



Rt. Rev Marcus Stock
(Bishop of Leeds)

THE PARISH OF
ST MARY & ST PATRICK

Sunday 2nd February 2025

(World Day for Consecrated Life)



Book of Remembrance

February

1st

Joan Hoyle (2018)
Chris Welford (2017)
Richard Eddy (2013)
David Stead (2002)
Baby David Hanson (1951)
James Judge

2nd

Phyllis Dermody (2023)
Catherine Camponi (2017)
Patricia Llewellyn (2014)
Winnifred Willians (2014)

Roy Harrison

3rd

William Corah (1982)
Richard McLaughlin (1979)

4th

Betty Senior (2002)
Edward Kerfoot (1994)
Patrick Kilgallon (Jnr) (2017)
James Anderson (1992)
Mary Stokes (Gallagher) (1983)

6th

Silvetta Santana Bailey (2016)
Dermot Walsh (1984)

7th

Arthur Lord (2019)
Kathleen Corby (2018)
Monica Adams (2015)

8th

Peggy Armstead (2013)
Charlie Gooder (1974)
Jessie Leach
John Hargreaves

Recently Deceased

Pat Timberley
Louis Mbanefo
Ann Pygott
Michael Marren
Madge Dawson

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (FEAST)

Sat 1 st Feb	4.30pm	St Mary	Presentation of the Lord	Viola Bradshaw (RIP)
	6.00pm	St Patrick	Presentation of the Lord	Ann Pygott (RIP)
Sun 2 nd Feb	9.00am	St Patrick	Presentation of the Lord	Roy Cawtheray (RIP)
	10.30am	St Mary	Presentation of the Lord	Mary & Kevin Martin (Rem)
Mon 3 rd Feb	11.00am	St Patrick	Requiem Mass - Pat Timberley (RIP)	
	5.00pm	St Mary	Holy Hour: Adoration & Rosary & Benediction	
	6.00pm	St Mary	Weekday in O T	Private Intention (JD)
<i>The traditional blessing of throats for St Blaise's Day will be available after this Mass or after any weekday Mass this coming week. Please see Fr Eamonn.</i>				
Tues 4 th Feb	<i>Sadly, there is no Parish Mass today as Fr Eamonn is attending a funeral</i>			
Wed 5 th Feb	5.00pm	St Mary	Holy Hour: Adoration & Rosary & Benediction	
	6.00pm	St Mary	St Agatha	Jessie Leach (A)
Thurs 6 th Feb	9.30am	St Patrick	St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Class Mass	
	12.00noon	Convent	St Paul Miki & Comp.	Peter Walsh (A)
Fri 7 th Feb	8.30am	St Mary	Holy Hour: Adoration & Rosary & Benediction	
	9.30am	St Mary	Weekday in O T	Dermot Walsh (A)

Jubilee 2025 - Year of Hope

Friday 7th February - St Mary's - 1st Friday Vigil of Prayer

"Crucem, Hostia et Virginem"

6.00pm - Stations of the Cross & Confessions

7.00pm - The Rosary & Confessions

8.00pm - Holy Mass - Catherine Squires (Rem)

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout)



Sat 8 th Feb	9.00am	St Patrick	Holy Hour: Adoration & Rosary & Benediction	
	10.00am	St Patrick	Weekday in O T	James Judge (A)

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat 8 th Feb	4.30pm	St Mary	5 th Sunday in O T	Nan Moran (RIP)
	6.00pm	St Patrick	5 th Sunday in O T	Antonia Tanti (A)
Sun 9 th Feb	9.00am	St Patrick	5 th Sunday in O T	Dec'd Mathers Family
	10.30am	St Mary	5 th Sunday in O T	Matthew Lynn (A)

Parish Livestream Facility - stmaryandstpatrick.org.uk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE POORLY... Kathleen Pawson (nee Rush), Frank O'Neill, Ann Leach, Elaine Richardson, Catherine & Jimmy McVeigh, Sheila Haigh, Geoff Holland, Stefan Stadnicki, 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, Jen Ward, Ian Wiseman, and Michael Hammerton-Boyes.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS

