



Rt. Rev. Marcus Stock
Bishop of Leeds

**THE PARISH OF
ST MARY & ST PATRICK**
Sunday 30th March 2025



4th Sunday of Lent (C)

Book of Remembrance

March

29th

Thomas Armstead (1996)
John Power (1979)

30th

Edward Brodowicz (2023)
Moira Moore (2019)

31st

Stephanie Adele Barnes (2024)
Sally Swain (2023)
Peter O'Hara (2023)
Simon Shilston (2017)
Irmgard Kurre (2013)
Brian Senior (1991)

April

1st

Julia Fitzimons (1974)
Elizabeth Carroll

2nd

Margaret 'Adele' Smith (2022)
Donald Mawson (2020)
Betty Smith (2001)
Nellie Mulligan (1985)

3rd

Philip Schofield (1999)
Thomas Connor (1980)

Winnifred Finneran (1971)

4th


Colin Froggatt (2024)
Paul Wild (2023)
Leo Scott (1990)
Teresa Cox (1996)
Claire Oliver (1991)

Recently Deceased

Baby Lucas Shaw
William Walford
John Blanchfield

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Sat 29 th March	4.30pm	St Mary	4 th Sunday of Lent	Ciaran Hughes (A)
	6.00pm	St Patrick	4 th Sunday of Lent	Thomas Clement Winterburn (A)
Sun 30 th March	9.00am	St Patrick	4 th Sunday of Lent	Moira Moore (A)
	10.30am	St Mary	4 th Sunday of Lent	Joan Price (RIP)
	2.00pm	St Patrick	<i>LENT HOLY HOUR - ADORATION, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, CONFESSIONS & BENEDICTION</i>	
Mon 31 st March	11.30am	St Patrick	Weekday of Lent	Desmond Kirby (Rem)
	6.00pm	St Mary	Weekday of Lent	John McVeigh (RIP)
	6.45pm	St Mary	<i>Lent Course - Les Miserables (Session 4)</i>	
Tues 1 st April	8.30am	St Mary	HOLY HOUR: EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION	
	9.30am	St Mary	Weekday of Lent	Andrea Healey (A)
	12.00pm	St Patrick	Weekday of Lent	Mary Lynch (Rem)
	1.00pm	St Patrick	<i>Lent Course - Les Miserables (Session 4)</i>	
	3.30pm	SJF*	<i>Weekly Mass open to all parishioners</i>	
Wed 2 nd April	5.00pm	St Mary	HOLY HOUR: EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION	
	6.00pm	St Mary	Weekday of Lent	Private Intention (EPH)
Thurs 3 rd April	12.00noon	Convent	Weekday of Lent	Poorly Person
Fri 4 th April	8.30am	St Mary	HOLY HOUR: EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION	
	9.30am	St Mary	Weekday of Lent	Poorly Person
 <p>1ST FRIDAY VIGIL - JUBILEE 2025 - "PILGRIMS OF HOPE" Friday 4th April - St Mary's - "Crucem, Hostia et Virginem" 6.00pm - Stations of the Cross & Confessions 7.00pm - The Rosary & Confessions & Benediction 8.00pm - Holy Mass - <u>Preacher Fr Simon Lodge</u> <i>(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout)</i></p>				
Sat 5 th April	9.00am	St Patrick	HOLY HOUR: EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION	
	10.00am	St Mary	Weekday of Lent	Fr Barry Hughes (A)
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)				
Sat 5 th April	4.30pm	St Mary	5 th Sunday of Lent	Mary Walsh (RIP)
	6.00pm	St Patrick	5 th Sunday of Lent	Clare McKellor (A)
Sun 6 th April	9.00am	St Patrick	5 th Sunday of Lent	John Blanchfield (RIP)
	10.30am	St Mary	5 th Sunday of Lent	Paul Boyle (RIP)
	2.00pm	St Mary	<i>LENT HOLY HOUR - ADORATION, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, CONFESSIONS & BENEDICTION</i>	
Parish Livestream Facility - stmaryandstpatrick.org.uk.				

