

PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTICES

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

BLAZE EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" On Thursday, April 3, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be continuing a monthly holy hour with Eucharistic Adoration and praise & worship music, concluding with night prayer. 7:30 - 8:30pm, St Patrick's Church, Bradford.

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER VIGIL: St Mary's, Batley will be hosting a Prayer Vigil entitled; "Crucem, 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 4 April at 6pm.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE: St. Aidan's, Fenton Street, Mirfield Friday 4 April at 7pm

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL DISCIPLESHIP DAY: Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions, and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration. The talks this year will centre around our theme: "Anchored in Hope" as we join the Holy Father in celebrating the 2025 Jubilee Year as pilgrims of hope. Saturday, April 5, St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford, 11:45am – 4:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Friday 11 April, 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER AND HEALING SERVICE: St Anne's Cathedral Leeds. Led by Divine Retreat Centre Ramsgate, Saturday 12 April, 1.30pm. There will be Rosary, worship, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer and healing. There is free entry but donation to defray the cost will be welcome.

CHRISM MASS: The annual Chrism Mass will take place on Wednesday of Holy Week (16 April) at Leeds Cathedral at 11:00am. The sacred oils of Chrism, Catechumens and the Sick, used throughout the Diocese, will be blessed at the annual celebration. Our priests will also renew their priestly promises. All welcome to attend.

PIANO RECITAL AT ST AUGUSTINE'S: by Ukrainian pianist Nadia Dotsiak. 6.30pm, 23 April 2025. FREE admission. ALL welcome!

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE' – RETREAT WEEKEND: 25 – 27 April. Individual places are available on this parish retreat weekend at The Briery, as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, beginning before supper on Friday evening and running Sunday afternoon. £190pp fully inclusive (non-residential £70pp). For more information or to book, contact the Administrator on 01943 607287 admin@briery.org.uk

MEET THE PILGRIMS: All pilgrims joining the Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage are welcome to attend a coffee and biscuits afternoon at Hinsley Hall. This is a great opportunity to meet the team and fellow pilgrims. Nurses and doctors will be available to answer any questions you may have. Sunday 27 April, 2-4pm, Hinsley Hall.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS ONLINE TRAINING: Leeds Diocese older people's charity Growing Old Gracefully and Age Friendly Leeds are offering free online training for people in the Diocese to learn how to become Dementia Friends. Tuesday 29 April, 7 – 8pm.

To book email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

LIVE SIMPLY - CARE DEEPLY: All are welcome to this event to inspire renewal of your parish through living more simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with those experiencing poverty in this Jubilee year. Saturday May 3 Wheeler Hall, 10.30am-3.30pm. www.leedsjp.org.uk

DOORWAYS OF HOPE - ONLINE EVENTS: Leeds Diocese older people's charity Growing Old Gracefully is hosting a programme of 3 hour-long online events on the theme of hope, to be led by Paula Shanks and Mgr. Donal Lucey. Wednesday May 14 (evening) and Thursday July 10 (evening).

More information/booking, email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

'SPIRITUALITY OF CREATION' RETREAT WEEKEND: 23rd – 25th May, The Briery, Ilkley. Led by Margaret Siberry and the Begin with the Heart team, this retreat aims to deepen our understanding of the spirituality of creation, from early scriptures, through the wisdom of the mystics to the spiritual writers and teachers of today. £215pp fully inclusive (£85 non-residential) For more information or to book, contact the Administrator on 01943 607287 admin@briery.org.uk.

OTHER NOTICES

SHORT COURSE ON THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS: Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans can seem overwhelming but his themes are just as relevant to us as they were to his first hearers. In this short course, available on the Diocesan website along with other courses suitable for individuals and groups, his teachings are explored in a straightforward way.

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/our-faith/learning-about-our-faith/resources-2/the-letter-to-the-romans/> All the courses can be found at:

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LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025: Although bookings remain open with Tangney Tours, the Leeds flight is full. Seats available from Stansted (coach transfer Hinsley Hall to/from Stansted), leaving Thursday 3 July (an extra night at no extra cost). If the Stansted flights become fully booked, Tangney will try to arrange flights from another UK airport (coach transfers to/from Lourdes and in UK). Please book with Tangney Tours 01732 886666 as soon as possible.

VACANCIES

PASTORAL WORKER FOR OLDER PEOPLE VACANCY: The Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford is recruiting a part time Pastoral Worker for Older People, for 10hrs per week. The role will pay a vital role in supporting the spiritual and emotional well-being of older parishioners. More details at www.marymotherofgod.org.uk. Closing date for applications is Friday, 4 April 2025.

CATHOLIC CARE ARE RECRUITING: Support Worker – 2 Waking Nights, £24,404 - £25,584 pro rata (based on qualifications and experience), shifts patterns to include weekends and bank holidays) Location: Todmorden, please contact hr@catholic-care.org.uk for an application form.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Austin's Catholic Primary School, Wakefield. Closing date: Thursday 17th April 2025 at 9am. For further information about the role and school please visit <https://www.bkcat.co.uk/vacancies/>