

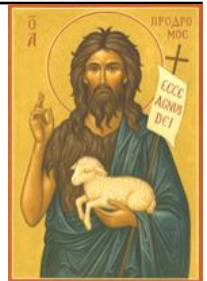
St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish





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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning 16/05/26	Intention
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 7th Sunday of Easter	Kenneth and Patricia Mitchell
SUN	10am	6th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9:30am	Weekday of Eastertide	Teresa & Nick Elliott's Intentions
Tues	---	No Parish Mass	Ex Voto
Wed	12noon	Weekday of Eastertide	Mike Withers
Thurs	7pm	Weekday of Eastertide	Helen and John Hogan
Fri	9:30am	Weekday of Eastertide (Rosary & Adoration into 10:30am)	John and Sarah Byrne
SAT	6pm	 Vigil of Pentecost 	Norman and Bernadette Richardson
SUN	10am	 Solemnity of the Pentecost 	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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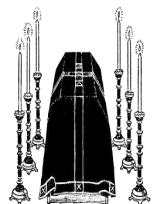
Sick List: Please remember in your prayer: Marie Vella, Connor Harrington, Simon MacDermott, Trevor Durant, John Ellis, Eddie Gillen, Ann Cunningham, Julie Morrison, Pascalina Notsi, Shelia Kaye, Lynne Hartill, Justin Martin, Grahame Walker, Margaret Crompton, Jimmy Bradley, John O'Hara, Zakiia Horodnichenko, Erik Zaskalko and Peter Roche.

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Roger Savilla
Please remember his family in your prayers. *May he rest in peace.*

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Saul
Please pray for Chris Saul and all the family. *May she rest in peace.*

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Sylvia Hartley
who died on 11th May aged 99 yrs.

Please remember her daughter, Lynne Harthill, David and the family in your prayers.
Sylvia's funeral will be at 2.20pm, Wednesday 27th May at Pontefract Crem. *May she rest in peace.*



"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.

Nota Bene:

There is no parish Mass on Tuesday.

Mass on Thursday will be at 7pm.

There will be Rosary and Adoration until 10:30am after Mass on Friday morning.

Congratulations to Mark and Kathryn Harris
who will celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary next Sunday (24th May).

Ad multos annos!

(We wish Mark good luck for the Parole Board meeting)



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'.*

This SUNDAY: honouring 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

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.



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.

Reflection for the 7th Sunday of Eastertide:

"That they may be one, as we are one." (John 17:11)

As the Church waits between Ascension and Pentecost, today's readings draw us into the same upper room where the disciples gathered with Mary, mother of the Lord and mother of the Church. They are uncertain, but they stay together.

Their unity becomes the place where the Holy Spirit will soon descend.

Jesus' prayer in the Gospel is simple and urgent: "Father, make them one." The early Fathers saw this unity as the heart of Christian life—St. John Chrysostom wrote that the Church grew because believers were "of one heart and one soul."

However, Unity does not mean sameness; St. Augustine compared it to a choir where different voices create one harmony, greater than any single voice.

In a world marked by loud voices shouting in unison but manifest division; and where 'connectivity' too often reveals spiritual and psychological loneliness, Jesus' prayer is more needed than ever. Unity is built in small acts: listening, striving to forgive, welcoming, and choosing peace over pride., living with intention and obedience to the Gospel message of love.

As we prepare for Pentecost, let us, like Our Lady and the Apostles wait upon and listen for the voice of the Lord in our prayer, in our relationships, in his Sacraments and Word.

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.



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.*

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 7th 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 GARDEN PARTY: Join us on Sunday 19th July 12.30pm at Catholic Care Head Office for our summer fundraiser! Enjoy live music from Voices of Yorkshire, a BBQ, games, raffles, cakes and more. Browse the clothes and book sale, try henna and relax with friends and family. Free entry and all proceeds support Catholic Care's vital work in the local community.

SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPIST VACANCY: required as soon as possible, hours up to 37 per week, term time only would be considered. 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 5th June 2026, 12Noon, Interviews: date to be confirmed.

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

FULL TIME SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS RE CLASS TEACHER VACANCY: Required 1st Sept 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 5th June 2026, 12 Noon, Interviews: date to be confirmed. To download an application pack

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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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