

*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

# THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PATRICK

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Easter Sunday



## Book of Remembrance

### April

19<sup>th</sup>

Peter Kilbride (2017)

Mary 'Rose' Schools (2017)

20<sup>th</sup>

Terry Armitage (2024)

Billy Wroe (2022)

Betty Smith (2001)

Joseph Marley (1978)

Jack Ashton

21<sup>st</sup>

Peter Hill (2020)

Pat Gallagher (2008)

22<sup>nd</sup>

Josephine Prendergast (2014)

Derek Thompson

23<sup>rd</sup>

Emmie Senior (2019)

Barney Finneran (2016)

M. J. Moorhouse

24<sup>th</sup>

George Heptinstall (1981)

25<sup>th</sup>

Ruth Steel (2024)

## Recently Deceased

Geoff Holland

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

## Our Lady's Candle

Peter Swallow

Kerfoot Family

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (C)

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm	St Patrick	EASTER VIGIL	Poorly Daughter (JH)
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	St Patrick	EASTER SUNDAY	Peter Hill (A)
	10.30am	St Mary	EASTER SUNDAY	People of the Parish
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> April				
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April				
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> April				
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> April				
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> April				
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> April	No Morning Mass			
2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)				
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> April	4.30pm	St Mary	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rita Lyons (A)
	6.00pm	St Patrick	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Grace Lynch (A)
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	St Patrick	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	William Grace & George Heptinstall (Rem)
	10.30am	St Mary	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	William Walford (B'day A)
Parish Livestream Facility - stmaryandstpatrick.org.uk.				

## HAPPY EASTER FROM FR EAMONN

Dear Parishioners,

May I wish you and all your loved ones a very happy Easter. May the joys of this holy season come down upon you. Lent is now over, let us look forward with hope in this Season of Easter - Jesus Christ is Risen!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt 'thank you' for all the support, help, encouragement you offer to me on a daily and weekly basis. In particular to all those who have helped with Holy Week. It is always a team effort with the parish pulling together. I could not be the Parish Priest of Batley and Birstall without your help. I like to think we are a team - you need me and I certainly need you too. To all who help in any way, whether it is a public role or in a more private role behind the scenes, may I say a big 'thank you' - it really is appreciated.

I hope you manage to get a little break and a well-earned rest, it has been a busy Lent, but we are now able to celebrate the joy of Easter.

To our children and staff of our schools, I hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday and were able to switch off and rest. Thank you for everything you do that make our schools the special places that they are.

Once again, wishing you all many Easter blessings and graces.

**Fr Eamonn**



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

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS		
Name:	Church:	Arrangements:
Geoff Holland (RIP)	Crematorium	Cremation Service - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May - 11.15am

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE POORLY...** Kathleen Pawson (nee Rush), Frank O'Neill, Ann Leach, Elaine Richardson, Catherine & Jimmy McVeigh, Sheila Haigh, 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.

### From the Lectionary Readings

#### First Reading (Acts 10:34a, 37-43)

Peter proclaims the Resurrection, testifying that Jesus, anointed by God, was crucified and raised on the third day. The apostles are witnesses and preach forgiveness of sins through Him.

#### Psalm (Psalm 118)

A joyful proclamation: *"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."* It celebrates God's enduring love and God's ultimate victory

#### Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-4):

Believers are urged to seek what is above, where Christ is seated, for their lives are now hidden with Him.

#### Gospel (John 20:1-9)

Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb; Peter and the beloved disciple run to see it. The beloved disciple believes upon seeing the burial cloths, though as yet, they do not fully understand the Resurrection.

### POP INTO ST PAT'S

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April** - 'bring and share' to mark St Georges' Day

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April** - A talk by Mary and Geoff Twentymen: All Kinds of Folk.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - Bring and Share Garden Party (weather permitting) to celebrate VE day. Reminisce with some tunes from the time and test your knowledge with a VE day quiz.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May** - a talk by Peter Moreland on The Holy Spirit Parish, an interesting talk on our neighbouring parish.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - a talk by Helen Collins on life as a paramedic .

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

**CAFOD THANK YOU (ST PATRICK'S)** - Huge thank you for all the support you have given to CAFOD this Lent. Lent Fast realised the amount of £376:00. (This includes £55.15 from Rosie's cake sale).

Big Lent Walk - goal- 200km=£200. - Achieved = 237km (still walking)= £335:00.

On behalf of CAFOD Thank you everyone for supporting and encouraging me. I am overwhelmed by your generosity and encouragement and have sent £711.00 to CAFOD on your behalf.

**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** - a big 'thank you' for your great support once again this year. You managed to raise **£721.00** from the sale of raffle tickets. This is a great boost and very much appreciated. On behalf of the St Patrick's Lourdes Group may I also say a heartfelt 'thank you' for all your support over the many years we have been working. We could not have done it without your help.

**VOLUNTEERS HELP NEEDED FOR FUNERALS AT ST PATRICK'S** - would anybody like to join our team of volunteers who help with funerals at St Patrick's. We are now down to four teams and a few more volunteers would be greatly appreciated. It is not a difficult job, just mainly to clear away and lock up after a funeral has ended. Full training is given and with more teams it will be less of a burden on all concerned. If you are interested, please see Fr Eamonn

**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.*

**ST MARY SCHOOL REUNION 2025** - *Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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;

	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>6.30pm</b>

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.

