



THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PATRICK

Parish Priest: Fr Eamonn Hegarty
22ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
Sunday 31st August 2025

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

AUGUST

30th

Marie Mavel (2020)
Gary Coyle (2016)
Timothy Collieran (2015)
Christine Nunns (2006)

31st

Annie Longstaff (2019)
Sheila Barber (2018)
Jeffrey Murphy (2014)

SEPTEMBER

1st

Walter Buckingham (2024)
Anthony Kevin Wilde (2022)
Ursula Alokolaro (2006)

2nd

Mary Hill (1979)
Mary Ellen McQuinn (1962)

3rd

Kathleen Hargreaves (2020)
Tommy' Kelly (2017)
Elaine Heaton (2017)
Charles Frederick Mansell (1994)
Clarice King (1992)

4th

Kenneth Peck (2014)
Harold Fletcher (2012)

5th

Margaret Gittos (2023)
Leonard Pickering (2000)

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Christine Harrison
Brian Ledgard

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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat 30 th Aug	4.30pm	St Mary	22 nd Sunday in O T	Mary Hill (A)
	6.00pm	St Patrick	22 nd Sunday in O T	Christine Nunns (A)
Sun 31 st Aug	9.00am	St Patrick	22 nd Sunday in O T	Jeff Murphy (A)
	10.30am	St Mary	22 nd Sunday in O T	Sheila & George Barber (A)
Mon 1 st Sept	11.30am	St Patrick	Weekday in O T	Megan Lockwoods (Ints)
	6.00pm	St Mary	Weekday in O T	People of the Parish
Tues 2 nd Sept	8.30am	St Mary	HOLY HOUR: ADORATION & ROSARY	
	9.30am	St Mary	Weekday in O T	Private Intention (MH)
	11.30am	St Mary	<u>REQUIEM MASS</u> - Christine Harrison (RIP)	
Wed 3 rd Sept				
Thurs 4 th Sept	12.00pm	Convent*	Weekday in O T	Private Intention (CH)
	1.15pm	St Patrick	<u>REQUIEM MASS</u> - Brian Ledgard (RIP)	
Fri 5 th Sept	8.30am	St Mary	HOLY HOUR: ADORATION & ROSARY	
	9.30am	St Mary	Weekday in O T	People of the Parish
	10.30am	St Mary	St Mary's Primary Whole School Mass	



1ST FRIDAY VIGIL - JUBILEE 2025 - 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'

"Crucem, Hostia et Virginem"

6.00pm - Stations of the Cross & Confessions
7.00pm - The Holy Rosary & Confessions & Benediction
8.00pm - Mass - Magaret & James Cannon (Rem)
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout)

Sat 6 th Sept	9.00am	St Patrick	HOLY HOUR: ADORATION & ROSARY	
	10.00am	St Patrick	Weekday in O T	Christine Harrison (RIP)

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat 6 th Sept	4.30pm	St Mary	23 rd Sunday in O T	Tommy & Paul Kelly (A)
	6.00pm	St Patrick	23 rd Sunday in O T	Clare Hartley (A)
Sun 7 th Sept	9.00am	St Patrick	23 rd Sunday in O T	Brian Ledgard (RIP)
	10.30am	St Mary	23 rd Sunday in O T	Catherine O' Hara (A)

PARISH LIVE-STREAM FACILITY - stmaryandstpatrick.org.uk.

***Convent address:** St Joseph's Convent, 918 Bradford Road, Birstall, WF17 9PH

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS

Name:	Church:	Arrangements
Christine Harrison	St Mary's	Requiem Mass - Tues 2 nd Sept - 11.30am
Brian Ledgard	St Patrick's	Requiem Mass - Thurs 4th Sept - 1.15pm

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, Pat Hirst, Emily Ordanis, Sheila McQuinn, Diane Lowrey, Kevin Michael Dalton, Veda O'Hara, Monica Hopkins and Poorly Person (ES).

