

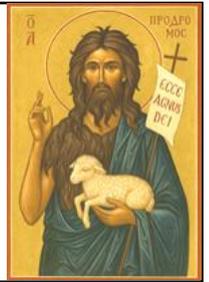
St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish

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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning 21/03/26	Intention
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 5th Sunday in Lent	Gordon Douglas
SUN	10am	5th Sunday in Lent	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9:30am	Weekday of Lent	Valerie, Thomas and Jane Ellis. Paul Morris
Tues	9:30am	Weekday of Lent	Michael & Margaret Fox
Wed	12noon	Solemnity of the Annunciation (Lady Day)	Mary McDonnell
Thurs	9:30am	Weekday of Lent	SVP Intentions
Fri	9:30am	Weekday of Lent - followed by Stations - also at 7pm	Special Intentions (RJ)
SAT	6pm	Vigil for Palm Sunday (Clocks Forward 1 hour)	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
SUN	10am	Palm Sunday (Beginning in the Hall)	Pat Mumby's Intentions.

Confessions: Before Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:15—5:45pm or on request in Church

Alms Box supporting - Bethlehem Hospice

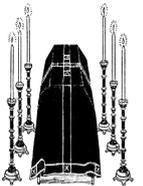
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Sick List: Please remember in your prayer: Molly Newton, Marie Vella, Connor Harrington, Simon MacDermott, Dr John Gallagher, Trevor Durant, John Ellis, Eddie Gillen, Peter Farrell, Ann Cunningham, Julie Morrison, Pascalina Notsi, Shelia Kaye, Lynne Hartill, Justin Martin, Grahame Walker, Margaret Crompton, Jimmy Bradley, John O'Hara.

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Dianne McDermott who passed away in Filey. Please remember her family in your prayers. *May she rest in peace.*

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Donald Purdy. Please remember Gwen and family in you prayers. Donald's Funeral service will be on Monday 30th March at 1:45pm. *May he rest in peace.*



In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of John McGowan who died peacefully, fortified with the Rites of Mother Church, last weekend. Please remember Kath and all the family in your prayers. John's Requiem will at 11:30 on Wed 8th April. *May he rest in peace.*

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Marcus, Bishop of Leeds as the Apostolic Administrator of Hallam as well as Middlesbrough with a view to ever closer union of the three Dioceses, perhaps into one. This is a huge task entrusted to him, please remember him in your prayers.

Students from St. Wilfrid's will be fundraising this weekend.

Every year, our Youth Pilgrims are an essential part of the Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes as they learn about putting their faith into action by being of invaluable service to the sick and elderly as they offer their support during the Pilgrimage. Your support is very much appreciated.



Many congratulations to David and Kathleen McDonnell on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They will celebrate their 60th years of marriage on 26th March. May the Lord continue to bless them. Ad multos annos!

Lenten Series - Tuesdays at 7pm in the hall.
Stations of the Cross after Friday morning Mass and at 7pm.

Would those to be Baptised, Received into Full Communion, Confirmed please speak to Fr Mark after either weekend Mass.

1st Sacraments 2026:

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.

N.B.

Inclusion on the Sick list must have the knowledge and consent of either the named person or immediate family. Inclusion of death notice must have the consent of immediate family and or of the person arranging the funeral.

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

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LENTEN DAY OF RECONCILIATION AT THE CATHEDRAL: Tuesday 24th March, 7.00am – 7.00pm.
Confessions available all day with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE IS RECRUITING: Social Worker. Part time available to work 18.05 hours a week. Salary £32,105 - £37,018 pro rata, location: West Yorkshire. (Full UK Driving Licence Required). Email your CV or completed Application Form to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk. Please see website for full details: www.catholic-care.org.uk

CATHOLIC CARE IS RECRUITING: Service Manager – Adult LD Services – Fixed Term for 6 months Salary £34,033 - £35,940 pro rata. Based across Leeds & Calderdale. Send CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

Easter Egg and Wine Raffle:

There are three hampers with (very nice!!) bottles of wine and Easter Eggs in the Easter Raffle. Tickets are £1 each. Funds to the Lighting Appealing. Tickets on sale in the Narthex.

Wine Tasting Night - Hold the Date!

The annual Wine Tasting Night is back! Join us on Friday 10th April from 19:30 in the Canon O'Grady Memorial Hall. Tickets are limited to 60 and cost £10 per person. **Ticket sales commence before and after Sunday Mass from the 22nd March**, and the Sundays before the event - you can pay via card or cash.

Raffle Prize Donations – Wine Tasting Evening (Friday, 10th April)

For our upcoming Wine Tasting Evening, we will be holding a raffle to raise funds for the parish. Tickets will be available beforehand, and you don't need to attend the event to take part in the raffle. We would be very grateful for donations of prizes. **Please bring your contribution to the narthex, clearly marked "raffle donation."**

Thank you for helping us make this a memorable and successful evening!

Fundraising and Social Group

Would you like to support fundraising activities or lead events for the Church? After Sunday Mass on 22nd March at 11:15am in the Canon O'Grady Memorial Hall, meet the group and join us in generating ideas to support our parish community. If you're unable to meet and you'd still like to get involved please speak with Tina Connell or Adam Layland (agclayland@gmail.com).

HOLY WEEK AND SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - Vigil 6pm
Sunday 10am (Beginning in the Hall)

Monday of Holy Week - 9:30am

Tuesday of Holy Week - 9:30am

Spy Wednesday - 12noon

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7pm.

'Watching' for one hour after reposing the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 3pm

Stations - 7pm

Holy Saturday morning:

Polish Blessing of Paschal Food -

Święconka - 11am

Solemn Easter Vigil - 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Morning - 10 am

Thank you to a donor for the anonymous donation of £5000 towards the Lighting Appeal!

Thank you for the CATHOLIC CARE ANNUAL APPEAL Collection of £261.00

The statues are veiled as we prepare for Palm Sunday (clocks go forward 1 hr) and the beginning of Holy Week and Sacred Triduum. We will have an adult Baptism, a Reception into Full Communion and several Confirmations this year. Please pray for them all as they take these life changing steps and receive the grace of the Sacraments.

Please note that there will be extra Confessions Mon, Tues and Wed of Holy Week which will be announced in the bulletin next week.

Readers: new rotas are available in the Narthex.

Sacred Triduum is a separate list.

Ministers and Stewards: Rotas and lists are also available in the Narthex.

Foot Washing / Mandatum: Please sign up!!!!

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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