



Catholic Diocese of Leeds
Parishes of St Aelred's, Harrogate.
and St Mary's Knaresborough.
 Diocese of Leeds Registered Charity Number 249404

21.12.2025		Fourth Sunday of Advent. Year A		Office Week 4
Day	Time	Intention	Venue	
Saturday 20 th	05.30pm	James & Maureen Stamper	ST.A	
Sunday 21 st	09.00am	Leslie Carpenter	ST.A	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	10.30am	Joseph & Elizabeth O'Brien	ST.M	
Monday 22 nd		No Mass	ST.A	
Tuesday 23 rd	10.00am	Clare McGinn	ST.A	
Wednesday 24 th	4.00pm	Jean Burell	ST.M	Christmas Eve
	6.00pm	Gloria & Alain Gantier	ST.A	
	8.00pm	Kearney/Mullins Families	ST.A	
Thursday 25 th	9.00am	Int of Carla & Chris Hudson	ST.A	Christmas Day
	10.30am	Tony Agar	ST.M	
Friday 26 th	10.00am	Maya	ST.M	St Stephen
Saturday 27	5.30pm	Parish Sick	ST.A	St John the Evangelist
Sunday 28 th	09.00am	People of the Parishes	ST.A	Holy Family
	10.30am	Eileen Parkinson	ST.M	

Rosary: Tuesdays & Fridays 9.35am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every weekday half an hour before Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass at St. Mary's
or St. Aelred's at 5pm or by appointment**

**Evening Prayer of the church: Join other parishioners for prayer 6-6.15pm
any evening via Zoom: Meeting ID 748 9844 4879 Passcode: 4Z9YTB.**

**St Aelred's Prayer Group: every Wednesday from 7pm to 8.30pm
in the adoration chapel.**

Come and join us before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome.

SVP: discrete help in tough times. When you need a friend or support with everyday living the SVP are only a call away St Aelred's Tel: 07311214364 or St Mary's 07985331743

Many thanks for your Offerings on the 14.12.2025	St Aelred's Loose Plate: Envelopes: Standing Orders: Total:	£240.42 £101.00 £558.85 £900.27	St Mary's Loose Plate: Envelopes: Standing Orders: Total:	£151.00 £0 £756.00 £907.00
Deadline for submitting notices to the weekly bulletin is 10am on Thursdays		Church Cleaning: See Rotas in the Narthex – more volunteers warmly welcomed.		
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We welcome into the family of the church Caspar Sebastian Coalan Baptised last weekend at St Aelred's.

Deanery day of renewal. Saturday 10th January 11.30 am to 3.45 pm in St. Aelred's church hall, Woodlands Drive Harrogate HG27BE **Speaker is Breda McStay. Title of the talk is, "Speak Lord your servant is Listening."** 1 Samuel 3 v.9-10 **Please bring paper/notebook.**

A huge thank you from St. Aelred's SVP for your generous response to our Advent appeal. The total raised stands at more than £2,540. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution, your kindness will make a real difference to our beneficiaries.

Congratulations to Dominika and her team for providing a very prayerful Advent Retreat Day at St Robert's school on Monday. The children's Christmas preparation and understanding will be much enhanced by your engagement and commitment.

If you know of someone in need or alone on Christmas Day who might benefit from a delicious free hot Christmas dinner - whether eating in at The Hub on Vicarage Lane at 1pm or having a meal delivered to their own home, please contact Bruce Reid, knaresboroughcdd@gmail.com or 07958 653084.

St Mary's 200 Club - The winning numbers for the November draw: - £40 - 111, £25 - 108, £20 - 36, £15 - 42. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who supports the 200 Club. The winning cheques can be collected from the notice board.

St Mary's 4pm Christmas Eve Mass: If your children are coming to the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass and would like to be involved (e.g. by doing a reading/bidding prayer/offertory) please email Charlotte Burrell for further information at: catechist.stmary.knaresborough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite Nativity character and will be invited up to sing Away in a Manger after the homily. **St Aelred's 9am Mass will have a live Nativity** please come as your favourite Nativity character. Contact Krista for further details office.staelred@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

St Mary's and St Aelred's Piety shop is open after mass. We stock a range of mass and prayer cards as well as gifts.

Thank you to St Mary's Singers for a wonderful Carol Service last Sunday – a truly special occasion.

St Mary's Christmas Church clean: Please make our brassware and church sparkle for Christmas by helping polish our candlesticks and bells, hoover and dust the church after 10.30am Mass on 21st December.

Friendship Groups: St Mary's Friendship Group meet Monday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3pm with refreshments and good cake! All most welcome. **St Aelred's Friendship Group** meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 1.30pm – 3.30pm all most welcome.

Food Bank: A TIN A WEEK: Our SVPs collect food for the hungry, can you spare a tin a week for this, also some toiletries? These can be left in the boxes at the back of our churches. The Lord tells us to feed the hungry, so thank you all for your donations which are sincerely appreciated.

Mass intentions gratefully received using the brown envelopes in both churches. All Mass intentions must be made via the brown envelopes in the narthex and a cash donation placed in them or use the tab on the Dona machine. **Please give at least 2 weeks' notice** to facilitate a special day.

Christmas Mass Times: Christmas Eve

St Mary's 4pm led by the Children's Liturgy team. St Aelred's 6pm and 8pm
Christmas Day

St Aelred's 9am Led by the Children's Liturgy team and St Mary's 10.30am

Dates for your diary:

STA/STM poinsettia Sunday 21st December.

Open House at Fr Gerard's Saturday 3rd January 2026. 2-5pm all welcome for Mulled wine and mince pies.

Confirmations 25th February 2026 - 7pm at St Aelred's.

STA First Confessions 4.30pm 14th March 2026

STM First Confessions 6pm 18th March 6pm

STM First Holy Communion 16th May 11am

STA First Holy Communion 17th May 9.00am

Details of classes coming soon!

Parish Hall Bookings: St Mary's OR St Aelred's see the parish websites. Or email: office.staelred@dioceseofleeds.org.uk hall.stmary.knaresborough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Please join us for refreshments after Mass in the church hall – all most welcome.