



THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PATRICK

Parish Priest: Fr Eamonn Hegarty

23rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sunday 7th September 2025

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER

6th

Elizabeth Barrand (2024)
Margaret Elaine Fawcett (2023)
Kathleen Alderson (2021)
Bernadette Speight (2017)
Doreen Blakely (2016)
Alma Beatrice Mansell (1993)
Alfred Howgate (1992)

7th

Denis Keeshan (2023)
Joyce Garner (2021)
Ellen Smith (1958)

8th

Catherine Agnes O'Hara (2001)

9th

Michael Garfitt (2023)
Steve Bailey (2023)

10th

Tracey Halliwell (2015)
Joseph Benedict Lynch (2002)

12th

Terry Barlow (2022)
Jamie Lynch (2021)
Jack Hydes (1944)

13th

Peter Anthony Lyons (2019)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Ledgard
Judith Dawkins
Janie Beddows

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

OUR LADY'S CANDLE

Alistair Batchelor (Rem)

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)
Mon 8 th Sept	11.30am	St Patrick	Our Lady of Sorrows	Judith Dawkins (RIP)
	5.00pm	St Mary	HOLY HOUR: ADORATION & ROSARY	
	6.00pm	St Mary	Weekday in O T	People of the Parish
Tues 9 th Sept	8.30am	St Mary	HOLY HOUR: ADORATION & ROSARY	
	9.30am	St Mary	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	Private Intention (KG)
	12.00pm	Convent*	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	People of the Parish
Wed 10 th Sept				
Thur 11 th Sept	9.45am	St Patrick	St Patrick's Primary School Start of Year Mass	
	12.00pm	Convent*	Weekday in O T	John Mone (Rem)
Fri 12 th Sept	8.30am	St Mary	HOLY HOUR: ADORATION & ROSARY	
	9.30am	St Mary	Weekday in O T	Private Intention (CH)
Sat 13 th Sept	9.00am	St Patrick	HOLY HOUR: ADORATION & ROSARY	
	10.00am	St Patrick	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Comp	Thomas Merriman (Rem)
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS				
Sat 13 th Sept	4.30pm	St Mary	Exaltation of the Cross	Private Intention (PH)
	6.00pm	St Patrick	Exaltation of the Cross	John A. Canning (A)
Sun 14 th Sept	9.00am	St Patrick	Exaltation of the Cross	Jamie Lynch (A)
	10.30am	St Mary	Exaltation of the Cross	Mary Hill (A)
PARISH LIVE-STREAM FACILITY - stmaryandstpatrick.org.uk .				
*Convent address: St Joseph's Convent, 918 Bradford Road, Birstall, WF17 9PH				

Wisdom from the Saints for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jesus said,

"Whoever does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14: 27)

"I die the King's good servant, but God's first." (St. Thomas More)

"Do what is right and good, and leave it in God's hands. What matters is not success but faithfulness." (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

"The future starts today, not tomorrow. Be not afraid to take a stand for what is right." (Pope St. John Paul II)

"Proclaim the truth and do not be silent through fear." (St. Catherine of Siena)

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 Crorken, 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

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.

POP INTO ST PAT'S

Monday 8th Sept - come along and join us for our wonderful ukulele group who will be entertaining us once again. This is always an enjoyable event. ***Come along and join us - meet new people, make new friends.***

NOVEMBER FAYRE - SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER AT ST MARY'S SOCIAL CLUB

There will be a ***Planning Meeting*** for the November Fayre on

Monday 15th September after the 6.00pm Mass

Please come along and get involved. Let us make this a good parish effort and a success for the parish.

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

BATLEY COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday 15th December - 7.00pm - St Patrick's Church

Following on from the success of last year, I am delighted to say that the wonderful Batley Community Choir will once again be coming to sing for us as we prepare for the wonderful season of Christmas.



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 2nd October - 6.30pm
(Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care)

PARISH HISTORY – At the beginning of September 1947, former St. Mary's parishioner Elizabeth Ann Moss (née Lyons) visited relatives in Batley, staying with her brother-in-law Thomas Kilroy at Cobden Street. He was the widower of her sister Catherine, and she was able to bring him news of three of his children, Mary Agnes, Teresa, and James, who lived near her in Providence, Rhode Island, where she said they formed "quite a little colony of Batleyites." The sister of former Batley rugby player Jimmy Lyons, Elizabeth Ann had emigrated to America in 1904, and this was her first visit to Batley since 1912. She was amazed at the differences in town stating "Batley has changed tremendously and my, how Commercial Street has improved". This was the era of ocean travel, and she sailed to England on the Mauretania, returning to the U.S. in October 1947 on board the Queen Elizabeth.

Jane Roberts - Parish Historian

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

NOTICES FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH

HOLY SPIRIT & ST PAUL'S 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.

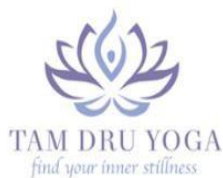
CATENIANS: FAITH, FAMILY & FRIENDSHIP - Meet formally each month on the third Tuesday plus whenever another event has been arranged. Membership is open to any catholic men but wives/partners are encouraged to always be involved. Details about the association can be found at:

<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

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/stmaryssocialclubbatley

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

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.

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.

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

THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PATRICK

Parish Priest – Very Rev. Eamonn Hegarty (VF)

Postal Address - St Mary's Presbytery, Cross Bank Road, Batley, WF17 8PQ

Fr Eamonn's 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.

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.

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!

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 3rd October.

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.

JOURNEYING AS OLDER PEOPLE: Wednesday 10th October 10am-2pm, Cathedral Hall, Leeds. Leeds Diocese older people's charity **Growing Old Grace-fully** is hosting a morning event offering a chance to reflect on our own journey into later life, as Pilgrims of Hope, and explore finding the God of where in our own life.

To book a place or for more information, please email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

"DELVE INTO THE BIBLE": Dr Dorothy Jonaitis of Loyola University, Chicago, will lead a workshop exploring the reality of biblical authorship, the importance of context - audience, geography, and timeframe - and different translations. 10:00am - 3:00pm Saturday 11th October at Hinsley Hall. £20pp including lunch. For more information and to book contact catechist.christtheking@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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/ 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 4.7mile 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 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

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT - GIANNA BABY BANK ADMIN ASSISTANT: 16 hours per week Pay: £24,982 - £26,096 (Pro rata) Location: Bradford in our Community services. Please see website for further details www.catholic-care.org.uk or send CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St. Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Brighouse. Start: January 2026. Closing date: Wednesday 17th September 2025. Apply at <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148480/EDV-2025-SJCPA-69041>. For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Helen Blanchard, h-blanchard@bpstrust.org.uk