Name:	Church:	Arrangements:
Pat Timberley (RIP)	St Patrick's	Requiem Mass - Monday 3 rd February - 11.00am
Louis Mbanefo (RIP)	St Mary's	Requiem Mass - Monday 10 th February - 11.00am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSIONS - <i>and upon request</i>			SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - <i>as arranged with Fr Eamonn</i>		
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



JUBILEE 2025 - 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE' - 1ST FRIDAY PRAYER VIGILS

Friday 7th February - St Mary's Church

6.00pm *Stations of the Cross & Confession*

7.00pm *The Rosary & Confessions*

8.00pm *Holy Mass*

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout)



"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 virginem...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")

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 - *All welcome.*

CAFOD JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER CARDS - please find at the back of church a beautiful Jubilee Prayer Card which has been commissioned by CAFOD. Please take one home and also give a copy to family and friends who might appreciate one. May I encourage you to pray the Jubilee Prayer during this special year as 'Pilgrims of Hope'

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

CONGRATULATIONS - on behalf of the parish, may I say 'congratulations' to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Marcus this week. It really was a very proud moment for all their families and indeed for our parish too. Please keep them all you're your thoughts and prayers as they continue their lives of faith.

Freddy Miles	Kimberley Horbik	Lila Bedford	Alfie Hall
Tylon Cox	Jayden Wilby	Dominik Katroyniok	Cole Daniels
Charlotte Parlar	Hannah Shilt	Tyler Howard	Tobias Gallagher
Harry Tingle	Jude Newsome	Phoenix Fenton	Lexi-Lee Brewerton
Aidan Buchan	Lacey Brewerton	Evie Chapman	Chora Squires
Jacob Hartley	Annie Hunter	Harriet Garbutt	Oliver Wiles
Ben Lees	William Earnshaw	Rose Diskin	Jessica Hill
William Clancy	Elif Riley	Patrycja Wolny	Bobby Pattinson



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - on behalf of the parish, may I say 'congratulations' to **Reuben Christopher Smith**

who was baptised in St Patrick's Church last week. May God bless him as he begins his life of faith.

THE BeMoreRuby FUND - As some of you may recall, Ruby Lockwood, a member of our parish died suddenly in October 2023. Ruby's cause of death was attributed to an undiagnosed genetic heart condition called Sudden Ahythmic Death Syndrome (SADs). Ruby's family have been campaigning to raise awareness and are currently raising funds to provide heart screenings for young people in the community in conjunction with the charity Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). The family would like to invite anyone to follow their journey via the links below:

<https://www.c-r-y.org.uk/ruby-lockwood/>

<https://www.instagram.com/bemorerubylockwood?igsh=c2kxMGQyeHZON2ds>



ST MARY & ST PATRICK PARISH LENTEN COURSE - 2025
"LES MISERABLES - ANOTHER STORY MUST BEGIN"

"Another Story Must Begin" is an original Lenten Course based around the novel, film and stage adaptation of Victor Hugo's 'Les Miserables'. Through discussion of some of the themes and principal characters of this epic narrative, the course explores the grace of God, alongside our fallen state and opportunities for redemption. It asks us to reassess what we can do with our lives, both for ourselves and others.

However, before I begin preparations for this course, I need to know will there be some interest in people attending. My plan, depending upon the numbers who sign up, is to run the course both in St Mary's & St Patrick's, as follows each week during Lent;

Monday evenings **St Mary's Parish Room** **6.45pm** (*after the evening Mass*)

Tuesday afternoons **St Patrick's Parish Room** **1.30pm**

(Each session lasts between 1hour 30mins to 2 hours maximum and refreshments are available)

If you are interested in attending this course, please sign your name on the form at the back of church, or please let Fr Eamonn know on either;

Tel: (01924) 474650

email: eamonn.hegarty@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

If there is enough interest, the course will commence in the first week of Lent watching the highly acclaimed Musical version.



