22nd November from 11.00am

Plans are now underway for our parish Advent Fair, which this year will celebrate the many nations and cultures within our parish community.
The fair will open after the 10.00am Mass and will include International Food, children's activities, crafts, cakes and refreshments, tombola, festive stalls, entertainment and much more. It has always been a much loved and looked forward to event.

CAN YOU HELP?

Over the coming weeks, we would be very grateful for donations of:

THIS WEEKEND –

Bottles for our Christmas bottle raffle and bottle stall

- Cakes and baked goods nearer the day
- Items to help us create Christmas hampers for the Grand Raffle Hampers
  Good-quality items suitable for our tombola

We would also love to hear from parishioners who could help on a stall or volunteer for part of the day (preparing stalls, cleaning up afterwards etc).

The Parish Magazine is available at the back of the Church, with articles on The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, St Carlo Acutis, The Pilgrimage of Grace and November Devotions. It is FREE! If you have any news or suitable articles, please let us know.

November – Month of the Holy Souls.

The Lists will be scrolled and placed into the casket which will remain on the Sanctuary throughout November and in the Sacred Heart and Martyrs Chapel throughout the year. *"It is a good and noble thing to pray for the dead."*
It is also important and an act of love and respect.

DIOCESAN:

ANNUAL SERVICE AT KILLINGBECK CEMETERY NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Sunday 8th November at 2.30pm. All the Diocese are invited to come to the cemetery and pray for the deceased members of the Diocese and extended family. The service, led by Canon Patrick Wall, will be in the chapel with readings, hymns, and rosary. Weather permitting, we will walk around the clergy circle reciting the rosary.

'Alma Mater Fund' and Abortion Recovery and Care Helpline: (administered by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) provides financial/practical support to university students facing crisis pregnancy, enabling them to continue their education while embracing motherhood. The 'Abortion Recovery and Care Helpline' (ARCH), started by women who experienced abortion and struggled in the aftermath, provides free, confidential, compassionate and non-judgemental support for those who may be carrying similar emotional and psychological effects.
https://spuc.org.uk/support-hub/alma-mater/ & www.archtrust.org.uk/

Vacancies

Job Vacancy - Head of Finance (Financial Controller): The Diocese of Leeds is seeking an experienced and committed Head of Finance to lead and oversee the Diocese's financial management. The successful candidate must hold a recognised professional accountancy qualification (ACA, ACCA or CIMA). For an application form and further information, please visit our website at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/ alternatively please e-mail any queries to recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.
Closing date for applications is Monday, 23 November 2026
Catholic Care recruitment: Schools Social Workers: Full/part-time, £32,105 – £37,018 pro rata. Waking Nights Support Worker: Sutton in Craven, £26,045 pro rata. Community Development Worker: Huddersfield, £28,193 pro rata, 6 hours per week. Full/part time/temporary Adult Learning Disability Service Support Workers: Leeds, Skipton, Bradford, Todmorden, £26,045 pro rata. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers, Keighley & Wakefield. £15.07 per hour inclusive. Please see https://catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/ for further details/application form.

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.

National Anthem:

Unless in the presence of the Sovereign, only the 1st verse is sung.

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!



Holy Father's Intention for November:

For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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

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/**
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