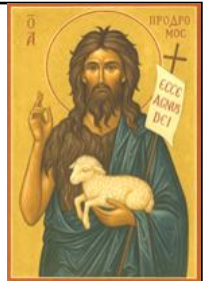




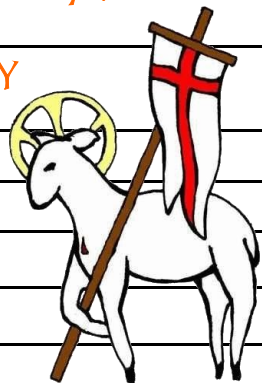
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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning 04/04/26	Intention
SAT	7:30pm	 SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
SUN	10am	 EASTER DAY	For Peace in Ukraine and the Middle East
Mon	9:30am	Monday of Easter Octave	SVP Intentions
Tues	9:30am	Tuesday of Easter Octave	Special Intentions (PM)
Wed	11:30am	Requiem Mass	John McGowan
Thurs	9:30am	Thursday of Easter Octave	Anthony Bills
Fri	9:30am	Friday of Easter Octave	Holy Souls
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



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



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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.

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of John McGowan

Please remember Kathleen and the family in your prayers.

John's Requiem will be at 11:30am on Wed 8th April. *May he rest in peace.*

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

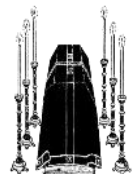
Please remember her family in your prayers.

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 sincere thanks to our Servers and to everyone who has helped in anyway during this season of Lent, especially those who have worked so hard to get the Church ready for the Triduum and Easter celebrations. I am grateful to those who work throughout the year in cleaning the Church, running the Sacristy, Office and Hall, running the 200 Club and events, running tea / coffee, those who give of their time for the music and liturgy, to our SVP and ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Thank you everyone for your supporting our parish!

Wine Tasting Night

Wine Tasting Night - Tickets On Sale

The annual Wine Tasting Night is back! Join us on **Friday 10th April from 19:30** in the Canon O'Grady Memorial Hall. Tickets are limited and cost £10 per person, payable cash or card. **50% of tickets are now sold - get yours after Mass this Sunday to not be disappointed.**

Raffle Prize Donations – Wine Tasting Evening (Friday, 10th April)

For our upcoming Wine Tasting Evening, we will be holding a raffle to raise funds for the parish. Tickets will be available beforehand, and you don't need to attend the event to take part in the raffle. We would be very grateful for donations of prizes. **Please bring your contribution to the narthex, clearly marked "raffle donation."**

Thank you for helping us make this a memorable and successful evening!

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

Easter Egg and Wine Raffle:

Winners: Mr Iji and N Roche. The draw raised £426.00! Thank you to everyone who supported the draw.

Congratulations to Ann and Michael Moran who will celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this week. Well done Ann! Ad multos annos!



Praying with Pope Leo - Pope's Intentions for April

Each month the Holy Father has a particular Intention in which he invites the whole Church to join with him in prayer. Pope Leo also releases a short video, presents and leads the prayer on the Vatican website and youtube video.

This month Pope Leo XIV invites us to join with him in prayer for priests who are in crisis.

www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-03/pope-leo-xiv-prayer-intention-april-priest-in-crisis.html

Youtube: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=zhfbgZpv8AA>



Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd and companion on the journey,

today we place in your hands all priests, especially those going through moments of crisis, when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope. You who know their struggles and wounds, renew in them the certainty of your unconditional love.

Let them feel they are not mere functionaries or lonely heroes, but beloved sons, humble and cherished disciples, and pastors sustained by the prayer of their people.

Good Father, teach us as a community to care for our priests: to listen without judging, to give thanks without demanding perfection, to share with them the baptismal mission of proclaiming the Kingdom in word and deed, and to accompany them with closeness and sincere prayer.

May we support those who so often support us. Holy Spirit, rekindle in our priests the joy of the Gospel. Grant them healthy friendships, networks of fraternal support, a sense of humour when things don't go as expected, and the grace to always rediscover the beauty of their vocation.

May they never lose trust in You,
nor the joy of serving your Church with a humble and generous heart.
Amen.

Our brothers and sisters are suffering persecution throughout the Middle East, China and Asia. Please remember them in your prayers, especially calling on the help of Our Lady, Help of Christians.

Remember,
O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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.



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