

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER

23rd

Edward Whitelaw (2019)
Angie Cousins (2019)
Hilda McVeigh (1974)

24th

Anne Dewhirst (2021)
Nellie Senior (2017)
Brian Asquith (2016)
Jack Healey (2014)
Frank Burton (Jnr) (2008)

25th

Sheila Asquith (2021)
Malcolm Wilcock (2021)
Beryl Leach (2019)
Colin Squires (2017)
Kevin Maguire (1972)

26th

Michael Haigh (2022)
William Ellis (2020)
Kevin Gallagher (2013)
Nathan Andrew Harrap (2004)
Maureen Maguire (2012)

27th

Betty Carter (2021)
Marjorie Potter (2012)
Madeline Ramsden (1978)
John James McQuinn (1927)
Gerard Cotter

28th

Brian Kelly (2023)
Rita Ledger (2019)
Catherine Nkomo (2008)
David Sheridan (1994)
Evelyn O’Hanlon (1989)
Rosemary Senior (2018)
Margaret Tomlinson (2017)
Norton Crumpton (2002)
Grace Lynch (1978)

30th

Bert Sydney Kirby (2021)
Mary Smith (2020)
Nicholas Crowley (1961)

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ann Fleming
(formerly Ann Richardson)

Thomas Donnelly
Michael Harrison
Joe Campbell

**THE PARISH OF
ST MARY OF THE ANGELS & ST PATRICK**

Sunday 24th November 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (CHRIST THE KING)				
Sat 23 rd Nov	4.30pm	St Mary	Christ the King	Alexis Mai Thirkill (A)
	6.00pm	St Patrick	Christ the King	Kathleen Casey (A)
Sun 24 th Nov	9.00am	St Patrick	Christ the King	Merriman Family (Rem)
	10.30am	St Mary	Christ the King	Thomas Redmond Maguire & Maureen & Thomas Maguire
Mon 25 th Nov	10.15am	St Mary	Requiem Mass for Ann Fleming (RIP)	
Tues 26 th Nov				
Wed 27 th Nov				
Thurs 28 th Nov	12.00noon	Convent	Weekday in O T	Grace Lynch (A)
Fri 29 th Nov	11.00am	St Mary	Holy Hour: Adoration & Benediction	
	12.00noon	St Mary	St Cecilia	Mass of Thanksgiving (Anderson Family)
Sat 30 th Nov	9.00am	St Patrick	Holy Hour: Adoration & Benediction	
	10.00am	St Patrick	Weekday in O T	Norton Crumpton (A)
SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)				
Sat 30 th Nov	4.30pm	St Mary	1 st Sunday of Advent	Margaret Rogers (Rem)
	6.00pm	St Patrick	1 st Sunday of Advent	Bert Sydney Kirby (A)
Sun 1 st Dec	9.00am	St Patrick	1 st Sunday of Advent	Poorly Person (ER)
	10.30am	St Mary	1 st Sunday of Advent	Joseph Halloran (A)
	11.30am	St Mary	Baptism of Sophia Jeffries & Eleanor Jeffries	
	2.00pm	St Mary	ADVENT HOLY HOUR - Adoration & Confessions	
Parish Livestream Facility - stmaryandstpatrick.org.uk.				
FORTHCOMING FUNERALS				
Ann Fleming (RIP)	St Mary’s	Requiem Mass - Mon 25 th November - 10.15am		
Thomas Donnelly (RIP)	Crematorium	Cremation Service - Mon 2 nd December - 1.15pm		
Michael Harrison (RIP)	St Patrick’s	Funeral Service - Fri 6 th December - 1.30pm		
<i>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.</i>				