POP INTO ST PAT'S

Monday 3rd February - *Pop into St Pats will start at 1.00pm - 3.00pm*

Guest Speaker - Richard of Outback Beez

will talk to us about beekeeping in West Yorkshire. Following his presentation there will be delicious honey available to buy.

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

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. The next meetings are scheduled as follows;

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| Thursday | 13th February | 6.30pm |
| Thursday | 20th March | 6.30pm |
| Thursday | 8th May | 6.30pm |
| Thursday | 5th June | 6.30pm |

These meetings will take place in the St Mary's Parish Room. Tea & Coffee will be available. It is open to Catholics and non-Catholics are very welcome too. If you are struggling with bereavement, you are very welcome.

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.***

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.

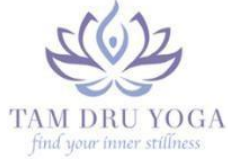
OUR PARISH HISTORY - On the 3rd February 1929 Councillor Patrick Higgins was re-elected President of Birstall St. Patrick's Catholic Young Men's Society and Institute. The Bishop of Leeds, Rev. Father Russell (Birstall St Patrick's) and Rev. Father McBride (Batley St Mary's) were appointed honorary Presidents. Other appointments included Mr. J. Higgins and Mr. J. Judge, vice-presidents; Mr. T. O'Brien, secretary; Mr. T. Madden, treasurer; Mr. J. Maguire and Mr. M. Casey, auditors; Messrs. George Battye, John Snee, Willie Judge, Tom Stention, Frank Brannan, Charles Speight, Robert White, Tom Twyford and Cormack Kelly, committee. A profit of £17 for the year was reported, an increase of £6 over the previous.

(Jane Roberts - Parish Historian)

Website: <https://pasttopresentgenealogy.co.uk>

ST BLAISE'S DAY MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY - TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF THROATS - Monday 3rd February is St Blaise's Day, but as you will see from the bulletin, I have had to rearrange Masses that day in order to accommodate a funeral. I know many people like to receive the traditional Blessing of Throats this day. So in order to make this blessing available, I will be doing the Blessing of Throats on Monday 3rd February at the 6.00pm Mass in St Mary's and also upon request after any weekday Mass during that week. I am sorry that I am not available for our usual 11.30am Mass on the Monday.

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

Booking Enquiries - Michelle 07896 974429 [facebook.com/stmarysocialclubbatley](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysocialclubbatley)

EVENTS IN ST MARY'S SOCIAL CLUB - 2025

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	

For the full list of this week's notices from the Diocese of Leeds, please see the poster at the back of church or see 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

Office Email Address - office.stmaryandstpatrick@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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.

OPEN INFORMATION SESSION ON THE DIACONATE: Are you inquisitive about the Ministry of a Deacon? Then you are invited to attend an open information session at Hinsley Hall on Saturday 8 February, 10.30am – 12pm. For more information and to register please contact david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER VIGIL: St Mary's, Batley will be hosting a Prayer Vigil entitled; "Cruce[m], Hostia et Virginem" (the Cross, the Host and the Virgin Mary) on the 1st Friday of each month in 2025. There will be an opportunity for Confession, Adoration, Mass and receiving the Jubilee Indulgence. Friday 7 February at 6pm.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE: St. Aidan's, Fenton Street, Mirfield Friday 7 February 2025 at 7pm

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Friday 7 February 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

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

SHORT RETREAT 'TIME TO MEET THE GOD OF SURPRISES': led by Fr Chris Thomas 11 - 13 February at The Briery, Ilkley. Fr Chris Thomas leads the Irenaeus Project in Liverpool, a retreat centre and the Archdiocese of Liverpool's Centre for Spirituality and Outreach. His retreats promise to be thoughtful, inspiring and perhaps a little challenging! Residential or non-residential places available. Contact the Administrator admin@briery.org.uk 01943 607287 for more information or to book.