**REQUEST FOR HELP FROM ANNE DICKINSON** - Wanted help to protect and keep safe an local ancient woodland owed by St Patrick' Church and tenanted by a Catholic lady for more than 30 years who now suffers with arthritis. Barn owls, buzzards and a large number of animals call this wonderful place home including badgers, foxes, squirrels, frogs plus many more. There are species of wild flowers too. There could be so much more to this wonderful green place owned by our church can you help please, for more information phone me on 07761 964556

**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.

**IRISH NIGHT AT HOLY SPIRIT HECKMONDWIKE** - there is a warm invite to all to join the parishioners at Holy Spirit and St Paul's at Holy Spirit Heckmondwike for an Irish Night on:

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April doors opening at 7.30pm - Tickets priced £6.00 including supper.**

Under 11's are free and the bar will be open. Any enquiries please contact:

**Peter Moreland on 07493230055.**

**OUR PARISH HISTORY** - During this week in 1953 it was announced that former St. Mary's schoolboy and current Wilton Trinity second-row forward Peter Armstead, 18, had been chosen to play with the England Amateur open-age side in France at the beginning of May. Peter, who stood at 6 foot and weighed about 13 stone, was serving with the RAF. He previously played with the St. Mary's under-16 and under-18 sides. It was whilst at St. Mary's school that he was presented with a cup by the Local Amateur League for kicking 17 goals out of 17 attempts – a record for the district. Later in 1953 he signed for Wakefield Trinity. Another 18-year-old St. Mary's lad, Shaw Cross player Austin Kilroy, was chosen for the shadow England Amateur side. He signed for Batley later in 1953.

**(Jane Roberts - Parish Historian)**

**Website:**

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

**HI-DE-HI AT THE ALHAMBRA - 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://bradford-theatres.co.uk) or call 01274 432000.





**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](mailto: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.

**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](https://www.ticketline.co.uk)**

**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.**

### **EASTER WEEK GUIDED TOUR OF LEEDS CATHEDRAL**

A Free Guided Tour will take place on Wednesday 23 April at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking required. On arrival please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

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

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE:** Celebration Mass for Married Life for couples and their families celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage vows. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church. Saturday 17 May, Leeds Cathedral, 12Noon.

**'SPIRITUALITY OF CREATION' RETREAT WEEKEND:** 23 – 25 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](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk).

**PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN GROTTO, SCOTLAND:** Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025. Leaving Friday morning and returning Saturday evening. Limited spaces. Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and transport, approx. £100 per person sharing a room or £150 for a single room. Lunch not included. Please contact Kate on 07505 76 74 15 for further details.

**MARRIAGE HELP:** Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 0788 7296983.

**WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE:** 25-28 July 2025, celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webelievefestival.com](http://www.webelievefestival.com)

## **OTHER NOTICES**

**CATHOLIC CARE 2024 ANNUAL REVIEW:** Filled with inspiring data, this document highlights the transformative work achieved by Catholic Care. Dive into how Catholic Care continues to make a difference in our communities and view or download the Annual Review at <https://pdflink.to/65f7fbf0/>

**THE TWELVE – SURVEY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:** The Twelve, the Diocesan Youth Leadership Team, are currently researching the engagement of young people within their parish and have put together a survey to hear from as many young people as possible! The research includes roles that young people undertake, training opportunities, and general ideas for further engagement of young people in the parish. Access the survey by scanning the QR code poster at the back of church, or at <https://forms.gle/5oitYhZDhi6E5q19A>.

**LTU 'BEYOND THE DARK CLOUDS' LECTURE SERIES:** Support the university, with its Catholic roots, to have a voice in the public square about justice, law-enforcement, the nature of education, business ethics, spirituality, leadership, contemplation and the arts. Everyone welcome to participate in these discussions about how to humanise our world and to bring about the conditions that enable the flourishing of all people. More information/booking, contact [a.mealey@leedstrinity.ac.uk](mailto:a.mealey@leedstrinity.ac.uk) Talks also available on Spotify.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL ACTION:** The Committee Stage of the Assisted Suicide Bill has ended. The Bill is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims. The next reading of the Bill is Friday 25 April. Please take action - collect a postcard and post it to your MP today!

## **VACANCIES**

**CATHOLIC CARE ARE RECRUITING:** Support Worker – 2 Waking Nights, £24,892 - £26,096 pro rata (based on qualifications and experience), shifts patterns to include weekends and bank holidays) Hours: 18 over 2 days Location : Todmorden or Brighouse, please contact [hr@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:hr@catholic-care.org.uk) for an application form

**CATHOLIC CARE RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE SUPPORT WORKER VACANCY:** Salary: £28,265 – £29,674 plus 'sleep-in' payment, pension and other benefits. Eight sleep-ins per month will add approximately £4,000 to annual salary. Post: Permanent. Full Time. Location: Keighley Closing Date: 23 May 2025. Please contact [hr@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:hr@catholic-care.org.uk) for an application form.

**CATHOLIC CARE SENIOR RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE WORKER VACANCY:** Salary: £30,163 – £31,668 pension and other benefits. Post: Permanent. Full Time. Role involves some overnight 'sleep-ins'. Eight sleep-ins per month will add approximately £4000 to your annual salary. Location: Keighley

Closing Date: Until the position is filled Interview Date: Flexible to suit candidate please contact [hr@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:hr@catholic-care.org.uk) for an application form.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNORS VACANCIES:** Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College is looking to appoint two more Foundation Governors. We welcome applications from all parishioners but if you have financial expertise that would be an added bonus.

Further information about the role contact Denise Hark, [d.hark@notredamecoll.ac.uk](mailto:d.hark@notredamecoll.ac.uk).

For an application form contact [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).