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE POORLY... Maria Ashton, Kathleen Pawson (nee Rush), Frank O’Neill, Ann Leach, Elaine Richardson, Catherine & Jimmy McVeigh, Sheila Haigh, Geoff Holland, Stefan Stadnicki, Jennie Farnhill, Peter McKenna, Raymond Croken, Anthony Clementson, Simon Murphy, Margaret Harrison, Franco Menic, Katie Gallagher-Peel, Barbara Maguire, Elaine Wraith, Fr David Bulmer, Jane Hellings, Barry Murphy, James Waldron, Pauline Clark, Marian McGeown, Zoe Sands, Peter Savage, Clare Gavan, Mason Ross Kilgallon, Julie Murphy, Baby Archer, Ro, Gail, Nancy, Judy, Gail & the Teal Sisters (Ovarian Cancer Support Group), Paris Thompson, Joan Franklin, Rod McKenzie, Patricia Mould, Michael Andrews, Elaine Mulqueen, Linda Beck, Evelyn Hall, David Nicholson, Neil Hilton, Margaret Norton, Celia & Harry Wilson, Mary De-Gol, Desmond Graham, Michael O’Hanlon, Sandra Heaton, Ann Mawby, Joan Scott, Janet Howgate, Maureen Leahy, Peter Connor, Patricia Beveridge and Elaine Rollinson.

OUR LADY’S CANDLE: Kate Davey Private Intention (MH)

JOE CAMPBELL (RIP) - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Campbell, the former Deputy Head-teacher of St Patrick’s Primary School. He was a special part of our school for over 20 years.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSIONS			SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM		
St Patrick's	Saturdays	9.15am - 9.45am	St Patrick's	Saturdays	11.00am
St Mary's	Saturdays	3.45pm - 4.15pm	St Mary's	Sundays	11.30am
<i>(Also available upon request)</i>			<i>(As arranged with Fr Eamonn)</i>		

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - 'The Journey' Grief Care Group for anyone walking through Loss. An opportunity to spend time with others who recognise your journey in bereavement.

ST PATRICK'S LOURDES GROUP FUND-RAISERS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - 31st Nov - 1st Dec - request for donations of prizes

POP INTO ST PAT'S

Monday 25th Nov - Visit from Mini Vinnies to share their lunch with us and update us on what they have worked on this term, 12.00pm - 12:45pm. Guest speaker Helen Thom taking us on a journey through hearing loss. A truly amazing journey.

Monday 2nd Dec - Christmas Quiz with David and Pauline quizmasters extraordinaire.

Monday 9th Dec - Mark Gibbs to talk to us about M.R. James (Montague Rhodes James) - English author and medievalist scholar - Ghost Stories of an Antiquary. Please note Mark will start his talk at 2pm- 2:45.

Monday 16th Dec - Christmas Lunch. Limited to 30 guests- a nominal charge of £5 ahead. Book your tickets for a lovely occasion.

Monday 23rd Dec- Break for Christmas

Monday 30th Dec - New Years Dinner. Bring and share. Our Ukulele Group are joining us as we sing along to new tunes and welcome in the new year.

Come along and meet old friends and make some new ones. Everyone welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNE HARDCASTLE-BUCKLEY CELEBRATING HER 80TH BIRTHDAY - on behalf of the parish, may I say 'congratulations' to Anne Hardcastle-Buckley who is celebrating her 80th birthday this week. We wish her every happiness and blessing at this special time.

ST PATRICK'S CONSULTATION REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF THE PLASTER FRIEZE FROM THE OLD CHURCH

At the back of the side chapel in St Patrick's there is an old plaster frieze - one of the Stations of the Cross from the old St Patrick's Church. This has been free standing for many years waiting for it to be erected in a permanent place. It is time this was now done - it is an important link to the history of St Patrick's Church and parish.

Having spoken to the diocesan church architecture authorities about this, there are two possible places where it can go;

- I - ***in the narthex at the back of church*** near the entrance & Holy Water stoops
- II - ***on a wall in the parish room***

Rather than me / the diocese deciding this, we would like to ask where you the parish would like it to go? The majority decision will be the deciding factor. I really do not have a strong preference, however, if it helps, I would suggest the narthex at the entrance. This would make the frieze a very prominent reminder of our old church and a reminder of our proud history. But as I say, I really am open to the alternative too. Please let me know your thoughts. Once we have a clear decision, I will begin the necessary process to move forward.

OUR PARISH HISTORY - On 20 November 1939 Batley St Mary's school finally reopened after the prolonged summer holiday. They had been forced to postpone their scheduled opening date of 4 September 1939, because of the outbreak of World War Two. The completion of air raid shelters for the children meant they were now safe to return to school, although half of the other elementary schools in Batley still remained closed for full admission, awaiting the building of their shelters. *(Jane Roberts - Parish Historian)*

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025 - JUBILEE YEAR

ST PATRICK & ST MARY'S PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 19TH - 28TH JUNE 2025 - Next year is likely to be the last jumbulance to Lourdes from this parish. After decades of biannually visiting Lourdes, unfortunately our funds will no longer provide the means to travel. First, we would like to thank everyone who has, and continues to support the pilgrimage, your prayers and financial aid are invaluable.

If you are interested in travelling with us, we still require 2 helpers to join us. The role is extremely fulfilling but quite straightforward. You must be fit enough to push a wheelchair and willing to possibly share a room with a "VIP". if you aren't fit enough to be a helper or have an illness or disability you may wish to travel as a VIP. Please budget for around £700 for the travel, hotel and full board. This small note cannot do justice to this unique experience so please speak to Dorothy Kenny or Paul Leese for further details (07582101538).

ST PATRICK'S DISCUSSION GROUP - We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.00am in the St Patrick's Church Tea/ Coffee room. All are welcome. ***For further details call Andy Hill on: 01274 315271 or 07729 626966.***

ADVENT & CHRISTMASS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
Date:	Event:	Church:	Time:
Sunday 1 st December	1 st Sunday of Advent Holy Hour	St Mary's	2.00pm
Sunday 8 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent Holy Hour	St Patrick's	2.00pm
Monday 9 th December	Immaculate Conception Mass (Solemnity)	St Patrick's	11.30am
Monday 9 th December	Immaculate Conception Mass (Solemnity)	St Mary's	6.00pm
Sunday 15 th December	Chordiality Christmas Carol Concert	St Mary	3.00pm
Monday 16 th December	Batley Community Choir Christmas Carol Concert	St Patrick's	7.30pm
Sunday 22 nd December	4 th Sunday of Advent Holy Hour	St Mary	2.00pm
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES			
Tuesday 24 th December	Children's Christmas Mass	St Mary's	4.00pm
Tuesday 24 th December	Children's Christmas Mass	St Patrick's	6.00pm
Wednesday 25 th December	Midnight Mass	St Mary's	12.00midnight
Wednesday 25 th December	Christmas Day Mass	St Patrick's	9.00am
Wednesday 25 th December	Christmas Day Mass	St Mary's	10.30am
BOXING DAY			
Thursday 26 th December	St Stephen's Day Mass	St Mary's	10.00am
Thursday 26 th December	St Stephen's Day Mass	St Patrick's	12.00noon
NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIMES			
Wednesday 1 st January	New Year's Day - Mary Mother of God Mass	St Patrick's	10.00am
Wednesday 1 st January	New Year's Day - Mary Mother of God Mass	St Mary's	12.00noon

Please refer to the weekly bulletins for a full list of what will be taking place in the parish.



ST MARY'S THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS "BELLA AND HER BEAST"

St Mary's Social Club Sat 7th 2.30pm and 7.30pm Sun 8th December 1.30pm.

Join our cast as they try to help Bella save her father. But when she finds herself at an enchanted castle with bewitched creatures, Bella must pick between saving her family and saving her new

love. Tickets £6.50 General Admission | £24.00 Family Ticket (admits 1 adult and 3 children or 2 adults and 2 children). Tickets available online at:

<https://stmarystheatrebatley.co.uk/> behind the bar at the Social Club or by calling 07932 650854

CHORDIALITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT - St Mary's Church - Sun 15th Dec - 3.00pm - Tickets £5.00 - children FREE

We are delighted to announce the return of the wonderful Chordiality. Come and get into the festive spirit with one of their very popular Chordiality Christmas Concerts. Led by the very gifted Mr Peter Sherlock, we are entertained with an assortment of traditional and contemporary Christmas music and Carols. A concert for all the family and one guaranteed to please. **Followed by traditional mince pies and mulled wine in the school next door.**

Tickets now on sale. You can either;

- Buy a ticket at the back of Church after Saturday evening / Sunday morning Masses
- Reserve a ticket via the parish office email - office.stmaryandstpatrick@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
- Reserve a ticket from Fr Eamonn on (01924) 474650

Each ticket is numbered and is entered into a raffle. The winning ticket (drawn at the concert) wins £100.00.

