

**We welcome into the family of the church** Kasandra Mazie baptised last weekend at St Mary's

**SVP St. Vincent's Centre Leeds.** Small Electricals Appeal. Please leave unwanted kettles, irons, lamps, heaters, microwaves, hairdryers etc. in the entrance way in the marked boxes in both churches.

**New stock has arrived for our Repository at St Aelred's** back. Please support we have an array of cards, Diaries, Missals, Rosaries and a selection of Christmas cards. Please feel free to take a look.

**Would you be interested in joining a Men's Group?** The group will be for men of the parish to come together socially and support one another. The group will meet once a season (4 times a year), and there is no cost. If you're interested, please contact [aidan.gillespie@hotmail.com](mailto:aidan.gillespie@hotmail.com)

**American Style Ceilidh - Saturday 18th October** 7.30pm in St Aelred's Hall. The next in our popular twice-yearly series. Come and dance to a top class live band. Sociable and fun. No previous dance experience needed - our expert dance caller will explain everything. This event is open to the public - bring your friends from outside the parish. Tickets £12 / £6 on the door. Tea, coffee & cake in the interval. No licensed bar but you can bring your own drinks if you wish. For more information see Philip Rowe (Sunday organist 9am).

**St Aelred's PPC** warmly invite all parishioners to an open meeting. This will be held in the spirit of synodality. We will spend time in prayer, reflection and sharing. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 7 – 8.30pm in the parish hall. Please note this is not a business meeting.

**St John's School, Boston Spa**, are appealing for gifts for their silent auction to be held before Christmas. If you can help, please drop off donations to Fr Gerard before the beginning of December.

**Could You Be a Foundation Governor at St Mary's Catholic Primary School?** We are looking for new Foundation Governors to join our Academy Council. Foundation Governors play a vital role in supporting the Catholic ethos of the school, helping to shape its vision, and ensuring that pupils flourish both academically and spiritually. If you are a practising member of the parish, care about children's education, and are willing to share your time and skills, we would love to hear from you. Training and support are provided. For more information, please contact Father Gerard.

**St Aelred's church & grounds clean/tidy up - Sat 20.09.2025 12 Noon -3pm.** All hands to the deck! A range of tasks both indoors and outdoors for all – from clearing weeds, to mopping, sweeping and polishing.

**Offertory donations** - are you new to the parish? If so, you may wish to make your donations to the parish by way of Standing Order and, if you are a UK taxpayer, by completing a Gift Aid declaration the parish can benefit by 25p for every £1 you donate. If interested, please speak to either David Rutherford Tel: 01423 887470 or Father Gerard.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Dates for your diary:**

**St Mary's PPC:** 28<sup>th</sup> September 11.30am

**CAFOD Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Harvest Fast Day**

**STA Cheese and wine:** 24<sup>th</sup> October

**STM** 25<sup>th</sup> October concert of sacred music St. Mary's Singers at Holy Trinity Church

**STM Shared lunch:** 2<sup>nd</sup> November 12 Noon

**STA** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November Memorial Mass

**STA Christmas Fair:** 30<sup>th</sup> November

**CJM Music Day** 6<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 to 4.30 followed by Mass

**STA Carol Service:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 4pm

**STA** First Confessions 4.30pm 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**STM** First Confessions 6pm 18<sup>th</sup> March 6pm

**STM** First Holy Communion 16<sup>th</sup> May 11am

**STA** First Holy Communion 17<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am

**Details of classes coming soon!**

**Parish Hall Bookings: St Mary's OR St Aelred's**  
see the parish websites. Or email:

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[hall.stmary.knaresborough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:hall.stmary.knaresborough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

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