



**Catholic Diocese of Leeds
Parishes of St Aelred's, Harrogate.
and St Mary's Knaresborough.**

18.01.2026		Second Sunday of Year A		Office Week 2
Day	Time	Intention	Venue	
Saturday 17 th	05.30pm	Holy Souls	ST.A	
Sunday 18 th	09.00am	Holy Souls	ST.A	Second Sunday of the Year
	10.30am	Joseph Mercer	ST.M	
Monday 19 th		No Mass	ST.A	
Tuesday 20 th	10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion	ST.A	
Wednesday 21 st	10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion	ST.M	St Agnes
Thursday 22 nd	10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion	ST.A	
Friday 23 rd	10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion	ST.A	
Saturday 24 th	5.30pm	People of the Parishes	ST.A	
Sunday 25 th	09.00am	Holy Souls	ST.A	Third Sunday of the Year
	10.30am	James & Costance Agar	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 11.01.2026	St Aelred's Loose Plate: Envelopes: Standing Orders: Total:	£195.20 £118.00 £558.85 £872.05	St Mary's Loose Plate: Envelopes: Standing Orders: Total:	£124.80 £0 £756.00 £880.80
Deadline for submitting notices to the weekly bulletin is 10am on Thursdays		Church Cleaning: See Rotas in the Narthex – more volunteers warmly welcomed.		

Fishy luncheon: Monday 19th January 2026 All welcome to come and enjoy fish & chips, mushy peas, coffee/tea, bread & butter and sweets for afters, as well as some good chat. Hall opens 12 noon, luncheon served 12.30pm. £7. Monies to be paid to Margaret or Tony. Please put your names on the list at the back of St Aelreds church or phone Tony on 07912790773.

SVP St Aelred and St Mary's - St John Fisher Catholic High School are holding a party for the District SVP and over 60's on Friday 13th February 1.40-3.00pm. Please let a member of the Clergy or SVP know if you are attending or require a lift. Or call one of the SVP numbers on the bulletin.

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.

Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation - session 1 Sunday 1st February 11.30am to 2pm with a half an hour break for packed lunched session 2 Sunday 15th February same timings. Both sessions to be held in the classroom at St Mary's. It is essential to attend both sessions before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

Peace Sunday. Pope Leo published his World Day of Peace message shortly before Christmas. It is such a timely and rich message in today's troubled world. Affirming again that nonviolence is the key to peace, the message addresses the escalation of war, rearmament and fear in international relations. Pope Leo reiterates the Church's opposition to deterrence based on military force and calls for disarmament, dialogue and the conversion of hearts as necessary conditions for a lasting and unarmed peace. **You** can read the full text here [Pope Leo: Towards an unarmed and disarming peace](#)

St. Mary's Singers will be resuming practices from Sunday 18th January, 7:30 pm in St. Mary's parish hall. We're a friendly community choir, why not come along and sing with us - no auditions.

The parishes of St Aelred's and St Mary's are seeing to employ admin support for 6 hours per week. The role will be to produce the weekly newsletter, to update our websites, to increase our social media presence and to check all health and safety at St Mary's applications and a job description from Fr Gerard. Closing date for applications Monday 19th January.

St Mary's 200 Club - The winning numbers for the December draw are:- £40 - 2, £25 - 159, £20 - 121, £15 -35. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who supports the 200 Club. The winning cheques can be collected from the notice board.

Pax Christi: Witness for Peace Join our Leeds group for an 'Ash Wednesday Witness' (18.2.26) at 12.30-1.30pm in Dormund Square, Leeds LS2 8RE

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.

Dates for your diary:

Confirmation classes 1st and 15th February 11.30am to 2pm.

STA Mass for the sick and housebound Thursday 5th February 2026 11.30am followed by lunch.

STA Social Committee meeting Wednesday 4th February 2026, 7pm, in the presbytery planning events for then year ahead.

STM PPC meeting Sunday 8th February 2026. 11.30am – items for the agenda to the parish office email address by Wednesday 4th February.

STA Parish finance and property advisory group meeting Tuesday 10th February 2026. 7.30pm in the presbytery.

STA PPC meeting Wednesday 11th February 6.45pm in the parish centre. Items for the agenda to the office email address by Friday 6th February.

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

Ash Wednesday: Masses at 10am at St Mary's and 7pm at St Aelred's

STA/STM Joint Lent Lunch – shared table for CAFOD. Sunday 8th March

STM World Day of Prayer Service focused on Nigeria - Friday 6th March 2pm

STA First Confessions 4.30pm 14th March 2026

STM Irish night and quiz at St Mary's tickets on sale soon to raise funds for the building fund. Saturday 15th March Tickets on sale soon.

STM First Confessions 6pm 18th March 6pm

STM First Holy Communion 16th May 11am

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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.