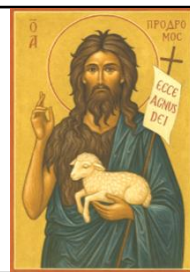


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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning – 15/08/26	Intention
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady	Kathleen Hardwick
Sun	10am	Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9:30am	Feria	Sheila and Brian Naughton
Tues	9:30am	Feria	Winne, Cecily, Teresa & Mary-Ellen Byrne
Wed	9:30am	Feria (MASS TIME CHANGE)	Sobkowiak family
Thurs	7pm	St Bernard of Clairvaux	Michael McDonnell
Fri	9:30am	Pope St Pius X (Adoration to 10:30)	Tom Holmes
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Richard and Mary Bourke
Sun	10am	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

Confessions: Saturday - 5:15pm - 5:45pm or on request in Church

Alms Box – Bethlehem Hospice Care

Parish Website QR code



PLEASE NOTE THE MASS TIME ON WEDNESDAY

Sick List: 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, Connor Harrington, Gloria Lenord and Margaret Reape.

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Kenneth Harrison who died 2nd August. Kenneth's Requiem Mass will be in St John's at 11am on 24th August. May he rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 CELEBRATION:

The children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion this year will celebrate together and with the Parish on SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER. There will be a 'Shared Table' after the morning Mass, so please bring food along to share and celebrate.

Mission Boxes:

Mission Boxes (or the contents emptied into a bag) can be left at the Sacristy. We will count them and forward the donations to the Missions. Thank you for your support!



The next SVP meeting will take place on the 27th August 2026 after the evening Mass at 7.45pm. Please come along to see what the SVP are doing in Normanton.

CPR and Basic First Aid:

For those who have signed up, the dates are as follows in the Parish Hall:
Monday 7th September 19:00 (Resuscitation) Monday 5th October from 19:00 (Basic First Aid)

Race Night - Hold the Date! We are off to the races!

Don't let this one slip past the post - hold Friday 9th October in your diaries for our annual Race Night! Full details of this fun night will be available soon!

The re-lighting Project will begin 1st of September for about 3/4 weeks. Although Sunday Masses will be in Church, during the week Mass will be in the Hall. Funerals during this time will have the option of using St Joseph's, Castleford or St Mary Magdalene's, Altofts.

I am grateful to Provost Aveyard and to Fr David for this hospitality if required and appropriate.

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

DIOCESAN:

Leeds Walsingham Way: is a new joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi! Full information and links for Leeds, Hallam and Middlesbrough Day Pilgrims to sign up for any of the days walking through Leeds or Hallam Dioceses here:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/> All welcome to join the start, 8am Pilgrims' Mass, Saturday 12 September at Leeds Cathedral, followed by walk to Wakefield. Sunday 8am Mass at St Austin's, Wakefield, followed by walk into Hallam Diocese.

Leeds Cathedral – August Timetable Information:

Leeds Cathedral is undertaking some essential works to upgrade the lighting system throughout August. The Cathedral will be unable to open on weekdays for the duration of the works. Monday – Wednesday in Cathedral Hall: Access from 11.30am, Rosary at 12noon, Mass at 12.30pm. Thursday & Friday in Cathedral Hall: Access from 10am, Rosary at 10.30am, Mass at 11am. Mass will be held in the Cathedral at 5.30pm on Fridays (Access from 5pm, Evening Prayer at 5.10pm), and at the usual times on Saturday and Sunday.

There will be no confessions on weekdays.

Catholic Men's Group (21-35) "The Oratory of St Joseph".

Helping young Catholic men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saint that God is calling them to be – Prayer, Guest speakers, Social time and Supper, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm, Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane. Leeds. LS6 2BX. oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk X: @oratorystjoseph Instra: @oratoryofstjoseph Threads: @oratoryofstjoseph Poster in the narthex with QR code.

MARCH FOR LIFE, LONDON: Saturday 5th September. A coach will leave Harrogate at 5am and pick up at St Winefride's Bradford (BD61ST), where there is plentiful parking, at 6am. Mass will be celebrated at 5.30am at St Winefride's for anybody who is available! We will also pick people up in Sheffield en route. The coach will leave Parliament Square (SW1P 3JX) at 6pm and return via Sheffield, Bradford and Harrogate. Return fare: £40. To book: office.marymotherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk/01274 677992.

Vacancies:

Bishop Marcus and the Diocesan Trustees: are still seeking volunteers as independent members to join a newly established Audit and Risk Committee. The commitment is four meetings a year. This would be a two-to-three year commitment as discussions and consultations about bringing together the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam progress; and would be of great value in a process of unification. We are seeking those who have skills or experience in the areas of Audit, Risk, Finance and Governance. For further information please contact Carla Stockton-Jones, Trustee: carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or Mgr Andrew Summersgill, Moderator of the Curia andrew.summersgill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Catholic Care recruitment: Full time, part time and temporary Adult Learning Disability service Support Workers required: Leeds, Skipton, Bradford, Todmorden. Waking Nights Support Worker – Sutton-in-Craven. Support Worker Salary: £26,045 pro rata. Community Development Worker: Huddersfield. Salary £28,193 pro rata for 6 hours per week. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers for Keighley & Wakefield. £15.07 per hour inclusive. Please see website for further details and application form or email recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

REFLECTION

The glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a feast of hope, joy and promise.

In Mary, we see the fulfilment of God's saving plan. Having faithfully welcomed God's word and devoted her life to Christ, she is taken body and soul into heavenly glory. Her Assumption is a singular privilege granted to her as 'Mother of God', but also a sign of what God desires for all who remain faithful to Him. In the Gospel, Mary proclaims her hymn of praise: *"My soul glorifies the Lord"* (Luke 1:46). Her life was rooted in humility and trust. She did not seek greatness for herself, yet God raised her up because she surrendered completely to His will. Her song reminds us that God continues to lift up the lowly, strengthen the weak and fulfil His promises. Saint Paul's words assure us that Christ's resurrection is the source of our own hope. As Christ has been raised from the dead, so too are we called to share in His victory over sin and death. Our Lady's Assumption stands as the first and most beautiful fruit of that promise. Where she has gone, we hope to follow. In a world often marked by uncertainty and anxiety, this feast invites us to look beyond present struggles and fix our eyes on the destiny God has prepared for His people. Mary points us towards heaven, not as an escape from the world, but as the goal that gives meaning to our daily lives. May Our Lady intercede for our parish and for all families. Following her example of faith, humility and service, may we learn to trust more deeply in God's promises and rejoice in the hope of eternal life.

"Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Luke 1:45)

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.

MASS PARTS:

Kyrie eleison.
Christi eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus.
Dominus Deus Sabaoth!
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venti
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
Miserere nobis.
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Miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
Dona nobis pacem.

Join the Catholic Medical Association:

Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, visit:

<https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

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

For evangelization in the city Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

EASYFUNDRAISING, a fantastic online platform that enables you to raise **FREE donations with every purchase you make - it won't cost you a penny!** With 8000+ participating retailers, each purchase earns a free donation for your church restoration! Signing up is easy - just use this

link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/st-john-the-baptist-catholic-church-normanton/>

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QR code in the narthex for those who wish to donate to the Parish via the internet, or scan here: