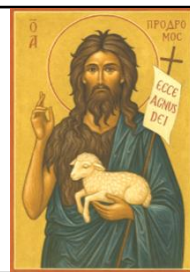


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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning – 22/08/26	Intention
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Richard and Mary Bourke
Sun	10am	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	11am	Requiem Mass	Kenneth Harrison
Tues	9:30am	Feria	Gill Dixon
Wed	12noon	Bl Dominic of the Mother of God	Dr John Gallagher
Thurs	7pm	St Monica	William Barry
Fri	9:30am	St Augustine (Adoration to 10:30)	Delia and Jack Crane
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Sun	10am	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Intention

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

Alms Box – Bethlehem Hospice Care

Parish Website QR code



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, 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.

Dzieci, które w tym roku przystąpiły do Pierwszej Komunii Świętej, będą świętować razem ze sobą oraz z całą parafią w NIEDZIELĘ, 6 WRZEŚNIA. Po porannej Mszy Świętej odbędzie się „Wspólny Stół”, dlatego prosimy o przyniesienie jedzenia, którym będzie można się podzielić, aby wspólnie świętować tę okazję.

A very sincere thanks to Pat Mumby who raised £520 from the Tea on the Tow Path! Thank you to everyone who supported the event. Please remember Pat in your prayers and her sister who died the week before the event. *May she rest in peace.*

Thank you also for the £97.00 from the recent BBQ Raffle!

Also, thank you to the ladies (and gents) who each month bake and sell, the now famous, cakes and buns, after Mass on the Cake Stall!! And to Bridie, Maureen and Anne who provide the refreshments after Sunday Mass every single week!

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)

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.

THERE IS A PASTORAL LETTER TO BE READ AT BOTH MASSES THIS WEEKEND.

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

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!

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 Instr: @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: Registered Manager for our children's home in Keighley. Full time – 37 hours. Salary: £48,031 - £52,282. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers also needed - £15.07 per hour. Support Workers required for Adult Learning Disability services in Leeds – salary £26,045 pro rata. Please email cv to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

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

Reflection for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

"But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15)

Today's Gospel brings us to the heart of Christian faith. Jesus asks His disciples a simple but profound question: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responds with courage and conviction: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus then entrusts Peter with a special mission, making him the rock upon which He will build His Church. This question is not only for Peter and the disciples. It is directed to each one of us. We may know what others say about Jesus, but faith becomes real only when we answer personally. Is Jesus merely a figure from history, or is He the Lord who guides my life, comforts me in sorrow, and calls me to follow Him each day? The first reading reminds us that authority and responsibility come from God. Eliakim is chosen to serve God's people faithfully, not for his own glory. In the same way, Peter's role is one of St Paul, in the second reading, marvels at the wisdom of God. We do not always understand God's plans, but we are invited to trust Him. His wisdom is greater than our own, and His love never fails. As we reflect on today's readings, let us ask ourselves: *Who is Jesus for me?* May our answer be more than words. May it be seen in our prayer, our compassion, our forgiveness, our courage to be conspicuous Catholics and our commitment to living as His disciples.

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.

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