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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER -YEAR A

Psalm Response: *May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.* **Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.* **Readings:** Acts 6:1-7, Psalm 33(32), 1 Peter 2:4-9. - **Gospel:** John 14:1-12

Readers: *St Walburga's* 5:45pm Vigil: J. Jackson, M. Moriarty , 9:15: T. Jamili, D. Walke
St. Aidan's: C. Walker, V. McQuade

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| <p><u>Anniversaries:</u> John William Jordan & Rosey Jordan</p> |
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Parish Day Out to Filey: *Monday June 29th*. Cost approximately £30, depending on numbers. Come to Filey for a lovely day out. Fr. Keiron will say Mass in St. Mary's Church, Filey, & then free time to enjoy the seaside! To book a place please ring Joanna 01274 594835 or 07968024919 or email joannahighfold@gmail.com

New Gift Aid Envelopes for the new tax year are now available at the back of church. If there are any problems or if any envelopes for new Gift Aiders are needed, please send a message to the parish office.

Foodbank: Our next collection will be *Wednesday 6th May 12.00-1.00*

Cardboard Boxes are flammable. If you are unpacking items please could you dispose of the boxes in the parish recycling bin at the back of the church.

Bereavement Accompaniment Training: Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care are offering a two-day training course in bereavement accompaniment on *Mondays 22nd & 29th June 2026* at The Briery Retreat Centre in Ilkley. The cost is £70 and includes a cooked 2 course lunch and refreshments on both days. For more information, please email epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or contact The Briery on 01943 607287

Keep praying for Ukraine, the Holy land, and the populations of all war-torn countries.

Tomb To Mission Social Media Series: On Easter Sunday the Faith Formation department (in collaboration with the Diocese of Middlesbrough Faith Formation) will launch Tomb to Mission, following the journey of the first disciples from discovering the empty tomb to being empowered for mission by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Follow along for Gospel reflections, prayer prompts, catechetical reflections and practical ways to live out our daily mission. Follow Diocese of Leeds Faith Formation (Facebook), @dolfaithformation (Instagram)

Celebration of Married Life: There will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life, Leeds Cathedral, Saturday 16th May, 12noon for couples and their families celebrating 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage vows. If you would like to take part in this celebration, please complete the application form, available at the back of church (return details on form).

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Stella Maris is Recruiting: seeking a Regional Community Engagement Officer for the North of England to grow connections with parishes, schools, and local communities. You'll raise awareness of our mission, build strong relationships with clergy and lay leaders, and inspire support through fundraising, prayer, and volunteering. You'll develop parish networks, lead our Sea Sunday appeal, and create partnerships with Catholic groups and maritime organisations—helping communities take action to support seafarers and fishers. Can be based anywhere in north of England. More details and apply at www.charityjob.co.uk

Children and Young People's Ministry Co-ordinator Job Opportunity: Our Lady and All Saints Parish, Otley are seeking to recruit a Lay Co-ordinator to work at the Parish assisting the Parish Priest in the spiritual and pastoral care of young people within the parish community. Part-time role, 22.5hrs per week involving evenings and weekends, term time only, two-year fixed term contract. Please contact Fr. Nicholas Hird for an application pack 01943 462146 or office.ourladyallsaints@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date, Tuesday, 12 May 2026.

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours Summer Programme: A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the spring and summer months: *16 May (starting at 2.00pm) and 20 June, 18 July and 8 August, when the tours start at 1.30pm.* The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

Consultation on the Future of the Dioceses of Leeds & Middlesbrough: As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted *no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026.* For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit [this page](#)

Join Bishop Marcus in Praying for Vocations: *Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.*

Marriage Support: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Youth Ministry Gap Year Opportunity: Aged 18-25 and looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The ‘Youth Ministry Internship’ scheme offers training, experience, and recognised qualifications giving young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or see the [webpage](#)

Refreshments after 9:15 Mass at St Walburga's & after 11:00 Mass at St Aidan's: every Sunday in the parish room and hall. Please come along for a drink, biscuits (sometimes cake!!) and a chat. Everyone welcome.

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Headteacher of St Anthony's School (01274 592738): Mr A. Wilkinson

School Newsletters: [SBSJ](#) - [St Walburga's School](#) - [St Anthony's School](#)

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| <u>SUNDAY 3RD MAY</u> <u>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</u> | 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga’s 9:15am – St Walburga’s 11:00am – St Aidan’s | Brian Whitaker People of the Parish Scott Paul Moore |
| <u>Monday 4th</u> <u>The English Martyrs</u> | N.B. 10:00am - St Walburga’s | Nicholl & Wibberley Families |
| <u>Tuesday 5th</u> | N.B. 9:00am – St Walburga’s 12:00pm - St Aidan’s | Barrett Family <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i> |
| <u>Wednesday 6th</u> | 10:00am - St Walburga’s | <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i> |
| <u>Thursday 7th</u> St John of Beverley, Bishop | N.B. 9:00am - St Walburga’s 11:30am - St Aidan’s | Holy Souls Requiem for Derek Markham |
| <u>Friday 8th</u> | N.B. 9:00am - St Walburga’s 12:00pm – St Aidan’s | Scanlon Family <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i> |
| <u>Saturday 9th</u> | 10:00am - St Walburga’s 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga’s | Joan O’Rourke Simon & Margaret Bartlett & Family |
| <u>SUNDAY 10TH MAY</u> <u>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</u> | 9:15am – St Walburga’s 11:00am – St Aidan’s | John Willian Jordan & Rosey Jordan (A.) <i>People of the Parish</i> |

Prayers of the Faithful for 5th Sunday after Easter 2/3 may 2026 Year A

Celebrant to introduce.

Response: Lord hear our prayer

- 1.** We pray for our Holy Catholic Church and at this time particularly for our Bishop Marcus who will be the shepherd for the combined diocese of Leeds, Hallam and Middlesborough. An enormous and demanding job which will generate the need for much support. We pray that many are drawn to help in any way they can. **Lord hear us....**
- 2.** In the first reading this week we see how Christ's original disciples began to see they could not do the task Christ had set them alone. They needed help and were able to ask their followers to provide that. We pray that our Roman Catholic Church be inspired by the Holy Spirit to consider where it may get the helpers it needs from its members. **Lord hear us**
- 3.** This coming week we are being asked to vote for our local councillors. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in this responsible task. We ask for His help in making good and moral choices for our own and our community's future. **Lord hear us.....**
- 4.** Being ill is unpleasant, painful and uncomfortable. We pray for help for all those suffering among us. We remember those lying on hospital trollies waiting to receive treatment, those in the long queues for operations experiencing worry and pain. We also pray for patience for all the NHS staff and other carers who are looking on and caring through all this waiting. **Lord hear us...**
- 5.** In this Easter season we rejoice in our Lord's resurrection from death. We pray that those facing their own imminent death are consoled by this and have faith in their own release from suffering by being able to look towards being with their God for eternity. **Lord hear us**

Please take a moment now to reflect on your own particular needs and intentions at this time.

Let us take these prayers to Mary who will share them with her Son Jesus. Hail Mary full of grace

Celebrant: Concluding prayer