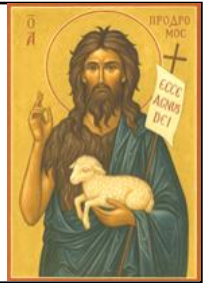


# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish

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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning 25/04/26	Intention
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 4th Sunday of Easter	Sarah Ellis & Christine Philips
SUN	10am	4th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9:30am	Weekday of Easter	Steven Ricks
Tues	11:30am	Requiem Mass	Dr John C Gallagher KSG KGCHS
Wed	12noon	St Catherine of Siena	Margaret and Anne Lettice
Thurs	9:30am	Pope St Pius V	Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre
Fri	9:30am	St Joseph the Worker (May Day)	John McGowan
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 5th Week of Easter	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
SUN	10am	5th Week of Easter	Simon

**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: Marie Vella, Connor Harrington, Simon MacDermott, Trevor Durant, John Ellis, Eddie Gillen, Ann Cunningham, Julie Morrison, Pascalina Notsi, Shelia Kaye, Lynne Hartill, Justin Martin, Grahame Walker, Margaret Crompton, Jimmy Bradley, John O'Hara, Zakiia Horodnichenko, Erik Zaskalko.

**In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Swan.**

Richard's Funeral will be Tuesday 12th May at 12noon.

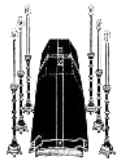
Please remember Margaret and Jim and their family in your prayers. *May he rest in peace.*

**In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr John Gallagher KSG, KGCHS**

Please remember his family in your prayers.

Dr Gallagher's Requiem Mass will be Tuesday 28th April at 11:30am in St John's.

*May he rest in peace.*



**4th Sunday / Good Shepherd Sunday is a day of prayer for Vocations and there is a Second Collection to support the work of the Vocations Team and our students. Please pray for vocations and for our students.**

**Presbytery:**

Whilst work is carried out, I STRONGLY suggest people avoid parking by the Sacristy door immediately next to the Presbytery Office.

**N.B. We currently have only intermittent email and internet access. This may take some time be restored.**

**THIS SATURDAY: - 1st Sacraments 2026:**

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

**Although there is no 10am Mass on Saturday children should come to the HALL for 10am, with a packed lunch and drink.**

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

**N.B. Local Elections –7th May 2026**

**The Hall and Car Park will be used throughout the day as a Polling Station.**

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**Safeguarding:** Please pass any safeguarding issues to Matthew Harris at [PSR.Mharris@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:PSR.Mharris@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

## REFLECTION:

The 4th Sunday of Easter always brings us back to one of the most tender images in Scripture: Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In John's Gospel this year, Jesus says that His sheep "hear His voice," and that He calls them by name. It's a reminder that faith is not an abstract system but a relationship—one in which we are known, recognized and cherished.

In a world where many voices compete for our attention, the voice of the Shepherd is different.

It does not shout. It does not manipulate. It does not threaten.

It invites. It steadies. It leads us toward life, not fear.

The challenge is not whether Jesus is speaking, but whether we are listening.

This Sunday invites us to slow down and ask:

Which voices shape my choices, my identity, my hope?

More importantly: How can I make space to hear the One voice that brings peace?

The Good Shepherd walks ahead of us, not behind us.

He doesn't drive us forward; He draws us forward.

He never abandons the flock. Even when we wander, He searches.

Even when we resist, He waits. Even when we are weary, He carries.

May this Good Shepherd Sunday renew our trust that we are never alone—  
and that the One who calls us by name will always lead us home.



## DIOCESAN:

### CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESES OF LEEDS, MIDDLESBROUGH AND HALLAM:

As part of the consultation currently taking place across our three Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment.

Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE:** There will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life, Leeds Cathedral, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 12noon for couples and their families celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> (Silver), 40<sup>th</sup> (Ruby), 50<sup>th</sup> (Golden), 60<sup>th</sup> (Diamond) and 70<sup>th</sup> (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage vows. If you would like to take part in this celebration, please complete the application form, available at the back of church (return details on form).

**CATHOLIC CARE IS SEEKING NEW TRUSTEES:** to strengthen the skills and experience of its Board.

We serve adults, children and families across the Diocese of Leeds who are disadvantaged, vulnerable or marginalised. We particularly welcome practising Catholics with experience in property management or Human Resources. If you wish to live your faith through action, please apply by sending your interest to [charlotte.grinham@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.grinham@catholic-care.org.uk), outlining your motivation and suitability for the role.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT:** Castlerigg Manor, Keswick is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast/evening meals included. Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges. Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Visit <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

**Children and Young People's Ministry Co-ordinator Job Opportunity:** Our Lady and All Saints Parish, Otley are seeking to recruit a Lay Co-ordinator to work at the Parish assisting the Parish Priest in the spiritual and pastoral care of young people within the parish community. Part-time role, 22.5hrs per week involving evenings and weekends, term time only, two-year fixed term contract. Please contact Fr. Nicholas Hird for an application pack 01943 462146 or [office.ourladyallsaints@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.ourladyallsaints@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Closing date, Tuesday, 12 May 2026.

**CATHOLIC CARE IS RECRUITING:** Care Bank Workers. £14.12 per hour, various locations in Bradford. Support Worker - Part time available to work 16 hours a week. Salary £26,045 – £26,879 pro rata, location: Keighley. email your CV or completed Application Form to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk) Please see website for full details: [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk)

**YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY:** Aged 18-25 and looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme offers training, experience, and recognised qualifications giving young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work.

Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or <https://castleriggmanor.com/join-the-team/>

**NEW HALL PRISON CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN VACANCY:** Please visit website for details: <https://jobs.justice.gov.uk/careers/JobDetail/16659-Roman-Catholic-Prison-Chaplain-18-5-hrs/16659>

**ASSISTANT TO LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY:** at Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds.

Start: As soon as possible. Closing date: 06 May 2026. Further info: please visit <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Louise Jackson [l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk](mailto:l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk)



### Easter Marian Anthem

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare,  
alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit,  
alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum,  
alleluia.

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice,  
alleluia.*

*For He whom you did merit  
to bear, alleluia.*

*Has risen, as he said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

### 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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