

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

DECEMBER

14th

John Mortimer (2022)
Mary Kinsella (1962)
Audrey Mitchell
Carrie Lettice

15th

Martin John Harrington (2015)
Veronica Dixon (2003)

16th

Brian Mulvey (2015)
Jean Mitchell (2008)
Hugh Hegarty (1993)
Jean Mitchell
Kathleen Glew
Matthias Conneely

17th

Frances Melvin (2023)
Margaret Leadbetter (2002)
Mary Flexney (2001)

18th

Margaret Colette Harkin (2019)
Vera Honney (2017)
Peter Kinsella (1939)
Michael Walker

19th

Maxine Marian Sam (2021)
Jean Hallahan (2020)
Kitty Cardle (2015)

20th

Margaret Crowley (1996)
Harold Hydes (1993)
Sr Marie St Agnes O'Grady (1926)
Audrey Owens
Ralph Davies
Kevin Halloran

21st

Julie Mitchell (2023)
Roger Gallent (2020)
Anthony 'Tony' Smith (2017)
David Halloran (2016)
Joseph FitzPatrick (2000)
David Halloran
Harry Neville (2008)

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

Sunday 15th December 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)				
Sat 14 th Dec	4.30pm	St Mary	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Joseph Halloran (A)
	6.00pm	St Patrick	3 rd Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
Sun 15 th Dec	9.00am	St Patrick	3 rd Sunday of Advent	John & Mary Morris (A)
	10.30am	St Mary	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Hugh Hegarty (A)
Mon 16 th Dec	11.30am	St Patrick	Advent Weekday	Kevin Kennedy (RIP)
	5.00am	St Mary	Holy Hour: Adoration & Rosary & Benediction	
	6.00am	St Mary	Advent Weekday	Private Intention (EPH)
Tues 17 th Dec	9.00am	St Mary	Holy Hour: Adoration & Rosary & Benediction	
	10.00am	St Mary	Advent Weekday	Kitty Cardle (A)
Wed 18 th Dec	5.00pm	St Mary	Holy Hour: Adoration & Rosary & Benediction	
	6.00pm	St Mary	Advent Weekday	Fr Ken Hawley (RIP)
Thurs 19 th Dec	9.30am	St Patrick	St Patrick's Primary - Whole School Mass	
	12.00noon	Convent	Advent Weekday	William Battye (A)
Fri 20 th Dec	9.30am	St Mary	St Mary's Primary - Whole School Mass	
	11.00am	St Mary	Holy Hour: Adoration & Rosary & Benediction	
	12.00noon	St Mary	Advent Weekday	Mary Battye (B'day A)
Sat 21 st Dec	9.00am	St Patrick	Holy Hour: Adoration & Rosary & Benediction	
	10.00am	St Patrick	St John of the Cross	Anthony 'Tony' Smith (A)
	10.45am	St Patrick	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) - 1 Hour</u>	
	12.15pm	St Mary	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) - 1 Hour</u>	
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)				
Sat 21 st Dec	4.30pm	St Mary	4 th Sunday of Advent	Harrison Family Intentions
	6.00pm	St Patrick	4 th Sunday of Advent	Fr David Bulmer (Intentions)
Sun 22 nd Dec	9.00am	St Patrick	4 th Sunday of Advent	Joan Kirby (A)
	10.30am	St Mary	4 th Sunday of Advent	John, Nellie & Stephen Senior (Rem)
	2.00pm	St Mary's	ADVENT HOLY HOUR: Adoration & Confessions	
Parish Livestream Facility - stmaryandstpatrick.org.uk .				

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 Crocken, Anthony Clementson, Simon Murphy, Margaret Harrison, Franco Menic, Katie Gallagher-Peel, 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, Desmond Graham, Michael O'Hanlon, Sandra Heaton, Ann Mawby, Joan Scott, Janet Howgate, Maureen Leahy, Peter Connor, Patricia Beveridge, Elaine Rollinson, Marie Hatch and Jen Ward.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE: Ellen Kerfoot

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>		

ST MARY'S CHURCH - DESIGNATED CHURCH FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR - as you may recall, during the Mass for my Silver Jubilee of Ordination, Bishop Marcus announced that he was making St Mary's a Designated Church for the Jubilee Year. This is due to the association that St Mary's has with the Annual Batley Torchlight Procession which is a Diocesan event. This means that amongst other things, the St Mary's makes the Sacrament of Reconciliation and other devotions more available throughout the Jubilee Year.

Various things will take place throughout the Year (across the Parish, Deanery & Diocese) which will be announced as and when they arrive. Something however, which will begin early in the New Year and will take place throughout the Jubilee Year is St Mary's hosting 1st Friday Prayer Vigils as follows;

Crucem, Hostiam et Virginem

"If we want to grow and to be filled with the love of God, it is necessary to plant our lives firmly on three great realities: the Cross, the Host and the Virgin Mary: crux, hostia, et virgo...these are three mysteries that God gave to the world in order to structure, fructify and sanctify our interior life and to lead us to Jesus."

