

Roman Catholic Diocese of Leeds

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick's, Bolton Brow, Sowerby Bridge

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+ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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SATURDAY		6.30pm	For Vocations to the Priesthood	Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5.35pm – 6.15pm
SUNDAY		11.00am	The Green & Andrewan Families	
MONDAY	No Mass Today			Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tues & Fri 9.00am
TUESDAY		9.30am	November Dead List	
WEDNESDAY	No Mass Today			
THURSDAY		7.30pm	Tomasz Nalepa	
FRIDAY	Ash – Year4	9.35am	John O'Reilly [A]	
SATURDAY		6.30pm	Mike Moran [LD]	Morning prayer Tues 9.15am
SUNDAY		11.00am	MacMahon family	



ADVENT

Masses – Mike Moran, Family & Friends of Heather Clarke

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – The advent wreath or Advent crown, this Christian tradition symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical calendar – Saplings – Reception, Y1 Willow, Y2 Elder will help us pray The Mass today with a presentation of the story of the advent wreath

PRINCIPAL SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2017

Advent Penitential Service

Advent Confessions for the Deanery at St Mary's from 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. on Saturday 16 December - An opportunity for confession

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

6.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas - Family Mass
11.30pm Carols and readings followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Solemnity Monday 25 December

Christmas Morning – 11.00am

St Stephen, The First Martyr Feast

Tuesday 26th 09.30 Mass

Available Soon details of the principal services for Christmas 2017 in the Halifax deanery

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 5.35pm – 6.15pm All powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good: You were sent with good news for the poor and healing for the contrite. You came to call sinners, not the just. You carried back to the fold the sheep that had strayed. You promised Paradise to the repentant thief. **I would like to invited you to the sacrament of reconciliation** an opportunity for individual confession.

HOLY SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

A meeting for parents **THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2017 AT 6:30PM** in the hall.

The new syllabus for First Sacraments will begin this academic year for the whole of our Diocese of Leeds. Bishop Marcus has decided that this year (2017) we should begin to change the time when the Sacraments are celebrated with children and young people. The most obvious change is that there will **NOT** be any First Communions in our Parish in 2018. The Bishop has asked rather that we move to separating out the preparation for; First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

- 1.0 First Reconciliation – 2018 – when your child is still in Year 3
- 2.0 First Holy Communion – 2019 – when your child is in Year 4
- 3.0 Confirmation – 2020 – when your child is in Year 5 through to Year 6

2020 seems a long way away but I would like to invite you a meeting **for parents** which will take place in the Parish Hall on **THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER at 6:30PM** to outline the program, dates of the sessions and to answer any questions you may have. I encourage you to enrol your child on this journey of faith so that they receive all three Sacraments in the near future. Your involvement as parents/carers in the programme for all three Sacraments is vital. That preparation starts now by attending Mass with your child. It is important that your child sees that you value Mass as part of their preparation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with either Fr Larkin or Mrs Sue McManamin (Sacred Heart School)



Holy Sacrament of Baptism A date and time for your child's Baptism can be provisionally given once you have completed the parish form and established a relationship with the parish. The choice of godparents is important. The godparents must be at least 16 yrs of age, practising Catholics and should have received the holy sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If after reading this information you feel ready to present, your child please see Fr Larkin after Mass.

CONFIRMATION IN THE HALIFAX DEANERY IN 2018.

Young people in yr 7/8 [11+] are very welcome to be confirmed. That preparation starts now by attending Mass. Deacon John Walsh has agreed to coordinate the Confirmation sacramental preparations for our young people across the parishes. There will be six sessions beginning at 6pm and finishing at 7.30pm. It is proposed to have these sessions on 30th January, 6th February, 27th February, 13th March, 20th March and 10th April. More information will be available soon, venue etc. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Fr Larkin

Piety Stall as you enter our beautiful church through the side entrance you will see the well-stocked Piety Stall. This store has a wide selection of suitable cards for all occasions with a very nice selection of religiously themed Christmas cards, which can be hard to find on the high street.

Bradford Catholic Youth Choir perform with World-Famous Gabrieli Consort & Players. Sunday 3rd December, 4pm, St Joseph's Church, Bradford. Come and support these talented young singers from our Diocese in a programme for choir and orchestra, directed by Paul McCreesh. Tickets available in advance from www.gabrieli.com and on the door.

St Paul's Methodist Church located at Tower Hill, HX6 2EQ. Invites all to The Live Nativity Saturday 16 December 11am – 4pm (free entry) family friendly with live music. All welcome

Cathedral Church of St Anne Cookridge Street, Leeds LS2 8BE – BBC Live broadcast of Christmas Midnight Mass on television this year, at 11.45pm.

Advent Day of Reconciliation: Friday 15 December 2017, 7:00am–7:00pm at Leeds Cathedral, Cookridge Street, Leeds LS2 8BE. Poster attached with more details.

The Catholic Schools Appeal Service are recruiting panel members to hear appeals by parents for Diocesan school places. This is a voluntary role but travel expenses can be claimed - full training will be provided. Please contact Emma on 0113 261 8040

Health & Safety Tip Lighting a candle is a symbol of our prayer and a way of extending it when we can no longer be there. But, please place lighted candles only in the sockets provided- thank you.

ADVENT FAYRE continues today Sunday 03 December 12.00 – 2pm; Please come and support and enjoy our Fayre. The Draw will take place today. **Advent Fayre** if you cannot attend please consider making a donation – mark the envelope Christmas fayre donation – thank you.

Silver Circle Wk 2 £10 - 20 £10 - 128 - New members welcome - you've got to be in it to win it

Offertory Collection last week we received £627.22
(Loose £138.66 Envelopes £441.20) Thank you for your support.
Catholic Youth Service £162.33
TODAY: Collection for the Diocesan Perú Commission

