



St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish

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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning 15/11/25	Intention
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Harry and Vera Gilmartin
SUN	10am	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9:30am	Feria	The Hammond family
Tues	9:30am	Feria	John and Sarah Cowley
Wed	12noon	Feria	Robert Thompson
Thurs	9:30am	Feria	Margaret McArdle
Fri	9:30am	Presentation of Our Lady (Adoration to 10:30)	Norman Richardson
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the Solemnity of Christ the King	James and Henry Bourke
SUN	10am	Solemnity of Christ the King	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

Confessions: Before Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:15—5:45pm or on request in Church

Alms Box supporting - Bethlehem Hospice

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Sick List: Please remember in your prayer: Molly Newton, George & Kaye Gunn, Marie Vella, Connor Harrington, Dianne and Simon MacDermott, Dr John Gallagher, Trevor Durant, John Ellis, Eddie Gillen, Peter Farrell, Ann Cunningham, Julie Morrison, Pascalina Notsi, Leslie Beaton-Brown, Shelia Kaye, Lynne Hartill.

Advent Fair – Sunday, 23rd November at 11am

Last year, we enjoyed food from Ireland, Mexico, China, England, Namibia and Lithuania. Alongside the food stalls, there will also be our well-loved favourites such as the bottle stall, cake stall, craft stalls and tombola, to name but a few. We have lots of behind the scenes jobs that need your help too!

Donations are also gratefully received for the bottle stall, the tombola and GRAND RAFFLE these may be left in the narthex.

Donations of Baking, cakes etc on the day would be very much appreciated!

Raffle tickets (£100 prize) will be on sale after weekend Mass from Margaret Wilmot and Carol Hill in the Narthex.

Your support, in any way, would be greatly appreciated!

There will be a brief meeting after the 10am Mass on Sunday for all those willing to help at the Advent Fair



The Rosary Group will meet in the Hall, Mondays at 7pm in November, reflecting upon and praying for the Holy Souls. Everyone is welcome.

Confirmation:

for Year 6 and above will be on January 28th, probably at Sacred Heart Parish, Hemsworth, as yet unconfirmed. Application Forms are available from Fr Mark after Vigil and Sunday Masses for the next 3 weeks only. The mandatory preparation day will be January 17th.



1st Sacraments 2026:

Required Preparation Day for 1st Confession (Year 4 and above) will be 21st March.



Required Preparation Days for 1st Holy Communion will be 25th April and 9th of May 2026.

Once they have completed the required Preparation Days, dates for 1st Holy Communion throughout the summer months may be booked.

St Wilfrid's:

You are invited to St Wilfrids Catholic High School for an Advent Tea Party on Tuesday 2nd December. It will start at 2.30pm and run until 4pm. There will be a raffle in aid of our Pilgrimage to Lourdes and "Mary's Meals", Christmas songs from the choir, bingo and a quiz. There may be a visit from the big man himself, although we can't guarantee this as he's very busy at the North pole at this time of year! If you would like to join us, please contact Ms A Mason 6th form SSO, on 01977 691000 extn 278 or email almason@st-wilfrids.bkcat.uk to secure your seat.

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

DIOCESAN

DIOCESAN MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: Leeds Cathedral, Friday 21st November, 12.30pm. All welcome
PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 14th November (Cathedral Hall), 19th December (Venue TBC). Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION EVENING: Ever thought of going on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes volunteering as a nurse or as part of the hospitality team but want to know more, then you are invited to an information evening about the roles and pilgrimage. Hinsley Hall, Monday 1st December, 7pm. For more information, please email Phil Marshall on lourdes.enquires@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 07766 148375. To register interest please email recruitment.lourdes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, or simply turn up on the evening.

ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE: Friday 13th February 2026 at the Met hotel in Leeds. Tickets are available from Phil Marshall at £45 or £400 for a table of 10. The ticket price includes reception drink, a 3 course Meal, Tea & coffee, DJ and entertainment throughout the evening. To secure your tickets for this popular event, contact Phil on 07766 148375 or email philmarshall49@outlook.com. All profits at the event go to the Diocesan Lourdes fund.

ONLINE ROSARY FOR THE DIOCESE: There will be regular opportunities to come together online to pray a Rosary for the needs and intentions of the Diocese using Microsoft Teams. Please email anne.cooke@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to be added to the mailing list for dates/joining instructions.

CATHOLIC CARE IS RECRUITING: Senior Residential Childcare Worker, Keighley; Life Skills Mentor – Dewsbury – 9 month maternity cover (possible permanent); Support Worker, Bingley, full time, perm and part time temp available; Waking Nights Support Worker, Brighouse, 27 hours (3 x 9 hours). Salary £24,892 - £26,096 pro rata.

Care Bank Support Workers also required in Skipton & Keighley (£14.12 / hr inclusive)
Please email CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk



CATHOLIC CARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025:

Catholic Care are supporting over 700 families this Christmas with special Christmas Eve Boxes filled with items to bring joy and togetherness. We're kindly asking for donations of chocolates or sweets to include in the boxes, or a cash donation to help us purchase items. To donate or learn more, please call 0113 388 5400. Thank you for helping us make Christmas brighter for those who need it most.

Masses:

There are envelopes in the Narthex for Mass Intentions.

Also, if you want a Mass but do not mind it not being on the Bulletin then it can also be offered by a retired priest including the odd Canon and Mgr. Please use the ordinary Mass Intention Envelope and mark it **'Retired Priest'** and we will forward them immediately.

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, invites us to reflect on endurance, vigilance and hope amid trials and upheaval. The Prophet, Malachi (4:1–2) gives a prophetic warning of the coming day of the Lord—blazing like an oven for the arrogant, but healing for those who fear God.

St Paul, writing to the Thessalonians a second time (3:7–12) exhorts believers to live responsibly, work diligently and avoid idleness—*"if they will not work, let them not eat"*.

In St Luke's (21:5–19) Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple (70AD) and warns of wars, persecution, and betrayal—but promises divine wisdom and endurance.

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the Church turns our gaze toward the "last things"—not to frighten us, but to awaken us. Jesus speaks apocalyptically, not to predict dates, but to prepare hearts. The Temple, once the centre of Jewish life, will fall. So too will empires, institutions, Parties, Governments and even personal certainties.

However, God alone remains.

Jesus says, *"By your endurance you will gain your souls"* (Lk 21:19). This is not passive waiting—it's active faithfulness.

In a world of chaos, endurance means:

Holding fast to truth revealed by God, when deception abounds.

Living with integrity when others grow cynical, or 'go along to get along'.

Trusting in God's justice when evil seems to prosper.

Malachi's image of the sun of righteousness rising with healing in its wings reminds us that judgment is not only fire—it is also light. For those who fear the Lord, the end is not doom but dawn.

Paul's letter to the Thessalonians grounds this cosmic vision in daily life. Faith is not escapism—it is expressed in work, in personal responsibility, duty, fidelity, in community. *"Do not grow weary in doing good."*

This Sunday's readings speak powerfully to our times. Wars, division, collapse, social and moral confusion can feel like signs of the end. But Jesus tells us: Do not be terrified. These are not the end—they are birth pangs. The Church, like a mother, teaches us to endure with hope, to work with love and to await the final Advent of Christ.

Let us ask for the grace of endurance—not grim survival, but joyful perseverance. May we be found faithful, not fearful. And may our lives, even in trial, reflect the light of the coming Kingdom.

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