

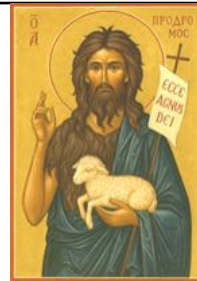
# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish

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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning 02/05/26	Intention
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 5th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
SUN	10am	5th Sunday of Easter	Simon
Mon	9:30am	Feast of the English Martyrs	Vincent McGowan
Tues	9:30am	Eastertide weekday	Don Kellett
Wed	<b>NB: 9:30am</b>	Eastertide weekday	Joseph Hartley
Thurs	9:30am	St John of Beverley	Dorothy Munns
Fri	<b>NB: 7pm</b>	Eastertide weekday (Anniversary of Pope Leo's Election)	Dr John Gallagher
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 6th Week of Easter	Ruth Burton
SUN	10am	6th Week of Easter	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: 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.*



**PLEASE NOTE THE MASS TIMES CHANGES ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY— BOTH ARE UNAVOIDABLE, my apologies for the inconvenience.**

**N.B. We currently have only intermittent email and internet access. The coming week BT will be 'installing' new lines to 'improve connectivity'... Your patience would be appreciated.**

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

**The final Required Preparation Day for 1st Holy Communion will be 9th of May 2026.** Once they have completed the required Preparation Days dates for 1st Holy Communion, throughout the summer months, may be booked.



Cake Stall after Mass, with refreshments. Everyone welcome!



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

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

**A message of thanks from the Gallagher family:**

*"The Family of Dr John Gallagher would like to say a huge thank you to all who attended Dad's funeral. Not many people who reach the age of 99 could boast a full church at their funeral and we see it as a true reflection of how much Dad was loved and respected in the parish and in the town where he served. Your presence and your singing lifted us all.*

*Thank you also for your generous donations to CAFOD, a charity he supported for many years.*

*A huge donation of £503.20 has been made in his memory. God bless you all".*

**Throughout the month of May, the month of Our Lady,**

there will be a voluntary decade of the Holy Rosary after Mass.

We will pray with and for the Holy's Father's intention for this month:

*'That everyone might have food'.*



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

### Reflection:

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks directly to troubled hearts: "Do not let your hearts be troubled... I am the way, the truth, and the life." He offers not an escape from difficulty but a relationship strong enough to carry us through it.

In him, the Father is already close, already present, already guiding.

The early Church in Acts (1st Reading) shows what this trust looks like in practice. The Church community encounters its first internal struggle. Even the early Church was not perfect, it struggled with imperfect people. Faced with real needs and real tensions, the community responds with wisdom, service and shared responsibility. When the Church cares for the overlooked, the Gospel takes root and grows. Christians have long wrestled with how faith and good works fit together. Scripture holds both in a creative tension rather than a competition. **We are saved by God's grace**, not by our own achievements; faith is always the starting point. Yet genuine faith never remains idle. As the Letter of James puts it, "faith without works is dead." A living relationship with Christ naturally expresses itself in mercy, justice and service. The early Church understood this well. In Acts, the apostles respond to the needs of neglected widows not by preaching alone but by creating structures of care. Their faith leads to concrete action, and the community grows. Peter reminds us that we are "a royal priesthood," chosen not for privilege but for mission — to make God's goodness visible. Faith roots us in Christ; good works reveal Christ through us. They are not rivals but partners. Faith is the flame, and good works are its light. When both burn together, the world sees the love of God more clearly.

(2nd Reading) Peter reminds us who we are in this mission: **living stones** built into a spiritual house, a people chosen to make God's goodness visible. Our faith is not a private possession but a shared calling. Christ is the cornerstone; we are the stones he shapes into a place of mercy, justice and hope.

This Sunday invites us to trust Jesus more deeply, serve one another more generously and remember that God is building something beautiful with our lives.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of May:

Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him this May in praying 'that everyone might have food'.

He released the monthly "Pray with the Pope" video on Thursday, which is prepared by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

In his prayer, the Pope recognized with sorrow that millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger.

Lamenting that so many goods are wasted at our tables, Pope Leo prayed that the Lord may "awaken in us a new awareness: that we learn to give thanks for every food, to consume simply, to share with joy, and to care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from You, destined for all, not just a few."

He prayed that Jesus make us capable of "transforming the logic of selfish consumption into a culture of solidarity," through our communities by promoting concrete gestures, including awareness campaigns, food banks, and a sober and responsible lifestyle.

"You who sent us Your beloved Son Jesus, broken bread for the life of the world," Pope Leo prayed, "give us a new heart, hungry for justice and thirsty for fraternity."

Pope Leo concluded by praying, "may no one be excluded from the common table, and may Your Spirit teach us to see bread not as an object of consumption but as a sign of communion and care. Amen."

### 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/>

#### FULL TIME SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS RE CLASS TEACHER VACANCY:

Required 1st September 2026. St John's Catholic Specialist School, Boston Spa. For further details or to arrange a visit, contact Mrs Karen Holt – karen.holt@stjohns.org.uk (01937 842144).

Closing Date: Friday 8th May 2026, Interviews: week commencing 18th May 2026.

To download an application pack <https://www.stjohns.org.uk/work-with-us/vacancies>

**CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT:** Senior Residential Childcare Workers & Residential Childcare Workers needed for our new children's residential home in Wakefield.

Also a Deputy Manager to work with our children's homes in Keighley and Wakefield.

Please see our website for a recruitment pack or email [Alexandra.smith@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:Alexandra.smith@catholic-care.org.uk).

**CATHOLIC CARE IS RECRUITING:** Support Worker, Salary: £26,045 **Post:** Full Time, 37 hours per week (shift patterns to include weekends and bank holidays) Location: Leeds.

Closing Date: until position filled. See website for full details. [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.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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