



# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish

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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning 23/03/24	Intention
SAT	6pm	Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Gordon Douglas
SUN	10am	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9:30am	Monday of Holy Week	Michael Fox
Tues	9:30am	Tuesday of Holy Week	Matt & Gwen Kieley
Wed	12noon	Spy Wednesday (Confessions after Mass)	Mary McDonnell
		<b>SACRED TRIDUUM</b>	
Thurs	7pm	Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Fri	3pm 7pm	Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's passion Stations	Mass is not celebrated anywhere in the world; instead we recall the Lord's Passion.
SAT	11am	Blessing of Paschal Food	
SAT	6:30pm	SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL	Maggie, Tommy, Richard & Elisabeth
SUN	10am	EASTER SUNDAY	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)



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

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Alms Box dedicated to the support Christians in the Holy Land.



**Lenten Confessions: Before Saturday this weekend Vigil Mass as normal.  
After Sunday and Wednesday Masses this week. Before and after Vigil  
and after Sunday Mass next weekend (Palm Sunday)  
N. B. There are no Confessions during Triduum (Maundy Thursday to Easter)**

**PALM SUNDAY MASS BEGINS IN THE HALL BEFORE PROCESSING TO THE CHURCH.  
PLEASE NOTE: THE TOILETS ARE OUT OF ORDER IN THE HALL AND SHOULD NOT BE USED.**

**Sick List:** Please remember in your prayer: Billy Webb, Eddie Gillen, Kathleen Hyde, Molly Newton, George & Kaye Gunn, Emily Land, Patrick Sullivan, Marie Vella, Samantha Holland, Connor Harrington, Dianne McDermott, Mary Newman, Dr John Gallagher, Sylvia Fradgley, Ruth Burton, Jimmy Molloy, Justin Davis, Mary Waterson, Henry Moorhouse, Catherine Munnelly. Please remember Dorothy Wedgwood who has had a stroke and is in hospital.

**Easter Vigil is not a normal Vigil Mass, it is 'mother of all Vigils'. It begins outside at the Paschal Fire, has several readings and this year, three adult baptisms and four Confirmations.  
The time has changed since last weeks bulletin and is now 6:30pm.**



**Please remember in your prayers: Maggie, Tommy and Richard who will be baptised and Elisabeth who will be Received into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil  
All four will be Confirmed and receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion, which completes their Christian Initiation.**

**The Bishop will make his Quinquennial Visitation to the Parish on the 7th April, Divine Mercy weekend. He will also award the Diocesan Medals at the 10am Sunday Mass.**



**First Holy Communion Work Books are available to collect after Vigil or Sunday Mass from this weekend.**

**Readers for Holy Week: there is a sign-up list in the Narthex for Holy Week and Triduum.**

**Repository: The stall in the Narthex has Easer cards and other gifts. Easter Candles will also be available soon.**

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

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the retiring collection at the Requiem Mass for Dorothy Holley, £527 plus gift aid was sent to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal by Dorothy's family in her memory.

**As I mentioned a few weeks ago, the 200 Club Draw will be drawn as before by myself, Sarah and a witness with a random number generator, videoed for future verification and the winners published as normal on the notice board.**

**URGENT APPEAL FOR MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME:** The Little Sisters of the Poor have had to take the heart breaking decision to close their Leeds Care Home after RAAC concrete was found in 95% of the roof. Over the next few months all 62 residents must be re-homed and over 90 staff face redundancy. The Sisters must meet costs upwards of £500,000 to keep everyone safe until all residents have been found new homes. More details here:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/urgent-appeal/>.



### Diocesan:

#### PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS:

Preparations are now underway for the second session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome this October 2024. For further information on this stage of the synodal process and to submit any reflections please visit the diocesan synodal webpages: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission/>.

**CATHOLIC CARE:** If you would like to become a **Friend of Catholic Care** please visit our website:

[Friends of Catholic Care - Catholic Care \(catholic-care.org.uk\)](https://www.catholic-care.org.uk)

If you are able to make a regular contribution you can set up a standing order. Bank details: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds) 05-00-20; 11472611. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact us for a Gift Aid form: [finance@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:finance@catholic-care.org.uk).

**TRUSTEES VACANCIES:** Catholic Care is seeking to recruit new trustees to increase the breadth of knowledge and experience on its established Board of Trustees. Applicants with experience of property management are particularly welcome. If you want to live your faith through action we would welcome an application from you. For further information and if you are interested in applying, please visit [www.catholic-care.org.uk](https://www.catholic-care.org.uk).

**THE TWELVE ARE RECRUITING!:** The Twelve, the Diocesan Youth Leadership Team, are recruiting Catholic young people in Years 8-12 to continue their work of collaborating with Bishop Marcus on Diocesan decision making, giving voice to young people on Diocesan matters and priorities. Could you, or someone you know, be the next member of The Twelve?

To apply, email Ryan Wilkinson at [youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) for a recruitment pack.

**THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS APPEAL SERVICE:** are recruiting panel members to hear appeals by parents for Diocesan school places. Voluntary role. Travel expenses can be claimed and full training will be provided. Appeal panels consist of lay members of the community and those from an educational background. The training session will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1- 4pm, Hinsley Hall. For further information, please contact Emma [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE:** On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> (Silver), 40<sup>th</sup> (Ruby), 50<sup>th</sup> (Golden), 60<sup>th</sup> (Diamond) and 70<sup>th</sup> (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church.

#### LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

The next annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Marcus Stock and is being organised through Tangney Tours. More information and booking available at [Diocese https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage/](https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage/) of Leeds – Lourdes Pilgrimage



Holy Week is the central week of the Christian year and celebrates in ritual form the mysteries of our salvation. The readings, ritual, symbols and prayer lead us in worship and adoration of the Lord who calls us to be disciples, friends and members of His body, the Church. In a 'culture' that seeks to remove the Christian faith and Gospel and replace it with other philosophies it is important that we come together to strengthen our faith in this grace filled week and season.



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