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (As arranged with Fr Eamonn)		
St Patrick's	Saturdays	11.00am
St Mary's	Sundays	11.30am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSIONS (And upon request)		
St Patrick's	Saturdays	9.15am - 9.45am
St Mary's	Saturdays	3.45pm - 4.15pm

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - on behalf of the parish, may I say 'congratulations' to;

Willow-Belle Jones & Grayson Gray

who were baptized in St Mary's last weekend. May God bless them as they begin their lives of faith.

BACK TO SCHOOL - GOOD LUCK & EVERY BLESSING - to all the pupils and staff of our three wonderful parish schools, St Mary's, St Patrick's and St John Fisher, may I say 'good luck' for the beginning of a new academic year. May God bless all your work and efforts. I hope it is a good year for you all. Please keep our schools in your prayers, they play a vital role in our children's education and also their Catholic formation.

THE ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

Monday 6th October - 7.30pm

We will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession. The Procession will start at St Mary's Catholic Primary School. The Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. Please support your parish in this unique and special Diocesan event. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

PLANNING MEETING MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.00PM - there will be a short meeting after the Monday evening Mass on Monday 8th September. This is just to make sure everything is in place and what help we need. If you would like to get involved please join us for this meeting. Any offers of help is always welcome.

APPEAL FOR STEWARDS - are there any people who are willing to help on the evening. Mainly to shine a safety light around the procession route. Your help would be much appreciated. If you are willing to help, please sign your name on the form at the back of church.

SETTING UP AT CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT THE 9.00am MASS IN ST PATRICK'S

We now have the happy situation where more children are coming to the Sunday 9.00am Mass at St Patrick's. In order to help encourage this, we are looking to set up a 'Children's Liturgy' for them. I have some willing leaders who are happy to run this, but ***we also need more volunteers to help***. Would you be willing to offer your time to help? If we get enough volunteers it could be done on a rota basis so it is not too onerous. Once we get the volunteers then we can arrange their CRB checks to comply with safe-guarding requirements. Hopefully we can get this off the ground very soon. If you are willing to help or to find out more please see Fr Eamonn after Mass and I can explain more. It would be a great thing to have at the 9.00am Mass both for the children and also for their parents who bring them.

POP INTO ST PAT'S

Monday 1st September - "Poetry" Please bring your own treasured poems to read.

Come along and join us - meet new people, make new friends.

ST MARY & ST PATRICK NOVEMBER FAYRE - once again we will be holding our annual November Fayre:
Saturday 15th November in the St Mary's Social Club

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.

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.



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 meetings will take place in the St Mary's Parish Room. Tea & Coffee is available. It is open to Catholics and non-Catholics. If you are struggling with bereavement, you are all very welcome. The next meetings are scheduled as follows;

Thurs 4th September - 6.30pm **Thurs 2nd October - 6.30pm**
(Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care)

PARISH HISTORY – The end of August/beginning of September 1905 marked a new chapter in the history of both St Mary's and St Patrick's parishes. St Mary's curate Father Peter Russell was appointed as the first parish priest at the newly established parish of St Patrick's, and as a result was said to be the youngest parish priest in England. He remained parish priest at St Patrick's until 1931. Father Peter McBride came to St Mary's to take up the vacated curate position, assisting parish priest Father John Joseph Lea. Father McBride was to serve at St Mary's for the next 46 years.

Jane Roberts - Parish Historian

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

CATENIANS: FAITH, FAMILY & FRIENDSHIP - Meet formally each month on the third Tuesday plus whenever another event has been arranged. Membership is open to any catholic men but wives/partners are encouraged to always be involved. Details about the association can be found at:

<https://thecatenians.uk>

or you may wish to speak to our Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

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.

THE ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICES (RVS) COFFEE MORNING - The Royal Voluntary Services are holding a coffee morning at: **Batley Community Centre - Saturday 13th September 2025 between 10am to 12pm.** Cake stall, plant stall and a tombola raffle. Entrance £1.50, proceeds go towards the running of local RVS community groups. Come along to find out about local community groups that are available to join in Batley. Come and learn about local volunteering opportunities.



