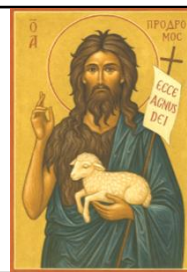


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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning – 03/10/26	Intention
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	C Richard Swann
Sun	10am	Jubilee Mass of St Francis	C People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9am	St Faustina Kowalska	C Thomas and Nora Byrne
Tues	9am	St Bruno	C Phyllis Newsome
Wed	12noon	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary	C John McGowan
Thurs	9am	Feria	C SVP Intentions
Fri	9am	St John Henry, Cardinal Newman. (Adoration to 10am)	C Richard Smith
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	C George and Betty Nelson
Sun	10am	28 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, G Walker, M Crompton, J Bradley, J O'Hara, Z Horodnichenko, E Zaskalko, C Harrington, G Lenord, M Reape, G Walker, L Wise, L Ivers.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Lynne Hartill
who, fortified with the Rite of Holy Mother Church, went to the Lord on 1st October, the feast of St Theresa of Lisieux.
Please pray for David, Caroline and all the family. Funeral arrangements to follow. *May she rest in peace.*

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Stanislaw Chocholski,
who died, aged 64 years, on 25th September. Please remember his family in your prayers.
Stan's Funeral Service will be at **Wakefield Crematorium** at 9:20am Thursday 15th October. *May he rest in peace.*

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



5 October
19 October
9 November

St Joseph's Castelford and St John's, Normanton series of presentations on the Catholic Church will begin on Monday 5th at Castleford at 7pm. I have a couple of places in my car if anyone wants a lift (6:15). The dates and topics are:

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

Final Chance for Race Night Tickets - Friday 9th October.

Don't forget your Race Night Tickets, or Horse Sponsorship for our evening of fun on the 9th October.
Get your tickets, £10 each which include pie and peas, after Mass from James or Adam.



First Aid Night - Monday 5th October .

Thanks to everyone who joined us to learn resuscitation in early September, while we hope you haven't or won't need this, knowing it is a great skill should the time arise. The second session on basic first aid takes place this Monday, 5th October, at 19:00 in the Canon O'Grady Hall - all are welcome!

1st Confession and 1st Holy Communion 2027

Applications are now closed for this year.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin for when the Preparation Books will be available .

Zapisy na ten rok są już zamknięte.

Prosimy śledzić biuletyn, w którym pojawi się informacja o dostępności książek przygotowawczych.

Rosary in October:

There will be a decade of the Holy Rosary after Masses (excluding Funerals)
for those who wish or are able to stay. It is, after the Holy Mass, a most powerful form of prayer,
'scripture on beads' and united with Our Lady, Mother of God and Mother of the Church.



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

November – Month of the Holy Souls.

In preparation for November the 'November Dead List' and envelopes are available at the back of the Church. All those enrolled will be remembered in the Masses of November and throughout the year. The Lists will be scrolled and placed into the casket which will remain on the Sanctuary throughout November and in the Sacred Heart and Martyrs Chapel throughout the year.

*"It is a good and noble thing to pray for the dead."
It is also important and an act of love and respect.*

SVP Draw: Winning Numbers:

£5,000 – 601018. £1,000 – 453036

£100 (x15) – 458960, 450007, 457117, 540090, 510788, 535111, 539265, 582943, 520472, 509133, 580493, 609979, 478543, 595895, 504031

The next SVP meeting will be held on the 29th October at 7.15 in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome to come along to the meeting



DIOCESAN

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

ST WILFRID'S WAY

The 11th Annual Diocesan 'camino' between Leeds Cathedral and Ripon will take place on Friday 9 & Saturday 10 October. All pilgrims planning to join any stage of either or both days of the Pilgrimage are asked to register online via the link under St Wilfrid's Way on the Diocesan website's pilgrimages page: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/pilgrimages/ - any other queries via pilgrimage-walks@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

The Oratory of St Joseph: Catholic Men's Group (ages 21-35). Helping young men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saint that God is calling them to be. Meeting on the last Thursday of the month, Hinsley Hall, 6.30pm. For more information email oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi: 2026–2027

This year the Church marks a remarkable anniversary: 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi, who passed from this earthly life to the Lord on 3 October 1226, traditionally called his transitus. His liturgical feast follows on 4 October.

The Church has therefore proclaimed a special Jubilee Year of St Francis, running until 10 January 2027.

St Francis remains one of the Church's best-loved saints, but his message is far deeper than the familiar images of birds, animals and care for creation. At the heart of his life was an overwhelming love for Jesus Christ, poor and crucified. Francis desired to possess nothing so that Christ might possess him completely. His embrace of poverty, his love for the Eucharist, his care for the poor and his desire for peace all flowed from this radical commitment to the Gospel.

In 1224, two years before his death, Francis received the Stigmata, the wounds of the Crucified Christ, upon his own body. His life had become so closely conformed to Christ that the Church's Jubilee decree describes him as an *alter Christus*, "another Christ", an extraordinary witness to Christian holiness.

The Jubilee therefore asks more of us than admiration for St Francis. It asks us to imitate him. In a world again troubled by war, division, materialism and indifference to the poor, Francis reminds us that the renewal of the world begins with the conversion of the human heart. The simplest prayer for this Jubilee is also the most challenging:

**St Francis of Assisi, pray for us,
that we may love Christ more deeply,
live the Gospel more faithfully,
serve the poor more generously,
and become instruments of Christ's peace. Amen.**

The Bishop has given permission for the Votive Mass to be offered on the feast day, even though it is a Sunday. The Sunday readings will be kept, but the prayers will be those of the feast at the 10am Mass.

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

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

Red Missions Boxes:

Thank you to all who have returned Mission Boxes or the contents – you sent £1000 to the Missions. With the last couple of boxes you have donated the same as the past four years even in these difficult times. Thank you!



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



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