(Cardinal Robert Sarah: "The Power of Silence")

The 1st Friday of each month in 2025

6.00pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation
7.00pm	The Holy Rosary Sacrament of Reconciliation
7.50pm	Benediction
8.00pm	Mass



May I invite you to come along and join us for our Jubilee Prayer Vigils. This is an opportunity to experience God's forgiveness, receive the Jubilee Indulgence and rest prayerfully in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. *Please seed the poster at the back of our churches for more details.*

ST PATRICK'S LOURDES GROUP FUND-RAISERS

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

POP INTO ST PAT'S

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.

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. Having spoken to the diocesan church architecture authorities about this, there are three 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**
- III - **Side-Chapel**

So far the consultation seems to be moving towards placing the frieze in the Side-Chapel. I will give the consultation another week or two and then let you know the outcome early new year. Your thoughts will be appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MADELEINE WILES - on behalf of the parish I would like to say 'congratulations' to Madeleine Wiles who competed in her first Yorkshire General Gymnastics Competition in Barnsley last weekend. Her hard work and determination certainly paid off. She achieved, silver on floor, bronze on bars, fourth on vault, eighth on beam and fifth overall. Her team came away with a gold medal, trophy 🏆 and title too - U12 Opal champions!! Well done Madeleine we're very proud of you.

ADVENT & CHRISTMASS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
Date:	Event:	Church:	Time:
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
Saturday 21 st December	Sacrament of Confessions for one hour	St Patrick's	10.45am
Saturday 21 st December	Sacrament of Confessions for one hour	St Mary's	12.15pm
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
CHRISTMAS WEEK MASSES			
Thursday 26 th December	St Stephen's Day (1 st Martyr) - Mass	St Mary's	10.00am
Thursday 26 th December	St Stephen's Day (1 st Martyr) - Mass	St Patrick's	12.00noon
Friday 27 th December	St John (Apostle & Evangelist) - Mass	St Patrick's	10.00am
Friday 27 th December	St John (Apostle & Evangelist) - Mass	St Mary'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.

OUR PARISH HISTORY - On 15th December 1870 the opening High Mass was celebrated at the newly-built church of St Mary of the Angels. Designed by Leeds-based architects Messrs. Adams and Kelly, at a cost of around £2,364, the church was constructed using stone from neighbouring quarries. Diocesan Bishop Robert Cornthwaite officiated, aided by clergymen from throughout Yorkshire. Cardinal Henry Edward Manning, Archbishop of Westminster, gave the sermon, along with a subsequent one at 6.30pm Evening Vespers, honouring a promise made to Parish Priest Fr Rigby that whenever he opened a church he would come to preach not once but twice. In between services, a formal lunch was taken at Batley's now-gone Station Hotel. *(Jane Roberts - Parish Historian)*

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025 - JUBILEE YEAR

ST PATRICK & ST MARY'S PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 19TH - 28TH JUNE 2025 - Please note that we still require one more helper to join us next year. 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" (a person with an illness or who is elderly).

We are also open to requests from those who wish to travel with us as a "VIP".

Helpers or VIP's need to 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.*

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 available on the door.**



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.

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.



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](tel:0776633695)

**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

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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.

Please note changes to notices over the next few weeks

18th December – will be sent Wednesday morning.

25th December – no notices

1st January – no notices

8th January – back to normal

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

CAROL SERVICE & SOLEMN BENEDICTION: Scarthingwell Church of the Immaculate Conception LS24 9PH. The Rudgate Singers will lead a Traditional Carol Service concluding with Solemn Benediction at this historic church on Saturday 21 December, 3pm. Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE: St. Aidan, Mirfield Friday 3 January 2025 at 7pm.

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

WORKSHOP FOR PARISH MUSICIANS - PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: Sunday 26 January, 2-4pm, Cathedral Chambers (accessed via Wheeler Hall, Leeds Cathedral). Meet musicians from across the Diocese in this free workshop exploring liturgical music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. The practical workshop led by Diocesan Choral Directors and composer Teena Lyle, will introduce two new accessible choral pieces, including perusal copies of the music. Our musicians will be on hand for bespoke advice. To book please email the Music Office: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE: We are delighted to be hosting our first Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 8 February 2025, 10-3pm at Hinsley Hall. To date guest speakers include the Comboni Survivors Group, Hydrant Programme and Dementia Friendly Churches. It would be a great opportunity to be part of the discussion and sharing of information, to book your place please email safeguarding@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

DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR: This new venture welcomes all parish musicians, parishioners, choir parents, friends, and school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals on Sunday afternoons (19 January, 2 & 9 February, 2 & 23 March all at 2-3.30pm), working towards a concert performance, including music by Mendelssohn, Fauré, and Rutter, on Laetare Sunday, 30 March 2025 (4pm) at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To book your place please email office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

OTHER NOTICES

OPERATION ELF TOY COLLECTION: PACT - the Catholic prisons charity - are urgently needing gifts for prisoners' children in the diocese this Christmas. Is there someone in the parish who would be a point of contact to help organise? To find out how you can help contact Julia Corcoran at parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk

VACANCIES

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.

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

FACILITIES ASSISTANT VACANCY, St. Mary's, Menston, Start: as soon as possible. Closing date: Monday, 6 January 2025. Further info: [Bishop Wheeler Academy Trust - Trust & Academy Vacancies \(bishopwheeleracademytrust.org\)](http://bishopwheeleracademytrust.org). To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Jo-Anne Hughes ja.hughes@stmarysmenston.org