REJOICE IN HOPE: Friday 14 February, 7pm, St Mary's Church, Halifax, HX1 5HD. Mission Halifax invite you to 'Rejoice in Hope' – a monthly prayer group. Adoration, praise & worship, prayer, and opportunity for social time following. All welcome. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram - @missionhalifax

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS WINTER PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours take place on the following Saturdays at 1.30pm: 15th February and 22nd March. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

YOUTH 2000 LEEDS RETREAT: offers young adults (aged 16-35) from across Leeds and beyond the opportunity to come together and explore what it means to be in relationship with God. Offering the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, grow in relationship with Him and His Mother, and form friendships with other young adults from the local area. Saturday 15 February, Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth, LS18 5HD. Tickets from <https://www.youth2000.org/events>.

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

WORD ON FIRE – UK BIBLE CONFERENCE 2025: From Friday 21 to Saturday 22 February 2025, the *Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible* conference will be taking place at the Excel Centre, East London. The conference theme is to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. Speakers include Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland and more. To register, please visit: <https://events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event>

LITTLE SISTERS FUNDRAISING EVENT: On Friday 28 February 2025 at Irish Centre Tara Suite, 7.30pm. Tickets £25.00. Meal of soda bread, Irish stew and dessert, also Irish band dancing, sing-a-long, auction and raffle. Please come along and support the Little sisters and have a great night of entertainment. All proceeds to go towards rebuilding of Mount St Joseph's. Contact details Sr.Christina Email funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING: We are very pleased to be able to offer another presentation of this two-day course for those wishing to learn the basics of grief and how to accompany those who are grieving. The next training will be on Saturday 22 March and Saturday 5 April 2025 (9.45am – 4pm each day) at The Briery. For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Fri 4 - Thurs 10 July 2025. Bookings are now open. The theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope', to coincide with the Jubilee Year of Hope. The Jubilee is a major celebration in which pilgrims are invited to immerse themselves in God's infinite mercy. Early booking strongly recommended. In anticipation of higher than usual numbers, transfers will be offered to and from Stansted Airport once the Leeds flight is full. Please book via the Tangney website or by phone directly with Tangney Tours. Further information is available on the Diocesan website.

OTHER NOTICES

RECRUITMENT OF LAY TRUSTEES: Applications are welcomed for the role of Trustee from Catholic lay faithful to enrich the diversity of the Board's membership. Additionally, the Diocese are seeking to expand the committee structure of the Trustees and would welcome applications for membership of those committees as well. Please see the Diocesan website for more details and how to apply.

CARITAS LEEDS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER: will be published to flag up the different ways in which parishes, schools and groups are putting into practice Catholic Social Teaching so that we can learn from each other's good practice. If you know of an initiative which is, for example, fostering human dignity, promoting solidarity, enabling subsidiarity or encouraging people to participate in the life of the community, please drop a note by the end of January to comms@catholic-care.org.uk

RCIA LENTEN RESOURCE: Intended primarily for use with the Elect in their preparation for the Easter Vigil, this series of weekly meetings, with guidance materials for catechists, offers time to reflect on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. They can be freely adapted for wider parish use.

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/sacramental-preparation/sacraments-of-initiation-for-adults/rcia/rcia-lenten-purification-and-enlightenment/>

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER VACANCY: Salary £80,000 to £90,000 pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision and skills for leadership and a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing and delivering strategy. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/>, email or speak to Katrina on 0113 388 5400 or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk . Closing date 9 February 2025.

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Horsforth, Start: April 2025. Closing date: Friday 07 February 2025. Further info: [Bishop Wheeler Academy Trust - Trust & Academy Vacancies \(bishopwheeleracademytrust.org\)](http://www.bishopwheeleracademytrust.org)

To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Helen Tye, h.tye@stmaryshorsforth.org

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER VACANCY: Salary: Currently £30,559 - £35,235, pro rata dependent on qualifications and experience. Post: Permanent Part time or 1 X Fixed term 15 hours to cover Maternity Leave. Location: West and North Yorkshire. Social Work Qualification required. Closing Date: Open until the vacancy has been filled.