This is always a wonderful occasion and a very special way to begin our preparations for the celebration of Christmas. Tickets always sell fast, please try to book early to avoid disappointment.



BATLEY COMMUNITY CHOIR PRESENTS A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St Patrick's Church Monday 16th December from 7.30pm

A festive evening of traditional carols and modern classics. Tickets - £5.00 with refreshments available. Tickets will be on sale in due course. All welcome.

FROM ST JOHN FISHER'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY - Year 7 & 8 Christmas Carol Concert - Wednesday 11th December - 11.10am. We would like to invite any parishioners to come and join us. Our Youth SVP group will be serving mince pies and refreshments afterwards. Please sign in at reception on arrival.

Live Crib in Dewsbury - Wednesday 18th December - 11.00am - outside Longcauseway Church. A lovely way to start the festivities! Come along and join in the singing! There will be a collection at the end for the Lourdes fund.

ST PATRICK'S LEGION OF MARY - The St Patrick's legion of Mary meet on;

Tuesday mornings at 10.00am in the St Patrick's Parish Meeting Room.

WELCOME SPACE - at St Peter's Church, Birstall every Wednesday 11am-2pm. Free. Refreshments, hot drinks, 3 soups and sandwiches, board games and small little ones play area provided.

MORLEY MUSIC SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT - This year's concert will be taking place on;

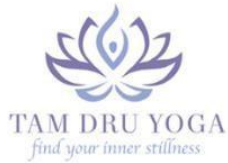
Saturday 7th December - 7.30pm - St Peter's Church, Rooms Lane, Morley - Tickets are £10.00 at the door.

The choir and band will perform music by Rutter and a variety of Christmas favourites.



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS - This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life changing. Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of

beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at; worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in church.



DRU YOGA WITH TAMLIN WALKER - Dru Yoga is great for maintaining and improving flexibility and for maintaining the health of your joints. It can help with stress, relaxation and even help you sleep better!

Sundays 6pm-7.10pm £7.50 Heckmondwike Community Centre

Wednesdays 7.15-8.20pm £6 online via Zoom

Please contact Tamlin Walker on 07957434127 or tamdruyoga@gmail.com

ST MARY'S SOCIAL CLUB & PAROCHIAL HALL - Melton Street, Batley, WF17 8PT

Are you thinking about where to celebrate a family party, baptism, wedding, birthday (not children's parties). St Mary's Social Club has great rooms available to hire at very good prices.

The Melton Lounge - ideal for parties up to 50 people with a well stocked bar.

The Ball room - can hold up to 160 people, with an adjoining kitchen and bar.

For more information please visit:

www.stmarysocialclubbatley.uk

Booking Enquiries - Michelle 07896 974429

[facebook.com/stmarysocialclubbatley](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysocialclubbatley)

EVENTS IN ST MARY'S SOCIAL CLUB - 2024

Social Dancing

Sunday evenings from 7.30pm

Bingo in the Lounge

Tuesdays 8.00pm & Fridays at 8.00pm

Singing for Fun

Wednesdays from 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Quiz Night

Wednesdays from 8.30pm

Batley Rock and Roll Club

Wednesdays from 8.00pm

Fitness with Karen

Wednesdays 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Slimming World

Thursdays 9.00am - 11.00am & 5.00pm - 7.00pm - Friday 9.00am

Central Pointe Dance (in the studio)

Monday to Thursday.

Regular sell out Rock and Roll Band nights - first Friday of the month.

Monthly Tribute nights with Batley's Legendary DJ Mick Ingram. Early booking essential: Ticket Hotline 0776633695

CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE WINNING TICKETS

Please see the poster at the back of church or refer to the website.

For a full list of notices from the Diocese of Leeds
please see the notice board at the back of church or refer to the Parish Website.

THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PATRICK

Parish Priest – Very Rev Eamonn Hegarty (VF)

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Parish Priest Email Address - eamonn.hegarty@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Telephone Number - (01924) 474650

Parish Administrator - Michelle Anderson - (01924) 474650

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

St Mary's - Stacy Rhys-Hill & Eileen White - 01924 474650

St Patrick's - Sr Pat - Tel. (01924) 474640

PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTICES

Diocesan Events, Invitations from Parishes and other Organisations, listed chronologically.

POSTCARDS ABOUT THE ASSISTED SUICIDE VOTE: from a disability campaign group called "Not Dead Yet UK" are available at the back of church. These postcards ask MPs to vote against the legalisation of assisted suicide in the parliamentary vote on 29th November. Please do take one and send it to your MP.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR PERMANENT DIACONATE: You are invited to Join Bishop Marcus and the permanent deacons of our Diocese to a Mass of Thanksgiving and Promotion of the Diaconate in our diocese at 5.30pm on Tuesday 26 November at Leeds Cathedral.

ALMOST 10 YEARS SINCE *LAUDATO SI* - WHAT HAS CHANGED? A Zoom meeting on 27 Nov 12:00 – 13:30pm With some short inputs and the opportunity to share what is happening across northern dioceses. See www.leedsjp.org.uk for how to register and receive the link.

REJOICE IN HOPE - ADVENT TIME OF RECOLLECTION: You are invited to start Advent in the best possible way with the sensational Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal at Ss Peter and Paul's Wakefield. Sunday 8th December, 2pm-6pm. The event will include wonderful music, talks, discussion time, refreshments, Adoration and the opportunity for Eucharistic healing. Confessions will also be available. Don't miss this special opportunity for a beautifully peaceful, and prayerful retreat afternoon.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours on Saturday 14 December at 2pm: The tours last about 1 hour and are free to attend. No booking is required. Please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL DAY OF RECONCILIATION: Tuesday 17th December, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition all day.

CAFOD JUBILEE YEAR EVENTS: CAFOD is hosting a Jubilee resource 'taster' event online on 4 December. Register at https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/pilgrims_of_hope_webinar_dec_2024 Also offering an online Introduction to the Jubilee Year on Saturday 18 January with special guests to help us become tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout the Holy Year. Register at <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING: A two-day course for those wishing to learn how to accompany those who are grieving. 10am – 4pm Saturday 11 January *and* Saturday 18 January 2025 at The Briery. For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

THE ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE: will take place on Friday 28 February 2025 at the Met Hotel in Leeds, Tickets are £40 each or £375 for a table of 10, Ticket price includes a reception drink, a 3 course dinner and entertainment throughout the night. Please contact Phil Marshall for tickets or more info on 07766 148375 or at philmarshall49@hotmail.com

OTHER NOTICES

CAFOD JUBILEE 2025 RESOURCE GUIDE: CAFOD has produced a guide to help parishes to prepare for the Jubilee year. Available as an online download or a booklet to order from CAFOD's website. The Guide has reflections on different themes within Luke 4:16-21 and is suitable for individual or group use. Download or order at <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/jubilee-reflection-guide> .

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL RESOURCES: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) website has been updated with a raft of resources to help to be informed regarding the assisted suicide legislation that is currently working its way through Parliament. Resources and information available at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> and <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/catholics-oppose-assisted-suicide/>

BRADFORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORT: If you live, work, study or worship anywhere in the Bradford area, please consider following the link <https://bit.ly/4fqLWKx> before 2 December to sign the e-petition opposing Bradford Council's proposal to scrap school bus services to our Catholic high school, St Bede's and St Joseph's (SBSJ).

VACANCIES

New notice – please publish in newsletters and promote

CATHOLIC CARE DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER VACANCY: Salary over £70,000 pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision/skills for leadership, a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing/delivering strategy. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk. Contact Katrina on 0113 388 5400.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: Headteacher, School: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Barnoldswick
Start: April 2025. Closing date: Monday, 02 December 2024. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/>

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY: Mental Health Outreach Support Worker, £24,404 - £25,584 pro rata. 23 hours per week. Based in Leeds. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or email your CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk