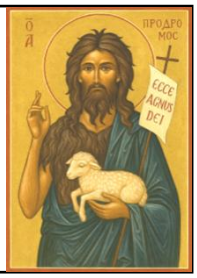


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Day	Time	*Liturgical Celebration week beginning – 14/11/26*		*Intention*
Sat	**6pm**	Vigil for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**C**	*People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)*
Sun	**10am**	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**C**	Robert Thompson
Mon	9am	Feria	**C**	Yorkshire Brethren
Tues	9am	Feria	**C**	Helen Wilkinson (YB)
Wed	12noon	Feria	**C**	Charles Wilkinson
Thurs	9am	Feria	**C**	Very Rev. Thomas Canon O'Connor
Fri	9am	Feria (Adoration/ Holy Souls Devotion)	**C**	Maureen McArdle
Sat	**6pm**	Vigil for the Solemnity of Christ, the Universal King	**C**	Robert Thompson
Sun	**10am**	Solemnity of Christ, the Universal King	**C**	*People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)*

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.*

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 – Requiem at 10:30am followed by brief Funeral Service at 11:15 and committal at Altofts at 12 noon . *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 your prayers.
Jim's Funeral Service will be at 2:10 at Pontefract Crematorium on 25th Nov. *May he rest in peace.*



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



ADVENT FAIR - NEXT SUNDAY - Sunday 22nd November from 11.00am

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,
please do come along and support the event and meet some new people or old friends

Next Weekend: Second Collection for Diocesan Youth Service

1st Confession and 1st Holy Communion 2027
The 1st Confession Preparation Day is Saturday 28th Nov at 10am.
The none-attending will be able to apply next year.
Those who have not collected their books have been removed from this year's list and may apply next year.

JOURNEY IN FAITH:
St Joseph's Castelford and St John's, Normanton series of presentations on the Catholic Church, on Monday at Castleford at 7pm. The final topic, presented by Provost Aveyard is : **16 November** - Sacraments: outward signs of inward grace.

Please remember in your prayers: Stephen O'Hara 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!

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**.*

DIOCESAN:

'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 Nov 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.

Pope Leo's message to Parents and grandparents:

FLORIDA, Uruguay, Nov. 8: Pope Leo XIV, shared a message of **hope for mothers** who feel the grief of seeing their children fall away from practicing the faith.

"I know that many of you carry a very specific sorrow. You taught your children to pray, and today they no longer do so. You used to attend Mass together, and it has been years since they entered a church. You spoke to your grandchildren about God, and now you do not know if those words left a mark. Sometimes you wonder if you did something wrong or if it was all futile

Mothers and grandmothers: never tire of passing on the faith! Preach with your lives as well as with your words. Insist on prayer, love, and hope; insist on them in season and out of season (cf. 2 Tim 4:2). Do so with patience, without harshness or discouragement. Even if your loved ones seem far from God, continue to place them before Him. Do not stop blessing them, accompanying them, and simply reminding them of what they once received,"

In his homily, the Holy Father also offered words of encouragement to fathers and grandfathers, urging them to imitate St. Joseph.

"Dear fathers and grandfathers, young people need to see that you pray, receive the sacraments, treat your wives with respect, ask for forgiveness and live with integrity, even when doing so requires sacrifice. Children learn a great deal by seeing that their father can kneel before God without feeling that he is any less of a man for doing it," Pope Leo said, to loud applause from the huge crowd gathered at Mass. "Your children and grandchildren need to see that the faith occupies a genuine place in the lives of the men in your family," he added.

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 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:

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