* SJF - St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy - Oxford Road, Dewsbury, WF13 4LL

Our Lady's Candle - Private Intention

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

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, 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, Michael Hammerton-Boyes, Pat Hirst, Emily Ordanis and Sheila McQuinn.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS		
Name:	Church:	Arrangements:
Baby Lucas Shaw	St Patrick's	Funeral Service - Monday 7 th April - 1.00pm
William 'Billy' Walford	St Mary's	Funeral Service - Friday 11 th April - 11.00am
John Blanchfield	St Patrick's	Funeral Service - Thursday 17 th April - 12.00noon

FIRST FRIDAY JUBILEE VIGIL OF PRAYER - as you know we as a parish are marking the Jubilee Year as 'Pilgrims of Hope' with First Friday Prayer Vigils with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, Rosary and Mass. These have been very special evenings of prayer with parishioners from across the Deanery attending. I am delighted to say that this Friday ***we also welcome, Fr Stephen Webb (Batley Carr & Dewsbury) and Fr Simon Lodge (Cleckheaton & Heckmondwike)*** to join us to help here Confessions during the Vigil of Prayer. This is a wonderful chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation just a couple of weeks before Holy Week. I am very grateful to them for agreeing to help. Fr Simon has also agreed to preach at the Mass that evening at 8.00pm. Please come along and join us in this special time of prayer - all welcome.

FIRST CONFESSIONS CONGRATULATIONS - on behalf of the parish may I say 'congratulations' to all the children in Year 3 in both St Mary's and St Patrick's Primary Schools who celebrated their First Confession this week. It is an important step for them in their lives of faith and in preparation for their First Holy Communion next year. May I also say a big 'thank you' to the staff of both schools who got the children ready for this Sacrament. Your help and dedication as always is very much appreciated.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BATLEY - GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

There is an open invite to join us for our

Annual Ecumenical Good Friday Service - Friday 18th April at 10.00am at Batley Central Methodist Church

This year the preacher is Fr Eamonn.

APF COLLECTORS AT ST PATRICK'S - The books & magazines are now available at the back of church. Please send money in by 13th April. Thank you as always, for your generous efforts. (*Sr Gemma*)

CATHOLIC CARE ANNUAL APPEAL - 29th & 30th MARCH 2025

The Catholic Care's Annual Appeal will take place on the 29th and 30th March 2025. If you are able to make a regular contribution you can set up a standing order. Our bank details are: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds) 05-00-20; 11472611. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact us for a Gift Aid form: finance@catholic-care.org.uk or see the Annual Appeal leaflet available at the back of church.

POP INTO ST PAT'S

Monday 31st March - Stephen Walker will be giving a talk about Birstall Market Place.

Monday 7th April - *Apologies - it is cancelled this week due to a funeral.*

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

CRAFTING SESSION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ST JOHN FISHER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Further from the very successful Crafting Session making Christmas Wreathes that was held during Advent, Stacy Rhys-Hill is now offering 2 Crafting Sessions to help the children of St John Fisher to raise funds for their forthcoming pilgrimage to Lourdes. These sessions will take place on;

Saturday 5th April 10.30am - 12.30pm and also 1.30pm - 3.30pm

In the St Mary's Parish Room. Tickets priced £5.00 which includes tea / coffee & cake.

During this sessions we will decorate a jar for a candle, make a felt decoration and also a fabric brooch. If you are interested having a place, please sign your name on the form at the back of church for the chosen session.

OPEN INVITE TO THE WEEKLY MASS AT ST JOHN FISHER'S - each week during term time, St John Fisher's Catholic Voluntary Academy celebrates a weekly Mass in their chapel. This Mass is celebrated by the School's Priest Chaplain Fr Simon Lodge and there is an open invitation to any parishioners who would like to attend. Please do go a long and support our High School as they celebrate our catholic faith for the children in their care. **All 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 LOURDES GROUP EASTER RAFFLE - The Lourdes group are extremely grateful for all the support they have received from the parish. We hope to have one final Easter raffle and therefore we now request donations for prizes. The pilgrimage is in mid June and this is the final push to raise essential funds. If you have anything suitable, please bring it to church or speak to Dorothy or Paul (07582101538). Thank you.

ST MARY SCHOOL REUNION 2025 - **Friday 29th August** will be the date for this year's Reunion for St Mary's Primary School pupils. The invitation is extended to all who left between 1958 and 1968. There will be Mass at 12.00noon at St Mary's followed by a convivial afternoon at Batley Nash. Details to follow nearer the date, or call John Roe for more information on 07500 417071.

