CAFOD - St Aelred's have sent £782.67 (85% Gift Aided) to CAFOD from the Harvest Fast Day savings. Thank you for your generous support.

Missio - Following World Mission Sunday, £81.50 was sent to Missio. Thank you to all who contributed.

Confirmation 2026 - The next confirmation class will take place on Sunday 8th November at St Mary's from 11.30am to 2pm

St. Aelred's SVP – Would like to invite you to tea and coffee after Mass on Tuesday November 3rd All welcome.

St. Aelred's SVP Conference: Annual Appeal 2026 7/8 November to 5/6 December. This is the annual appeal on behalf of St. Aelred's SVP Conference. Please give what you can, and if possible, please Gift Aid your donation. Bacs donations to 60-60-04 / St Vincent de Paul / Acc. No. 46076255. If you do a Bacs payment please consider filling in a gift aid slip as well. More information on 7/8 Nov, there will also be a cake stall in the hall after Mass, all welcome.

Christmas Nativity at St Aelred's – Would your child like to take part in this year's nativity at St Aelred's? All ages welcome and talking and non-talking parts available! The nativity will be carried out during the 9am Mass on Christmas day. Please contact Krista in person or via the office email if you would like your child to participate and the part they would like.
office.staelred@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Thank you

Reconciliation Service for Advent – Will be on 7pm 10th December at St Aelred's.

Carol Service - Sunday 13th December at 4pm at St Aelred's a collection will be taken for the parish SVP.

Deanery day of renewal. Saturday 14th November 11.30am to 3.45pm in St. Aelred's church hall. Speaker is Rev. Darren McClintock, Chaplain at Harrogate District Hospital. Title of talk is, "Presence, Peace and Power of the Holy Spirit."

Advent Retreat Day at St Robert's Primary School Tuesday 15th December - St Aelred's parishioners have been providing Advent and Lent Retreat Days for the children for ten years now. It is a highly enjoyable and life giving event for all involved. If you could help with this year's Advent offering or would just like to hear more about what is involved, please speak to Dominika Praga.

Parish Day of Prayer for Advent: Tuesday 8th December 2026 from 8am to 8pm, in the Lady Chapel, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Aelred's. A sign up sheet will be available soon to cover half hour slots of prayer.

St Aelred's Church cleaning - On Tuesdays following 10am Mass (with the exception of SVP Coffee morning) all welcome.

St Aelred's Christmas Fair - Will take place on Sunday 29th November following 9am Mass. Please consider donating any bottles and raffle prizes to be left at the back of Church. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of Church if you are kindly able to help on a stall. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon, many thanks!

November Dead List Envelopes – Are available at the back of church. Please return them to church as soon as possible. Thank you.

St Roberts RC Primary School - Reception 2027 Open Day If your child will be 4 years old by 31st August 2027, we warmly invite you to attend our Open Day on 12th Nov.
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2002615184927?aff=oddtdtcreator

Annual Mass for our deceased relatives and friends - Will take place on the 10th November at St Mary's. 7pm, with refreshments by the SVP afterwards in the church hall.

Do you have a mobile phone?
Do you use YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, X, Snapchat or Facebook?
THIS IS FOR YOU!
Pope Leo says the world faces some very real dangers but also some amazing opportunities because of the rapidly increasing processing power of modern technology and the tiny number of unelected multi-billionaires who control the technology companies.
On Tuesday 17 November at 7.00pm
at St Mary's parish hall Deacon Philip will be speaking on Pope Leo's astonishing encyclical **'Magnifica Humanitas'** (Magnificent Humanity). Come and find out what the Pope thinks of Artificial Intelligence, how AI means big changes coming very soon across society, and the Pope's plan to protect humanity.

Mary's Little Tots, Baby & Toddler Group - To be held on alternate Tuesday mornings at St. Mary's Church Hall. We are looking for **clean, safe baby and toddler toys** that you would like to donate. We would also love to hear from anyone who would like to support the group, even if you are unable to attend every session, such as welcoming families, serving refreshments, or simply getting to know families from our parish and wider community, your support would be very much appreciated. If you would like to get involved, please speak to Laura/ Fr. Gerard.

St Mary's School - If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2027. The next open session for prospective families is on **Wednesday 18th November** 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Please ring the school office to arrange a visit during this session on 01423 864631. If this date is not convenient, please contact us and we will be happy to arrange a tour at a time that suits you.

Thank you to Jim O'Donnell - who has cared for the fish pond at St Mary's for the last 10 years. We are looking for some one to take on this role for the future. **If you can help please see Fr Gerard or Deacon Philip.**

An evening for Ukraine - Saturday 7th November at 7.30pm – Frazer Theatre Knaresborough. Tickets £12 at KAFU.ORG.UK or £15 on the door.

A day of reflection for Carers at St Joseph's parish hall Wetherby, 10.00am to 2.00pm on Saturday 14th November. The theme of the day is 'Awakening Peace Within: come to me and I will give you rest'. FMI carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

Under One Sky, Behind every journey is an individual story - *Under One Sky* brings together a series of photographic portraits and first-hand experiences of refugees who have legally settled in North Yorkshire, giving a human face to stories that are too often encountered only through headlines. Discover more about the people behind those stories. Learn something of the journeys they have made and the lives they are now building in North Yorkshire. Come along and take a closer look. **Friday 30 October – Wednesday 4 November 2026 10.00am – 3.00pm** Gracious St. Methodist Church, Knaresborough, HG5 8AN

Mass intentions – Please note that when you hand in a Mass intention all dates are allocated 2 weeks in advance. Please be aware that due to the high volume of Mass requests we have received this year, the time frame from the request to the Mass being celebrated is approximately 10 weeks. If you want a specific date you will need to hand in well in advance to avoid disappointment, if the date you request has already been taken you will be given the next available date nearest to your request. Please ensure that you put your donation inside the envelope (customary donation £10), and the details on the outside (**in block capitals**), who the mass is for, and the date and church you would like. Thank you.

Live Simply pledge: ***I will re-cycle no longer fits or needed clothes via charity bins ie SVP/SA***