

## Roman Catholic Diocese of Leeds

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+ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD+

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<b>SATURDAY</b>		6.30pm	James Johnson	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Sat 5-30 – 6-15pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>		11.00am	Sr Margaret, Alphonsous, Oliver & Fr Roger Maher [LD]	
<b>MONDAY</b>	No Mass Today			<b>Morning prayer</b> Tues 9-15am
<b>TUESDAY</b>		9.30am	James Hugh Sales [A]	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	No Mass Today			<b>Adoration</b> Thur 7-00pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>		7.30pm	Honora Redfern [A]	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Yr6 Join us today	9.35am	Pat Barr	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Tue & Fri 9-00am
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<b>SATURDAY</b>		6.30pm	Ronald & Phyllis Blackshaw [A]	
<b>SUNDAY</b>		11.00am	Maureen Smith [LD]	
<b>CHRISTMAS TIME ENDS</b>				

**Masses** – Jean Varley, Evelyn Donnellan, Maureen Woodhouse, Zygmunt Wisniewski, Jason Carr

**Walsingham 2019** A poster with information regarding a proposed visit to Walsingham this year is on the notice board, if interested, please ask for more details.

**Holiday Club News** If the New Year is the time you look to re-organise your finances, then please remember it's never too late to start saving with the Church Holiday Club. We always look forward to new members and you are not committed to paying for any specific length of time – the only thing we ask is that one week of your savings is gifted to the Church but otherwise it is a very flexible scheme. You can save any amount in whole £s from £1 and you will be given a contribution card to track your savings. This could be an opportunity to put a small amount away every week to help with holiday costs or even to start saving for next Christmas! If you would like to find out more, please don't hesitate to see Trish (Sat 6:30p.m. Mass) or Linda (Sun 11:00 a.m. Mass).

#### Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy News

##### Are you able to support a child with reading or support our gardening club?

Have you made your New Year resolutions yet? If not, or you have room for another one, why not consider giving a little time volunteering at our Primary School? This is a very rewarding way to spend your time and we have two initiatives that may interest you.

**Reading Friends** - we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to give up a small amount of time throughout the school year to support some children with their reading. This will be on a one-to-one basis and it needs to take place on the same day and same time to provide the children with some consistency. No past experience is necessary, and you will be given some training before you start and support throughout.

**Gardening Club** – again volunteers are needed to provide some support and knowledge to our gardening club. Many children these days do not spend enough time outdoors and this is a great way for them to enjoy and learn about their environment whilst gaining some basic gardening skills. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about either of these can contact the school office on 01422 831360.

**Silver Circle** Week 11 £25 – 28 £10 - 91 £10 – 142

**Offertory** last week we received £568.02 (Loose £128.19 Envelopes £439.83) – Thank you **THANK YOU** for the Christmas collection of £1624.30 and the lovely cards

**Next Week Second Collection** - Poor Missions Fund

#### ANNUAL PARISH REPORT 2018

**Statistics** Baptisms 12, First Confessions 8, Confirmation 17, Marriages 0 Funerals 5, Average Mass attendance in October 2018 Average attendance 189

**Parish Council** During this last year we held 6 meetings. Members; Fr. Larkin, Pamela Brearley, Anne Bridges, Fiona Collins, Michael Coates, Malcolm Henry, Margaret Hume, Collette Short.

**Liturgical life of the Parish** We have enjoyed another very happy and successful year. Over 13,375 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 18) It was exhilarating to see our church full of people for the celebrations of Advent & Christmas. The Stations of the Cross was held every Friday evening during Lent. The Tridium of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil and Easter Day Mass - very well attended. It was heartening to see so many people at the November services held at Stoney Royd Cemetery and Sowerby Bridge Cemetery.

**First Holy Communion** No First Holy Communion celebrations took place in 2018 across the whole diocese. First Holy Communion will take place in May 2019.

**Confirmation** The Deanery Confirmation took place this year during the month of May at Sacred Heart and St. Patrick with Bishop Marcus. A total of 33 candidates 6 of which came from our Parish were confirmed. We also celebrated Confirmation in November when 11 candidates were confirmed by the parish priest.

**Lectio Divina Group** continues to meet weekly to read and reflect on the Sunday Scripture.

**Altar Servers** we have first-class young and not so young servers at all our Masses.

**Readers** we are blessed with readers who read the scriptures with confidence and meaning.

**Eucharistic Ministers** this ministry is performed with reverence at all Masses.

**Social Life of the Parish** A varied year of events was held. In May a Royal wedding social was held followed in July by a Strawberry lunch. In September an International social was enjoyed including a variety of foreign dishes and some dancers showing Romanian and Bulgarian dancing. The Rushbearing festival and the Advent Fayre were again the main events of the year.

**Grounds and flowers** The gardens continue to be superbly kept. Thank you to those involved. The inside of the church is always beautifully adorned with flowers. Thank you to all who regularly keep the church looking so clean and beautiful.

**Ladies group** This group continues to meet alternate Wednesday evenings in the Church Hall. The main aims of the group are friendship and support for each other and the parish. We have held the Senior Parishioners Mass and tea, supported the Rushbearing festival, held handicraft evenings and speakers. We welcomed the Ladies groups from other churches in the Halifax Deanery and also helped with the refreshments at the Deanery Confirmation. This year we have bought one of the new altar cloths. We have also welcomed 6 new members this year. If you would like to come and meet us there will be an open evening on Wednesday January 16th at 7.30pm

**St Vincent De Paul Society** This group have continued to meet on a regular basis. They visit parishioners; they have made themselves widely available in the parish.

**Pilgrimages** We are planning a two-day visit to Walsingham September 2019 with Bishop Marcus and many parishes from the Leeds Diocese

**Christians Together** Meetings are held 3 times a year – open to all. This year on January 21 the Service for Christian Unity was held at our church. The Lenten course was again held at our church. On Good Friday our Walk of Witness began at our Church and ended at St Paul's. This was again well attended. On Thursday 20 December carols were sung at Tesco's in Sowerby Bridge. The Mustard Seed luncheon club continues to thrive serving meals once a month.

**Music** Instrumental music has continued to be provided at all Masses this year. The adult choir have again led the singing at the Holy Week celebrations. We have a dedicated team of musicians and thanks must go to them for their commitment to this service.

**Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy** – 2 teachers have joined the school.

**Parish Finance** The parish accounts are held on OPAS as recommended by the diocese of Leeds. Published in the bulletin on 20 May 2018, Receipts & Payments Summary for Year ending 31/03/2018 & 31/03/2017. I would like to thank those of you who accurately count the collections each Sunday and who process the Gift Aid. Also thank you for help with looking after all the associated banking. All bills and supplier invoice payments where possible are made by BACS payment in a timely manner. The parish accounts are reviewed at each parish meeting and continue to be externally audited by the finance department in Leeds.