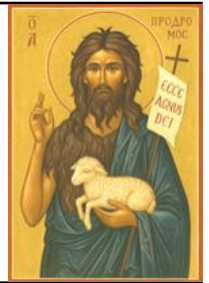


# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish

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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning 09/05/26	Intention
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 6th Sunday of Easter	Ruth Burton
SUN	10am	6th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9:30am	Weekday of Eastertide	Diane McDermott
Tues	9:30am 12noon	Weekday of Eastertide Funeral Service for Richard Swann	John Watton
Wed	12noon	Our Lady of Fatima	Angela Pell
Thurs	9:30am 7pm	Holy Day of Obligation - Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo) Richard Swann
Fri	9:30am	Weekday of Eastertide	Rev Fr P. O'Keeffe
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 7th Week of Easter	Kenneth and Patricia Mitchell
SUN	10am	7th 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.**

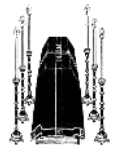
Richard's Funeral will be Tuesday 12th May at 12noon.

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

**In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Roger Savilla**

who died 30th April. Roger's funeral will be 27th May.

Please remember his family in your prayers. *May he rest in peace.*



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

**The final Required Preparation Day for 1st Holy Communion will be at 10am 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!



Normanton SVP meetings are now being held in the Narthex at 7.15 on the last Thursday of the month with the next one on the 28th May 2026. If you wish to find out a little more about the SVP come along to the meetings.

The SVP also wants to thank people for the continued donations that are accepted at the back of the church (placed in the wicker basket). These are greatly appreciated by The Well Food Bank In Normanton and the SVP shop in Wakefield.



**The month of May:**

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'.*

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

the Crowning of Our Lady, as Queen of the May.

It is the Sunday between the Ascension and Pentecost, which was the original novena, when the Apostles gathered with the mother of the Lord to await the birth of the Church.

**Please bring flowers to honour Our Lady in this month special devotion to her.**



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

### “Starting from Jerusalem”

Four evening meetings beginning Monday 1st June also 8th, 15th and 22nd at 7 –8:30pm in Canon O’Grady Hall. With the success of the Deanery Masses last year these talks and discussion are aimed at the Deanery and will be given by Provost Canon Aveyard, PP of Castleford and myself.

The first will be on the site, development and recent archaeology of the Holy Sepulchre (the tomb of the Lord) in Jerusalem. Provost Aveyard will lead the second and third sessions on the Eucharist, its development and meaning. Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments available.

### REFLECTION:

The readings for this 6th Sunday of Easter draw us into the heart of Christian discipleship:

the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and the call to live our faith with courage, clarity and love.

**1st Reading: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17** — Philip’s mission in Samaria shows the Gospel breaking through boundaries. His preaching brings healing, freedom and “*great joy in that city.*” Yet the story also highlights the early Church’s unity: Peter and John come to lay hands on the new believers so they may receive the Holy Spirit. This reminds us that faith is never a private possession. It is shared, strengthened and confirmed within the community of believers.

**2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15–18** — Peter urges the early Christians to “*always be ready to give an explanation for the hope that is in you,*” but to do so with respect and reverence. In a world that often misunderstands or dismisses faith, Peter’s words are a needed challenge. Our witness is meant to be confident, compassionate and rooted in Christ, who suffered for us and leads us to God.

**John 14:15–21** — “*I will not leave you orphaned*”

In the Gospel, Jesus prepares His disciples for His departure. He promises the **Advocate**, the Spirit of truth, who will remain with them forever. This is not a distant or abstract promise.

Jesus assures us of a relationship that continues beyond His earthly life:

*“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”*

*“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.”*

*“I will not leave you orphaned.”*

These words speak directly to every moment when we feel uncertain, overwhelmed, or alone.

The Spirit is God’s abiding presence comforting, guiding, strengthening and reminding us that we belong to Christ.

### Blessed Sacrament Procession: York Oratory 7th June.

The Procession begins at St George’s Church, Peel Street, York YO1 9ZP at 3pm and goes, via the Shrine of St Margaret Clitherow on The Shambles, to the Oratory Church of St Wilfrid, Duncombe Place YO1 7EE for approx. 4pm Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Marcus. The route is approx. 1 mile.

### 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 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.



### 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/>

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION & SOLEMN VESPERS:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 3.00pm, St Mary’s Church, Batley. We will be hosting our annual Blessed Sacrament Procession followed by Solemn Vespers on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord, 3.00pm. Beginning on the grounds of St Mary’s Primary School and processing to St Mary’s Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the celebration of Solemn Vespers. Refreshments available in the school hall afterwards.

**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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