

NOVEMBER

30th

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

DECEMBER

1st

Madge Leadbetter (2002)
 Annie Bennett (1995)

2nd

David Hodgson (2023)
 Gavin Heaton (2017)
 Rita Woodhead (2005)
 Lella Gallagher (1995)

Catherine Howley

3rd

Eliza 'Lila' Harrison (2017)
 Susan Kirkham (2009)H

Lilli Eddy (2002)

4th

Stephen Walker (2018)

Maria Teresa Cooper (2018)

Anthony John Scott (2015)

Sr Anthony Josephine Carey
 (1968)

5th

Mary Elizabeth O'Neill (2015)

John Ball

6th

Norma Cowgill (2022)

Sheila O'Hara (2021)

Paul Swaine (2021)

Andrew Frain (2021)

Susan Jones (2021)

Joseph Halloran (2016)

David Hopkins (2016)

Sheila Telford (2015)

Josephine Gierula (2002)

Annie Neville (1994)

Mabel & Stanley Gath

7th

Bernard Clark (2016)

Joseph Corah (1992)

Alfred King (1992)

Thornton Hall (1942)

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Thomas Donnelly

Michael Harrison

Joe Campbell

Margaret Fearon

Francis McLaughlin

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



Sunday 1st December 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

<i>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)</i>				
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	
Mon 2 nd Dec	11.30am	St Patrick	Advent Week 1	Margaret Fearon (RIP)
	1.15pm	D.M. Crem	Cremation Service for Thomas Donnelly (RIP)	
	5.00am	St Mary	Holy Hour: Adoration & Benediction	
	6.00am	St Mary	Advent Week 1	Francis McLaughlin (RIP)
Tues 3 rd Dec	10.00am	St Mary	St Francis Xavier	Steve Walker (A)
	12.00noon	Convent	St Francis Xavier	Faithful Departed
Wed 4 th Dec	5.00pm	St Mary	Holy Hour: Adoration & Benediction	
	6.00pm	St Mary	Advent Week 1	Private Intention (CLH)
Thurs 5 th Dec	9.30am	St Patrick	St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy - Class Mass	
	12.00noon	Convent	Advent Week 1	Faithful Departed
Fri 6 th Dec	11.00am	St Mary	Holy Hour: Adoration & Benediction	
	12.00noon	St Mary	Advent Week 1	Annie Neville (A)
	1.30pm	St Patrick	Requiem Mass for Michael Harrison (RIP)	
Sat 7 th Dec	11.00am	St Mary	Wedding of Georgia Copley & Robson Stevens	
<i>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)</i>				
Sat 7 th Dec	4.30pm	St Mary	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Peter & Mary Ellen Grace & Herbert Allan Dennis (Rem)
	6.00pm	St Patrick	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Joe Campbell (RIP)
Sun 8 th Dec	9.00am	St Patrick	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Roger Jones (RIP)
	10.30am	St Mary	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Rosemary Cannon (Poorly)
	2.00pm	St Mary	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, 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: Mary Keelan (B'day Rem); Stasha Kenyon (B'day Rem); Josephine Gierula (A)

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>		



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - on behalf of the parish may I say 'congratulations' to
Atlas Michael-Jesse Cooke & Posie Tracy-Christine Cooke

who were baptised at St Patrick's Church last Saturday. May God bless them and their family as they begin their journey of faith.

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LECTIONARY (Sunday & Daily Mass Readings) - Just so you are aware, as of this Sunday the 1st Sunday of Advent, there is a new translation of the Lectionary (the readings for Mass) for the English speaking world. This means that if you have a Sunday Missal or a Daily Missal the readings will now be out of date. New Sunday Missals are now available priced £20.00 each. If you would like me to order you a new Sunday Missal please sign your name on the form at the back of church. The new Daily Missals are not yet available. Once they are I will let you know and order them for any who wish to have one in due course.

ST PATRICK'S LOURDES GROUP FUND-RAISERS

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

POP INTO ST PAT'S

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.

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 Tuesday 1 December 1925, a whist drive and dance was held at St Patrick's Catholic drill hall, when prizes were won by Miss K. Henry and Mr. J. McCarthy. The M.C.'s were Messrs. J. Maguire and J. Lyons (whist), J. Cunnane and T. O'Brien (dancing). Messrs. M. McLoughlin and J. Kelly played for dancing, and refreshments were served by ladies of the parish. *(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.**

LEEDS DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES - the new 2025 Leeds Diocesan Directories are now available at the back of church. These are priced at £5.00.

ST MARY & ST PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE THANK YOU - Once again may I say a big 'thank you' to all who helped to arrange and supported our recent parish Christmas Fayre. This was a great success for so many reasons - not least seeing our parish coming together and working as one for the sake of the parish. It is lovely to see new friendships being forged in the parish as we get to know each other more and more. I am delighted to announce that we actually raised the incredible amount of;

£2,132.54

Well done and again to you all, thank you very much for all your hard work and enthusiasm.

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



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.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.

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.

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.



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.



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

Parish Priest – Very Rev Eamonn Hegarty (VF)

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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.

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 8 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 17 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

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE: We are delighted to be hosting our first Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 8th 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

2025 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS: will be for sale in parishes from Saturday, 30th November at £5 each

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

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

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, 2 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