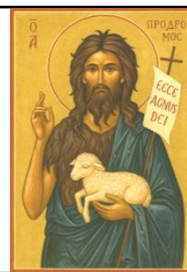


St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish

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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning – 26/09/26	Intention
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	C Christopher Brennan
Sun	10am	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	C People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9am	St Wenceslaus	C Special Intentions
Tues	9am	Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	C Fr Maurice Deuille
Wed	9am	St Jerome	C Salman family and intentions
Thurs	9am	St Theresa of Lisieux	C Vincent P McGowan
Fri	9am	Guardian Angels (1 st Friday – Confessions after Mass)	C Jeff Dixon
Sat	10am	1 st Saturday - Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart	C Helen Wilkinson (YB)
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	C Richard Swann
Sun	10am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	C 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



Sick List: E Gillen, A Cunningham, J Morrison, P Notsi, S Kaye, L Hartill, G Walker, M Crompton, J Bradley, J O'Hara, Z Horodnichenko, E Zaskalko, C Harrington, G Lenord, M Reape, G Walker, L Wise.

Basic First Aid: For those who have signed up, Monday 5th October from 7pm in the Parish Hall:

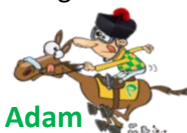


St Joseph's Castelford and St John's, Normanton series of presentations on the Catholic Church will begin on Monday 5th at Castelford. This would be useful for those who are already Catholics but who might like to learn a bit more and those who are not Catholics but want an introduction to the faith. All are welcome to all or specific sessions. The dates and topics are:

5 October	I believe in God.	12 October	Incarnate of the Virgin Mary
19 October	He suffered death and rose again	26 October	I believe in the holy, catholic Church
9 November	I believe in the communion of saints	16 November	Sacraments: outward signs of inward grace.

RACE NIGHT – 9th October – 7pm (1st Race- 7:30pm)
Tickets are £10 per person which includes Pie and Pea Supper.

Bar on Site (only drinks from the Bar are permitted) Tickets are available from James or Adam or email stjohn.tickets@gmail.com



1st Confession and 1st Holy Communion 2027

APPLICATIONS FOR 1ST CONFESSION FOR YEAR 4 CHILDREN CLOSE THIS WEEKEND.

CHILDREN WISHING TO MAKE THEIR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2027 (ALSO YEAR 4) MUST HAVE PREPARED FOR AND MADE THEIR 1ST CONFESSION AND BE PRACTICING CATHOLICS.

THE MANDATORY PREPARATION DAY FOR 1ST CONFESSION IS 28TH NOVEMBER 2026

Pierwsza Spowiedź Święta i Pierwsza Komunia Święta 2027

Zgłoszenia dzieci z klasy 4 do przygotowania do Pierwszej Spowiedzi Świętej przyjmowane są tylko do końca tego weekendu. Dzieci, które pragną przystąpić do Pierwszej Komunii Świętej w 2027 roku (również uczniowie klasy 4), muszą wcześniej przygotować się do Pierwszej Spowiedzi Świętej i ją odbyć. Powinny również być praktykującymi katolikami, regularnie uczestniczącymi we Mszy Świętej. Obowiązkowy dzień przygotowania do Pierwszej Spowiedzi Świętej odbędzie się 28 listopada 2026 roku.



Red Missions Boxes:

Thank you to all who have returned Mission Boxes or the contents – you sent £1000 to the Missions!

Next Weekend: Friends of the Holy Land will be making an appeal on behalf of the Christian Community remaining in the Holy Land.

October:

Month of the Holy Rosary and the Angels. 2nd is the feast of our Guardian Angels.

7th is the Feast of Our Lady of Victories (of the Holy Rosary) and

13th is the anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. There will be one decade of the Holy Rosary after all Masses for those who wish to stay (excluding Requiems) throughout October, praying for peace, the persecuted Church and the conversation of the world to Christ.



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

*I appreciate some did not like having Mass in the Hall, however, it was necessary during the work in the Church. Better Mass there than no Mass at all. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped in moving to and from the Hall and cleaning the Church; particular thanks to Angela, Robin and John and James.
There are a few 'final fixes' to deal with this coming week, but it is good to be back in the Church.*

DIOCESAN

Copies of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter are available in the narthex.

