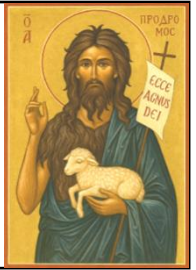





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Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration week beginning -23/05/26	Intention
Sat	6pm	 Vigil for the Solemnity of Pentecost 	Norman and Bernadette Richardson
Sun	10am	 Solemnity of Pentecost	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Mon	9:30am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church	In thanksgiving
Tues	7pm	St Philip Neri	Peter Kielty
Wed	12noon	St Augustine of Canterbury Funeral Service – Pontefract Crem -	William Barry Sylvia Hartley
Thurs	9:30am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	In thanksgiving (RJ)
Fri	9:30am	Pope St Paul VI	Billy Webb, Royce, Delia, Martin Cromack
Sat	6pm	Vigil for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Sun	10am	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Yarema

Confessions: Saturday - 5:15pm - 5:45pm or on request in Church



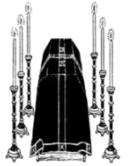
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Parish Website QR code

Sick List: Eddie Gillen, 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, Peter Roche, Sandra Gallivan.

*In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Saul
Please pray for Chris Saul and all the family. May she rest in peace.
Eileen's Requiem Mass will be at St Joseph's, Pontefract on Thursday 11 June at 1.45pm.*

*In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Sylvia Hartley
who died on 11th May aged 99 yrs.
Please remember her daughter, Lynne Harthill, David and the family in your prayers.
Sylvia's funeral will be at 2.20pm, Wednesday 27th May at Pontefract Crem. May she rest in peace.*



"Starting from Jerusalem"

Four evening meetings beginning Monday 1st June also 8th, 15th and 22nd at 7 –8:30pm in Canon O'Grady Hall.
With the success of the Deanery Masses last year these talks and discussion are aimed at the Deanery
and will be given by Provost Canon Aveyard, PP of Castleford and myself.
The first will be on the site, development and recent archaeology of the Holy Sepulchre (the tomb of the Lord)
in Jerusalem. Provost Aveyard will lead the second and third sessions on the Eucharist, its development and
meaning. Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments available.



Congratulations to Mark and Kathryn Harris
who will celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary this Sunday (24th May). Ad multos annos!
(We wish Mark good luck for the Parole Board meeting)

Normanton SVP meetings are now being held in the Narthex at 7.15 on the last Thursday of the month with the next one on the 28th May 2026. If you wish to find out a little more about the SVP come along to the meetings. The SVP also wants to thank people for the continued donations that are accepted at the back of the church (placed in the wicker basket). These are greatly appreciated by The Well Food Bank In Normanton and the SVP shop in Wakefield.

Blessed Sacrament Procession: York Oratory 7th June.

The Procession begins at St George's Church, Peel Street, York YO1 9ZP at 3pm and goes, via the Shrine of St Margaret Clitherow on The Shambles, to the Oratory Church of St Wilfrid, Duncombe Place YO1 7EE for approx. 4pm Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Marcus. The route is approx. 1 mile.



The month of May:

there will be a voluntary decade of the Holy Rosary after Mass. We will pray with and for the Holy's Father's intention for this month: 'That everyone might have food'.



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

DIOCESAN:

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/>

CATHOLIC CARE GARDEN PARTY: Join us on Sunday 19th July 12.30pm at Catholic Care Head Office for our summer fundraiser! Enjoy live music from Voices of Yorkshire, a BBQ, games, raffles, cakes and more. Browse the clothes and book sale, try henna and relax with friends and family. Free entry and all proceeds support Catholic Care's vital work in the local community.

Catholic Care recruitment: Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers for our children's home in Keighley. £15.07 per hour inclusive. Adult LD Support Workers needed for services in Leeds - LS7, LS8 & LS15. Full & Part time positions available. Salary £26, 045 per annum pro rata. Email CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

Diocese of Leeds Music Vacancy: We wish to appoint a Choral Director to work in the Schools Singing Programme in Bradford. For more information, please visit dolmusic.uk/vacancies or contact recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk.

Closing Date: 1 June 2026, 5 pm.

Recruitment for a Chief Executive Officer: Blessed Chiara Badano Catholic Education Trust (BCBCET). The Diocese of Leeds invite applications for this position. Closing date: Monday 8th June. For an informal and confidential discussion, please contact Kieron Flood, education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. For further information, please see the poster at the back of Church.

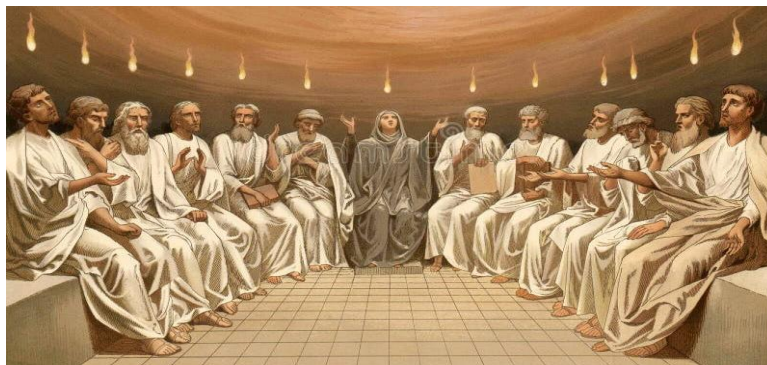
Reflection for Pentecost:

Pentecost is the feast in which the Church remembers her true source: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the very life of God given to humanity. The Spirit who descended upon the apostles is the same Spirit who hovered over the waters at creation, who spoke through the prophets, and who raised Jesus from the dead. At Pentecost, this Spirit is poured out upon the Church so that Christ's saving work may continue in the world.

This solemnity reminds us that the Holy Spirit is not an optional devotion but the soul of the Church—her unity, her holiness, her missionary impulse. Through the Spirit we receive the gifts that perfect our discipleship: wisdom to see as God sees, understanding to grasp the mysteries of faith, counsel to choose the good, fortitude to persevere, knowledge to discern truth, piety to love God as Father, and fear of the Lord to stand in awe before His holiness.

As we celebrate Pentecost, we are invited to renew our openness to this divine indwelling. The Spirit does not merely inspire; He transforms. He conforms us to Christ, empowers our witness, and gathers us into communion.

May our hearts be receptive to His fire, so that the Church may shine forth as the living Body of Christ in the world. Come, Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth—and begin with us.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of May:

Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him this May in praying 'that everyone might have food'. He released the monthly "Pray with the Pope" video which is prepared by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. In his prayer, the Pope recognized with sorrow that millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger.

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

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Thank you to all who support the Parish using EASYFUNDRAISING



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

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.



Weekday Masses:

I try, wherever possible, not to move weekday Mass times. However, this is sometimes simply not possible due to other commitments.

My apologies for the inconvenience.

There has also been some criticism that the Church is not left open all day for visits. The reasons are fairly obvious.

The current practice will not change, irrespective of emails.

I am not prepared to risk either the Blessed Sacrament or the Church. If **known** Parishioners want access for private prayer, outside of the usual times, please ask.