

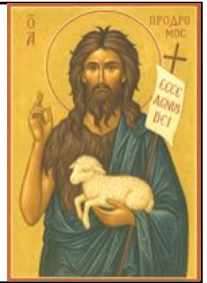
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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning 11/04/26	Intention
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
SUN	10am	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	Nick Elliott's Intentions
Mon	9:30am	Weekday of Easter	John and Helen Hogan
Tues	9:30am	Weekday of Easter	Kellie Maza
Wed	12noon 1:45pm	Weekday of Easter Funeral Service	David Coates Sheila Whitehouse
Thurs	12:45pm	Requiem Mass	Molly Newton
Fri	9am	Weekday of Easter (Mass time change)	Marion Slavin
SAT	6pm	Vigil for the 3rd Week of Easter	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
SUN	10am	3rd Week of Easter	John Durkin

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



Alms Box supporting - Bethlehem Hospice

QR Scan for Parish website

Sick List: Please remember in your prayer: Marie Vella, Connor Harrington, Simon MacDermott, Dr John Gallagher, Trevor Durant, John Ellis, Eddie Gillen, Peter Farrell, Ann Cunningham, Julie Morrison, Pascalina Notsi, Shelia Kaye, Lynne Hartill, Justin Martin, Grahame Walker, Margaret Crompton, Jimmy Bradley, John O'Hara, Zakiia Horodnichenko, Erik Zaskalko.

N. B. Mass times changes on THURSDAY AND FRIDAY this week.

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Whitehouse.

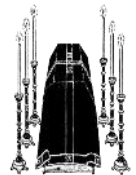
Please remember her family in your prayers.

Sheila's Funeral Service will be Wednesday 15th April at 1:45pm. *May she rest in peace.*

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Molly Newton.

Please remember all her family in your prayers.

Molly's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 16th April at 12:45. *May she rest in peace.*



My thanks to everyone who has and continues to support The Bethlehem Hospice. With the collection of the Polish Community at the Blessing of Paschal Food and with the Lenten Offerings we will be able to send over £500 to the Hospice to help those in such desperate need. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering, persecuted or in need.

My thanks also for the Easter Offerings and for the generous support of the Holy Places in the Good Friday Collection

Message of thanks from Kathleen McGowan and family:
Kathleen would like to thank everyone for their love and support at this very difficult time. Your messages, cards, Mass cards and Masses have been greatly appreciated.

Presbytery:

Due to damage to the roof we are awaiting repairs in the next several weeks in the hopes of limiting water damage etc. In the meantime I STRONGLY suggest people avoid parking by the Sacristy door immediately next to the Presbytery Office.

Our monthly Cake Stall returns this Sunday in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass - with delicious cakes starting from only 75p! Eat in or take out - the choice is yours! Everyone is very welcome to join for tea and coffee every Sunday too.



1st Sacraments 2026:
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.

All the children should have made their 1st Confession BEFORE the 25th April Prep Day.

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



Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to stand before God exactly as we are—wounded, imperfect, hopeful—and to let His mercy meet us there. St. Faustina’s life reminds us that mercy isn’t an abstract idea; it’s a force that moves toward us, even when we feel least deserving. Her trust in Jesus, born from her own struggles and humility, shows that mercy is not earned but received. In the Diary, she records Jesus saying, “The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy.” That line overturns our instincts. We often hide our weaknesses, but Divine Mercy calls us to bring them into the light, trusting that God’s response is compassion, not condemnation.

Today is a chance to begin again. To let mercy soften what has grown hard. To extend forgiveness where resentment has taken root. To trust, even a little more, that God’s heart is open wider than our fears. St. Faustina teaches us that mercy is not only something we receive—it is something we are meant to give. When we choose patience, when we listen without judgment, when we forgive before it feels easy, we become living reflections of the mercy we celebrate. May this day renew in us the courage to trust Jesus, the humility to ask for mercy, and the generosity to share it.

DIOCESAN:

SVP and CAFOD Work Experience: The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Apply here: https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026. Applications close on 6th April.

For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

Solemn Mass in Latin, Vespers and Benediction: Leeds Cathedral, Mass at 12Noon (all welcome to join chant rehearsal at 11am), Saturday 25th April 2026: Join in Sung Mass celebrated by Bishop Marcus Stock, in Latin and with Proper chants from the Graduale Parvum. All welcome. Book online www.latin-liturgy.org/meetings

Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and HALLAM:

As part of the consultation currently taking place across our three Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group.

Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

Vacancies

Recruitment for two Chief Executive Officers: St Carlo Acutis Catholic Education Trust (SCACET) and Blessed Chiara Badano Catholic Education Trust (BCBCET). The Diocese of Leeds invite applications for these two positions. Start date: September 2026. Closing date: Monday 20th April. For an informal and confidential discussion, please contact Kieron Flood, education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

Catholic Care IS recruiting: Social Worker. Part time available to work 18.05 hours a week. Salary £32,105 - £37,018 pro rata, location: West Yorkshire. (Full UK Driving Licence Required). Email your CV or completed Application Form to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk. Website for full details: www.catholic-care.org.uk

Catholic Care IS recruiting: Service Manager – Adult LD Services – Fixed Term for 6 months Salary £34,033 - £35,940 pro rata. Based across Leeds & Calderdale. Send CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT: Two Part-Time Key Leadership roles: Head of Finance & Head of Corporate Services. Salary for either role is £60,000 per annum, pro rata for 22.5hrs per week. Both roles are permanent and based at Head Office, Leeds. Please email charlotte.grinham@catholic-care.org.uk to arrange a mandatory pre-application discussion with Matt Lomas – CEO.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Paulinus Catholic Primary School, Dewsbury. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Sunday 19th April 2026. Visit <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148485/EDV-2026-SPCPA-57364> for more details and to apply

Easter Marian Anthem

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare,
alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit,
alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum,
alleluia.

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice,
alleluia.*

*For He whom you did merit
to bear, alleluia.*

*Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.*



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.

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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