The Leeds Catholic Voice is the new free monthly newsletter for our Diocese:
Launching from weekend of 3 & 4 October, which is also the deadline for sending any articles, photographs or ideas for the November edition to communications@rcdmidd.org.uk or communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

The Lourdes Roadshow & Quiz Night Want to know more about the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes? Then come along to Lourdes Quiz/information sharing night plus Pie & Peas supper from 7pm at St Austins Parish Centre, Wentworth Terrace, Wakefield, WF1 3QN (There is a Mass at St Austins at 6:15pm on the Saturday) on Saturday 3rd October. More info & tickets available from Phil Marshall (07766 148375).

Property Office Administrator: The Diocese of Leeds, are seeking to recruit a Property Office Administrator to provide comprehensive administrative support to the Property Department, ensuring the efficient operation of the Property Department and maintaining effective communication with internal and external stakeholders. This is a full-time role of 37hrs per week, Monday to Friday. Further details can be found at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk or you can register your interest at recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date is Friday, 2 October 2026.

Duty Manager/Receptionist: Hinsley Hall, are seeking to recruit a Duty Manager/Receptionist to oversee the day to day running of the reception desk as well as being part of the receptionist team, dealing with conference/hotel guests on a day-to-day basis. Full-time role: 37.5hrs per week working 5 days out of 7 on a rotating rota, including evenings and weekends. Further details at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk or register your interest at recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date: Friday, 2 October.

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

The Nine Choirs of Angels: Christian tradition, drawing especially on Scripture speaks of **Nine choirs.**

1. **Seraphim:** the highest choir. Their name is associated with "burning ones". They signify the most intense **love, worship and contemplation of God**. In Isaiah's vision they surround God's throne crying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts" (Is 6:2-3).
2. **Cherubim:** traditionally associated with **divine knowledge, wisdom and contemplation**. In Scripture they are closely connected with the presence and holiness of God.
3. **Thrones:** traditionally understood as expressing **God's divine authority, justice and sovereignty**.
4. **Dominions:** associated with the ordering and direction of the angelic ministries.
5. **Virtues:** traditionally associated with **divine strength and the manifestation of God's power**.
6. **Powers:** associated especially with **resisting evil and maintaining the divine order**.

Third hierarchy, more directly concerned with the created world and humanity

7. **Principalities:** traditionally associated with spiritual care of **peoples, communities/ nations**.
8. **Archangels:** entrusted with particularly important missions in salvation history. **Gabriel**, for example, announces the Incarnation to Mary.
9. **Angels:** those most directly involved in the guidance and protection of individual human beings. Guardian Angels belong to this ministry. **An important theological point.** The "ranking" should not really be understood as though heaven were a military or bureaucratic organisation. The hierarchy concerns principally **closeness to God, knowledge of God and participation in his divine purposes**. The highest angels, therefore, are not those who possess the greatest independent power. **No angel has power apart from God.** The Seraphim are considered highest precisely because their existence is understood as being most completely absorbed in the contemplation and love of God. This offers a beautiful connection with the **Feast of the Guardian Angels**: the angel who accompanies an ordinary human life belongs to that immense invisible communion whose entire purpose ultimately leads back to God. The Church's belief in Guardian Angels expresses something profound about God's providence. God does not create us and then leave us to find our own way. From the beginning of our life until its end, we are surrounded by his loving care, and the angels are servants of that providence. Angels are not simply comforting figures from childhood. They are spiritual creatures who behold the face of God and serve his saving purpose. Jesus himself speaks of the angels of the who continually behold the face of his Father in heaven. Their ministry therefore has a double direction: they contemplate God and, at his command, accompany us on our pilgrimage towards him. Our Guardian Angel does not replace Christ, nor does the angel take away our freedom. Rather, the angel's task is entirely Christ-centred: to assist us in responding to grace, resisting evil, discerning what is good, and growing towards that communion with God for which we were created. This feast therefore reminds us that the Christian life is larger than the world we can see. We belong already to the communion of heaven and earth, surrounded by the saints and angels who worship God. We might renew the simple habit of speaking to our Guardian Angel, asking for help not merely to be kept safe, but above all to be kept faithful, to choose what is good, and finally to be led home to God.

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.

Pope's Intentions for October:

For mental health ministry
Let us pray that mental health
ministry be established
throughout the Church, helping
to overcome the stigma and
discrimination of persons with
mental illnesses.

The Holy Father's Prayer
Intention for the Month of
September 2026:
For the care of water: Let us
pray for a just and sustainable
management of water,
a vital resource,
so that everyone may have
equal access to it.

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

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