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

NOTICES FROM HOLY SPIRIT HECKMONDWIKE & ST PAUL'S CLECKHEATON

HOLY SPIRIT COACH-TRIP TO USHAW SEMINARY & DURHAM

Friday 5th September 5th £25.00 please contact **Susan: 07956048711**

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - Come along on Saturday September 20th for a Macmillan Coffee Morning from 10.00am - 1.00pm in St Paul's Parish Hall, Cleckheaton. Wide variety of cakes and drinks, socialise and raise money for a great charity. Children's activities and craft stalls too.

STMARY'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

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: <u>Ticket Hotline 0776633695</u>	

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Friday 5th September 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2025 INFORMATION EVENING: 40 Days for Life is a Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil in support of the unborn, their mothers, fathers and families. There will be an information evening on Friday 5th September, 7-8pm at the Polish Catholic Centre, LS7 4JE.

ST MARK'S WAY ON THE NATIONAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE: begins on Saturday 6 September with 8am Mass at Leeds Cathedral. Walk all or part of the way between the Cathedral and the Jubilee Pilgrimage Church of St Austin in Wakefield. See Diocesan website for details of how to sign up.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2025: Join March for Life UK, Saturday 6th September, London. The right to life underpins every other right and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society of their most basic right which is why this year's theme is "Human Rights For All Humans." Join thousands at this family-friendly event to recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/> or email: info@marchforlife.co.uk.

For a full list of Diocesan Notices please see the poster at the back of church

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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.

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER VIGIL: St Mary's, Batley are hosting a Prayer Vigil on the 1st Friday of each month in 2025 entitled; "Crucem, Hostia et Virginem" *"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 virgo...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"*). Opportunity for Confession/receiving the Jubilee Indulgence. Next date Friday 5th September.

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PONTEFRACT AND WAKEFIELD DEANERY JUBILEE MASSES: There will be a series of special Jubilee Masses in some of the churches in the Deanery. Parishioners are encouraged to go to some or all of these Masses and so become 'pilgrims' in this Holy Year whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Jubilee Masses are: Tuesday 9 September - St Michael's Knottingley. All Jubilee Masses start at 7.00pm.

RACE NIGHT: Catholic Care is hosting a Race Night on Friday 12th September at St Winefride's Church Hall, Bradford. Tickets are £6 which includes a pie supper. A horse can be secured for £10. Contact Katrina.Greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk or 0113 3885400 for tickets.

MARGARET SILF DAY OF REFLECTION: Prolific writer and retreat leader Margaret Silf's next retreat day is entitled 'Finding solid ground in times of turbulent change'. Wednesday 17th September at The Briery, Ilkley. £50pp including all resources, refreshments and a home-cooked 2 course lunch. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

CATHEDRAL CHOIR FUNDRAISING CONCERT: Join the Senior Girls Choir of Leeds Cathedral for a concert raising funds for the Diocese's Schools Singing Programme. Thursday 18th September, 7pm, Leeds Cathedral – includes Pergolesi's Stabat Mater. Tickets (£10) available on the door or at <https://dolmusic.uk/stabat-mater-2025>

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 19th September (Hinsley Hall), 17th October (Hinsley Hall), 14th November (Cathedral Hall), 19th December (Hinsley Hall).

Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

JUBILEE MASSES AT ST STEPHEN'S SKIPTON: Masses for the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year will take place at St Stephen's Skipton, on the following date. Please check the bulletin for times. All welcome. 19 September, 10am, 8 October, 14 November, 10am, 16 December, 7pm.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2025: Prayer, fasting and (current 'buffer-zone-law'-compliant) peaceful vigil in support of the unborn, their mothers, fathers and families. 7am-7pm daily from 24 September to 2 November. More info here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/40-days-for-life-2025/> Contact Chris via 07815 681343 & 40daysforlife@gmail.com

PARISH RETREAT WEEKEND: 'BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS': 19th – 21st September at The Briery, Ilkley. Spaces are available for individuals to join this parish weekend. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

CHRIST THE KING/HOLY FAMILY SVP FUNDRAISER: Friday 26th September 2025. Tara Suite, Leeds Irish Centre, York Road, LS9 7NT. Doors open 7.30pm. Entertainment to include a Ceilidh, Leeds Irish Choir, Joyce O'Donnell Irish Dancers, songs from Paul and John. Raffle, Tombola/Bottle and Cake Stall. "Roll the Coin" Whiskey Bottle Challenge. Adults £5/Children £3. Tickets available from Julie (Irish Centre) 0113 2480887, Peggy Sarsfield (07885 582824), Mollie Jackson (07403 660081).

ANNUAL LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The Annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 27th September. 12:00Noon Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 2:30pm Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 3.30pm Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine. Bring a picnic lunch!

PERMANENT DIACONATE MASS: As St Francis of Assisi's memorial, who was a deacon, is on Saturday 4th October, Bishop Marcus will be celebrating the 12.00 Mass at Leeds Cathedral in thanksgiving for the permanent diaconate in our Diocese. Clergy and lay faithful are invited to attend this celebration, especially men who may be discerning their possible vocation to the diaconate. Let us take this opportunity to pray for our permanent deacons and for vocations to the diaconate in our diocese.

ST AUGUSTINE'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY: The parish of St Augustine's would like to invite the clergy, former parishioners and all at the Diocese to a celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone at St. Augustine's, on Sunday the 5th of October 2025 at 10am. All welcome.

"WHEN SUFFERING HAPPENS, MAKE MEANING!" Dr Dorothy Jonaitis of Loyola University will lead a retreat afternoon offering an opportunity to reflect upon journeys of faith and how healing can take shape, using prayer, art and music. 1.00pm-5.30pm Sunday 5th October. £15pp at The Briery, Ilkley. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION: Fr Eamonn Hegarty and the Parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession on Monday 6th October, commencing at 7:30pm. The Procession will start at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and end at the nearby St Mary of the Angels' Catholic Church. The Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. Refreshments afterwards.

HOW DO WE SUSTAIN HOPE IN TODAY'S WORLD?: Saturday 11th October 10:30 – 4pm at Hinsley Hall
A one day retreat on hope with Fr Luis Orlando Perez Jimenez SJ. Organised by SPARK Social Justice. See www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk for more details – sign up required as places are very limited.

CARITAS LEEDS: "HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT," Sat 18th October, 10am-2pm: Hinsley Hall. A morning of prayer, reflection and discussion to help us renew our commitment to putting Catholic Social Teaching into action in our parishes, schools and communities. Buffet lunch. To register your interest: [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk/](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) 0113 261 8040. This is a joint initiative by the Vicariate for Education and Catholic Care.

CELEBRATING LAUDATO SI: MINI-PILGRIMAGE TO KIRKSTALL ABBEY: Saturday 20th October 12:45 – 4pm. Join people from across the northern dioceses for this 4.7 mile pilgrimage from Leeds City Station to Kirkstall abbey – mainly following the towpath of the Leeds & Liverpool canal. Full details on the Justice & Peace website www.leedsjp.org.uk

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE COOK VACANCY: Salary: £24,892 to £26,096 pro rata, Post: Permanent. Part Time. 12 hours a week, Location: Based at Bradford, Interview Date: Flexible to suit candidate. Please contact recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk for an application form.

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT - REGISTERED MANAGER (*ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES*): Salary: £40,303 (plus pension and many other benefits) Post: Full Time, 37 hours per week. Location: Based in services across West and North Yorkshire. Closing Date: September 19th. Please see website for details. www.catholic-care.org.uk