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.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY - will take place in St Patrick's Church, Birstall, on **Saturday 5th April at 12.45pm** followed by Holy Mass at 1.00pm celebrated by Canon Wiley. All 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;

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 JOHN FISHER'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY CRUCIFIXION RE-ENACTMENT - The annual Re-enacted by the 6th Form students of St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy will take place on;

Wednesday 2nd April at 12.00noon - Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury

The school would love to see you there for this important annual witness to our faith by our Catholic High School.

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY - 12 HOURS FOR THE LORD - As part of a series of events being held during this Jubilee Year, St John Fishers will be hosting "12 Hours for the Lord" - an extended period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 28th March between 7.00am and 7.00pm. ***Parishioners are warmly invited to join them in the school chapel between 5.00pm and 7.00pm.*** If you would like to be present *please sign your name on the form at the back of church* indicating which time you would like to be present. The Adoration will end with Benediction. Let us support our local Catholic High School in this important act of worship in this Jubilee Year.

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WELL DONE TO ROSE LONGLEY - on behalf of the parish, may I say 'well done' to little Rose Longley of St Patrick's for raising £55.15 at her recent bun sale in aid of CAFOD. All her hard work by her and the family paid off and will be much appreciated by CAFOL>

THE BIG LENT WALK BY RENE HAMILTON - Rene, who attends St Patrick's Church is taking part in The Big Lent Walk, challenging herself to walk 200km over the 40 days of lent. All money raised will be used to help CAFOD reach out to all people living in poverty with practical help. Sponsorship form at the back of church or you can sponsor on FB at her Justgiving page. Thank you all so much in anticipation.

EXTRAORDINARY PORTRAITS - AN EXHIBITION OF HOPE - Some of you may have watched a program called Extraordinary Portraits with Bill Bailey on BBC. It can also be found on BBCiplayer. The program shines a light on everyday heroes within society by painting portraits of them. These everyday heroes have extraordinary stories and the artists hope to turn these stories into amazing portraits. These portraits are in an exhibition at the Loading Bay in Bradford from March 13 to April 6. The theme of HOPE throughout was both humbling and inspiring. This matches the Jubilee Year theme of hope.

OUR PARISH HISTORY - On 27 March 1926 Patrick Higgins, on his sixth attempt, was elected as a Birstall District Councillor. Described as a real "son of the people" he had a keen interest in welfare, equity and justice, framed by his own experiences. Prior to his election, as president of Birstall Unemployment Association, he was praised for his work in relieving distress in the town, making representations to the Council about relief schemes and championing the unemployed. He was also secretary of Birstall Boots for Bairns Fund, and a member of the Birstall Trades and Labour Council. Between 1914-1923 he was on the committee of the Birstall Industrial Cooperative Society representing them at Congress on the Hours and Wages Board. An active member of St Patrick's church and the Irish community, he was the president of Birstall Catholic Young Men's Society and Institute, an official of the Birstall Irish Democratic League Club, and secretary of the Birstall Branch of the Irish National Foresters.

(Jane Roberts - Parish Historian)

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

HI-DE-HI AT THE ALHAMBRA - 24th - 26th April 2025 - WITH AMY ROCHE SHEARD & HER HUSBAND CHRIS - The beloved TV comedy *Hi-De-Hi!* arrives at The Studio, Bradford Alhambra, from April 24th to 26th, 2025, starring our very own Amy Roche-Sheard and her husband Chris. Set in 1950s Maplins Holiday Camp, the new season brings fierce rivalry as the "Miss Yellowcoat" competition takes center stage. Meanwhile, Peggy dreams of becoming a Yellowcoat, Ted scrambles to dodge a bailiff, and camp gossip runs wild! Don't miss this hilarious trip down memory lane. Performances are at 7:30pm, with a Saturday matinee at 2:30pm. Book tickets online at bradford-theatres.co.uk or call 01274 432000.

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 - EASTER CONCERT - FREE ADMITTANCE - FAREWELL CONCERT

William Lloyd Webber's "The Saviour" & other favourites on
Saturday 5th April at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, Rppms Lane, Morley. LS27 9NX

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=c2kxMGQyeHZ0N2ds>

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 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - The Annual General Meeting of St Mary's Social Club & Parochial Hall will take place in the Basement at **7pm on Tuesday 1st April 2025**. New members welcome.

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 vis

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](tel:0776633695)

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.

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:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/our-faith/learning-about-our-faith/resources-2/>

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/>