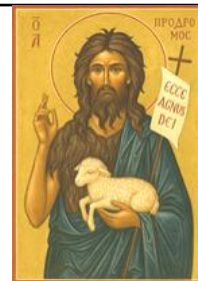


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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning 07/02/26	Intention
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Michael and Bridget Bourke
SUN	10am	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Missa pro Populo) Barbara Bąk
Mon	9:30am	Feria	John Cuttell intentions
Tues	9:30am	St Scholastica	Maurice Nixon
Wed	9:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes / 12:45pm Requiem Mass	9:30 Anthony Bills / 12:45 Mary Ball
Thurs	9:30am	Feria	William Barry
Fri	9:30am	Feria	Margaret Byrne
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Patrick and Eileen Lyons
SUN	10am 12noon	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wedding Service	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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This WEEKEND: SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE LOURDES FUND

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, Barry Mumby, John McGowan

In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Mary (Bernie) Ball and Mr & Mrs Kaye and George Gunn, formally of Windale, Normanton, who died within hours of one another on Sunday. Please remember their families in your prayers.
Funeral arrangements to follow.
May they rest in peace.



PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE A WEDDING NEXT SUNDAY AT 12NOON. SINCE THE TURN AROUND TIME BETWEEN MORNING MASS AND THE WEDDING IS TIGHT THE CAR PARK IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE MAIN WEST DOOR WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE MORNING MASS.

Please pray for Adam Shaw and Valeria Polanco Zevallos who will be married in St John's at 12noon on Sunday 15th February.
If there is any just reason why they should not be married it should be made know to me as soon as possible



The Great Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 18th of February.
It is not a Holy Day of Obligation but it is a day of both Fasting and Abstinence from meat.
There will be a 12noon and 7pm Mass with Confessions before / after each Mass.

Bulletin Email: There have been some issues with this system. Those with Hotmail, outlook, some gmail and other providers now have filters which mean your provider will no longer allow the system to receive the email bulletin. This affects just under three quarters of those signed up. Apparently it has something to do with companies anticipating the Governments digital ID which is to be introduced and the banning of VPN's. Therefore, with immediate effect the email Bulletin will cease. However, viewing and downloading the Bulletin from the website, (usually) posted on a Friday evening and thereafter, remains easy and is the way most Parishes. access digital bulletins.

LIFE: Pregnancy Care Box Donations—£110.00 Thank you for your support.

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

**1st Sacraments 2026:
Applications have closed for this year.**

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.



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.

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 25 January, 8 and 22 February, 8, 15 and 22 March** at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown.

To sign up please email: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

NEW MEN'S GROUP: The Oratory of St Joseph, for young Catholic or other interested laymen aged between 21 & 35. Monthly meetings at Hinsley Hall LS6 2BX, for prayer, Benediction, talks, social time & free supper. Inaugural meeting Thursday 26th February, 6.30-8.30pm. Contact: benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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!

CATHOLIC CARE THANK YOU: Catholic Care Caritas Leeds would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported their Christmas Projects this year, whether as a Parish or individually. We have been able to support those most in need with food parcels, Christmas items, toys and practical baby items. Thank you for your generosity, it really is appreciated.

VACANCIES

PRISON CHAPLAIN VACANCY: (Open to Roman Catholic Ordained Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers, Sisters, Lay Person). HMP & YOI New Hall is a closed female prison in Flockton, Wakefield serving a community of around 350 prisoners. Many of our prisoners have complex needs and have lived chaotic lifestyles, therefore this role is both challenging and rewarding in equal measure.

Further details at: <https://jobs.justice.gov.uk/careers/JobDetail/13870?entityId=13870>
Closing date: 4th February 2026 For further information/informal chat please contact:

Rev. Lesley Greenwood-Haigh Lesley.GreenwoodHaigh@justice.gov.uk

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School, Wakefield.

Start: September 2026 or earlier. Closing date: Monday 23rd February 2026.

For an informal and confidential conversation about the role, please contact Rob Barraclough, Acting CEO, The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust on 01924 802285, rbarraclough@bkcat.uk Visit <https://www.bkcat.co.uk/vacancies/> for more details and to apply.

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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