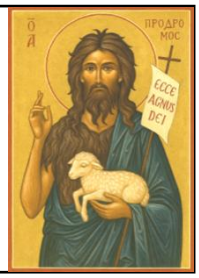


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Day	Time	*Liturgical Celebration week beginning – 21/11/26*		*Intention*
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the Solemnity of Christ, the Universal King	C	Robert Thompson
Sun	10am	Solemnity of Christ, the Universal King	C	*People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)*
Mon	9am	Pope St Clement	H	Norman Richardson
Tues	9am	St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions	H	Hammond Family
Wed	12noon	Feria *(Jim Bickerton Funeral Service. 14:10 - Pontefract)*	C	Teresa Elliott
Thurs	9am	Feria	C	John Price
Fri	10:30am 11:15am	**Mass offered as a Requiem** **Reception of the Body and Funeral Service**	C	John O'Hara
SAT	10am	1st Confession Prep – Votive Mass of Our Lady	C	Yorkshire Brethren
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the 1st Sunday of Advent – Year B – St Mark	C	Mr & Mrs Kurdybelski (Anniversary)
Sun	10am	1st Sunday of Advent	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, Z Horodnichenko, E Zaskalko, C Harrington, G Lenord, M Reape, G Walker, L Wise, L Ivers, B & A McCreavy.*

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of John O'Hara
who died 2nd November. Please remember John's family in your prayers. John's funeral will be Friday 27th Nov – Requiem at 10:30am followed by the Reception of the Body and Funeral Service at 11:15 and committal at Altofts at 12 noon. *May he rest in peace.*

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of James Bickerton
who died on 5th November. Please remember Margaret and their family in your prayers. Jim's Funeral Service will be at 2:10 at Pontefract Crematorium on 25th Nov. *May he rest in peace.*

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Bedford,
of Haven Lodge and formally of Sts Peter and Paul parish, who died this past week. *May she rest in peace*.

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Dye,
who died this past week. Please remember her family in your prayers. Maureen's Funeral will be at 11am on 4th Dec in St Johns. *May she rest in peace.*



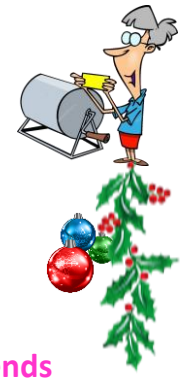
THIS Weekend: Second Collection for Diocesan Youth Service

Tickets for the Grand Raffle to be drawn at the Advent Fair, are available from Margaret and Carol in the narthex after Masses

ADVENT FAIR - THIS SUNDAY - from 11.00am

The fair will open after the 10.00am Mass and will include International Food, children's activities, crafts, cakes and refreshments, tombola, festive stalls, entertainment and much more.

It has always been a much loved and looked forward to event, please do come along and support the event and meet some new people or old friends





1st Confession and 1st Holy Communion 2027
The 1st Confession Preparation Day is NEXT Saturday 28th Nov at 10am.
The none-attending will be able to apply next year. Those who have not collected their books have been removed from this year's list and may apply next year.
Parents should attend the Mass at 10am on Saturday with their child.
Please ensure they have a packed lunch and drink (no glass bottles please).
They should know, off by heart, the basic Catholic prayers: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be and an Act of Contrition (this will be in their booklets on Saturday)

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

Please remember in your prayers: Stephen O'Hara who will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday 19th December at Oscott Seminary, Sutton Coldfield. Stephen will be ordained to the Priesthood in the summer. He will be the only ordination to the priesthood next year!

CONFIRMATION applications are now closed for 2026/27

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, 10th January 2027, the Baptism of the Lord. Preparation will begin with the books at home and after Sunday Mass 13th December 2026.

Please collect your workbook and form after Mass this weekend.

Zapisy do bierzmowania na rok 2026/27 są już zamknięte. Sakrament Bierzmowania będzie udzielony w niedzielę, 10 stycznia 2027 r., w uroczystość Chrztu Pańskiego. Przygotowanie rozpocznie się od pracy z książką w domu oraz od spotkania po Mszy Świętej w niedzielę, 13 grudnia 2026 r.

Prosimy o odebranie podręcznika oraz formularza po Mszy Świętej w ten weekend.

Altofts & Normanton Brass Band proudly present an Advent Concert at St John

on Friday 4th December 7pm. Doors open @ 6.30pm. Tickets £8 on the door, £7 in advance. Refreshments & Raffle available. Advance tickets from the church on Sundays, also in the church carpark on Saturday 11am – 12 noon

The SVP meeting will be held on Thursday the 26th November at 7.15pm in the Narthex. Please feel free to come along and find out about the SVP.

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday 13th December - a SVP free Advent social

open to parishioners and non-parishioners. From 2 'till 4, few songs and food. Please put your name and number on the list at the back of church for catering.

Phones:

Smart phones are ALWAYS listening.
When going to Confession please switch OFF the phone completely or switch to Airplane mode AND switch off the Mic…
unless you do want your confession recorded…

DIOCESAN:

Head of Finance (Financial Controller): The Diocese of Leeds is seeking an experienced and committed Head of Finance to lead and oversee the Diocese's financial management. The successful candidate must hold a recognised professional accountancy qualification (ACA, ACCA or CIMA). For an application form and further information, please visit our website at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/ alternatively please e-mail any queries to recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date for applications is Monday, 23 November.

Catholic Care recruitment: Residential Childcare Workers, Keighley, Salary £29,113 - £30,565. Senior Residential Childcare Worker, Keighley, Salary £31,068 - £32,639, Full time + sleep allowance. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers, Keighley & Wakefield, £15.07/hr. Schools Social Worker, Part-time 3.5 days £32,105 – £37,018 pro rata. Community Development Worker, Huddersfield, £28,193 pro rata. FT/PT & temp Support Workers: Leeds, Bradford, Todmorden, £26,045 pro rata. Please see https://catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/ for details.

As the Church reaches the end of her liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of **Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Universal King.** Christ is not a king like the rulers of this world. His throne is the Cross, his crown is made of thorns, and his authority is expressed through humble service, mercy and sacrificial love. In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 25:31-46), Jesus teaches that our readiness for his Kingdom is measured not by status or achievement, but by love put into action. He identifies himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick and the imprisoned. Every act of kindness shown to those in need is an act of love shown personally to Christ himself.

The feast invites us to ask an important question: who or what truly reigns in our hearts? Do we allow Christ's values to shape our decisions, our relationships and our priorities? The Kingdom of God grows wherever compassion overcomes indifference, forgiveness triumphs over resentment, and charity replaces selfishness.

May this celebration renew our commitment to live as faithful citizens and subjects Christ's Kingdom. May we recognise him in those around us, especially the poor and vulnerable, and strive to serve him with generous hearts. Then, when Christ comes in glory, may we be blessed to hear those joyful words: *"Come, you whom my Father has blessed; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world."* (Mt 25:34)

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.

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae: vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria. Amen.

Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Holy Father's Intention for November:

For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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

EASYFUNDRAISING, a fantastic online platform that enables you to raise **FREE donations with every purchase you make - it won't cost you a penny!** With 8000+ participating retailers, each purchase earns a free donation for our church restoration! Signing up is easy - just use this link: **https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/st-john-the-baptist-catholic-church-normanton/**

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