



# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish

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| Day   | Time   | Liturgical Celebration week beginning 04/10/25   | Intention  |
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| SAT   | 6pm    | Vigil for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time   | Thomas and Norma Byrne                           |
| SUN   | 10am   | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time   | People of the Parish ( <i>Missa pro Populo</i> ) |
| Mon   | 9:30am | St Bruno <i>(Rosary Group. 7-8pm)</i>  | Phyllis Newsome & Phyllis Harte                  |
| Tues  | 9:30am | <b>Our Lady of the Holy Rosary</b><br><b>Deanery Station Mass—St Ignatius –Ossett –7pm</b> | Persecuted Christians<br>Rev. Fr. James Shyrane  |
| Wed   | 12noon | Feria  | Jeffery Dixon                                    |
| Thurs | 9:30am | St John Henry, Cardinal, Newman  | Private Intention (AR)                           |
| Fri   | 9:30am | Feria <i>(Adoration to 10:30)</i>  | Richard Smith                                    |
| SAT   | 6pm    | Vigil for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time   | George and Betty Nelson                          |
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**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, Brian Lavin, Ann Cunningham, Julie Morrison., Pascalina Notsi, Leslie Beaton-Brown and Shelia Kaye.

*My thanks to Canon Tim Wiley who will supply the Vigil Mass this Saturday.*

**In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Winifred (Marie) Davis** who died 12th September. Please remember her family in your prayers. Marie's Funeral Service will be Monday 13th October at 1pm in St John's. *May she rest in peace.*

## **Race Night - Sponsored by: Manufacturing Consultants Ltd.**

The Race Nights are very popular indeed and great fun! Your support would be much appreciate. **Proceeds will go to the re-lighting project for the Church. As you will notice the lights have reached the end of their lives and urgently need replacing.**

**This Friday - 10th October. 1st Race at 7.30pm.**

Tickets - £10 which include Pie & Peas. Bar available. We are now looking for Race Sponsors and Owners please speak to David Hartill.

**9 races - race sponsors £20, horse sponsors £10 - prizes for winners.**

**Sponsorships & tickets on sale NOW!**



## **October—Month of the Holy Rosary:**

Throughout the month of October we will pray a decade of the Rosary for Peace at the end of Holy Mass for those who wish to remain. We will pray in a particular way for the people of Gaza, the West Bank, Israel and Ukraine.

**There will also be Rosary and Reflection on Monday's in October at 7pm –8pm either in the Hall or Narthex. This was very useful in Lent and October is the ideal time to rediscover the power of the Holy Rosary.**

## **Holy Souls:**

Envelopes for the enrolment of our deceased loved ones on the 'November Dead List' are available in the Narthex. Please complete the form, place it with any donation in the envelope, and put it in the Box. November Dead list Masses are offered throughout the year and remembered in all the Masses of November. Theasket with the list remains on the Sanctuary throughout November and thereafter in the Sacred Heart Chapel for the rest of the year.

*My apologies that Masses Wednesday to Friday had to be offered privately.  
The intentions have been or will be rescheduled as soon as possible.*

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

## Join Us for Our Advent Fair – Sunday, 23rd November at 11am

This busy event is always a highlight of our parish calendar and preparations are now underway.

This year we will celebrate the rich variety of cultures that make up our community. We invite you to run a food stall, which will involve preparing and selling dishes that reflect the traditions of your particular country of origin or background. Last year, we enjoyed food from Ireland, Mexico, China, England, Namibia and Lithuania – so share your nation's dishes! 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.**

If you would like to help in any way, or are interested in running a stall of your own, please contact Fr Mark on the Parish email overleaf, after Mass or call, as soon as possible. We have lots of behind the scenes jobs that need your help too!

**Donations are also gratefully received for the bottle stall and the tombola—**  
these may be left in the **narthex.**

Thanks to your kindness, last year's fair raised more than it has in many years. With your support once again, we hope this year's Advent Fair will be an even greater success—bringing us together as a parish while also raising funds for our church, specifically to relight the Church.

**There is a meeting after morning Mass to discuss further planning. I would be really grateful if anyone can offer their help so that the work can be shared a little more evenly and add new ideas for the Fair.**

### Cake Stall this Sunday -



my very sincere thanks to Vee, Agnes & Lynne, for my approaching diabetes and for all the effort, time and money they continue to invest in the monthly Cake stall which raises £700-£800 a year! Please continue to support them.



In the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, this week, we are invited into the quiet rhythm of contemplation and the bold power of intercession. The Rosary is not merely a string of beads—it is a spiritual lifeline, a tapestry of the Gospel woven through the mysteries of Christ's life, death, and resurrection and the effects of his grace.

At the Battle of Lepanto, when Christian forces were outnumbered by the colonising Ottoman forces, Pope St Pius V called upon the faithful to pray the Rosary. Victory came not by might, but by grace.

This feast reminds us that in our own battles—whether personal, communal, or global—

Our Lady leads us to Christ, and Christ leads us to peace.

Each Hail Mary is a seed of hope. Each mystery is a doorway to deeper love. Let us not rush through the Rosary, but dwell in it. As St. John Paul II said, it is “a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness.” Our Lady of Fatima, whose feast we celebrate next week, called for the Rosary to be prayed for conversion, for peace, for faith, for the church and for families. It can take time to adopt into our lives but the rewards are powerful. Never has the power of the Rosary, ‘scripture on beads’ and the intercession of His and our mother, been more needed in the world, our lives and families. So, let us take up our Rosaries not as relics, but instruments of mercy and peace, and chains of love that bind us ever closer to the heart of Jesus through the heart of Mary.

*Our Lady of the Rosary: Pray for us. Blessed Bartolo Longo: Pray for us.*

### DIOCESAN:

#### VISITATION OF THE CENTENARY PILGRIM STATUE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND THE RELICS OF SAINT JACINTA AND FRANCISCO:

on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at Leeds Cathedral from 10.30am until 7pm. Please see the full programme on the poster at the back of church or the Cathedral website.

**40 Days for Life** - prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil outside the MSI abortion facility, Leeds L7. 24th September to 2nd November, 7am to 7pm. The last sign of hope and first sign of mercy to those attending MSI Leeds. Over 24,000 lives saved by campaigns worldwide since 2007. (Please take a flyer from the back of Church). To get involved as a prayer partner or as a vigil volunteer, contact: Chris Redding 07815681343 email [40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com)  
Further information at [www.40daysforlife.com/leeds](http://www.40daysforlife.com/leeds)

**ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION:** Fr Eamonn Hegarty and the Parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, commencing at 7:30pm. The Procession will start at St Mary's Primary School and end at the nearby Church. The Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. Refreshments afterwards.

**ANNUAL SERVICE AT KILLINGBECK CEMETERY NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:** Sunday 9th November at 2.30pm. The service, led by Canon Wall, will be in the chapel. Weather permitting, we will walk around the clergy circle reciting the rosary.

**MARK 10 MISSION ROSARY CHALLENGE:** Pray the Rosary with Archbishop John Wilson and The Mark 10 Mission this October. The Rosary Challenge invites you to pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. The Mark 10 Mission has created beautiful online videos for each mystery of the Holy Rosary, led by Archbishop John. To watch the videos and learn more, please visit [www.themark10mission.co.uk](http://www.themark10mission.co.uk) or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel @themark10mission

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