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***PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND***

**THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS**

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**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**Psalm Response:** *O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation* - **Gospel**  
**Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia. Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia.* - **Readings:** Wisdom 9:13-18, Psalm 90(89), Philemon 9b-10, 12-17, -  
**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

**Readers:** *St Walburga's* Vigil: J. Morris, M. Johnston, - 9:15: N. Jamili, M. Byrne  
*St Aidan's*: V. McQuade, G. Peter

**Lately Dead:** Danny Moorhouse, Jan Hamilton, Patsy Hanney, Jack Kenningham  
**Anniversaries:** Peter Wilkinson

**Emergency Alert System Test:** the UK Government will be testing the emergency alert system **this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm.** This will cause your mobile phone or tablet to vibrate and make a loud siren-like sound that will last for about 10 seconds, even if your device is set on silent. A message will appear on the screen explaining it is only a test.

**Second Collection** on *Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September* for the Catholic Education Service.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** the next meeting will be *Wednesday 10th September at 6:30pm.* Please email your suggestions or questions to the office or give a note to Fr. Keiron. The minutes of the previous meeting are displayed in the porch.

**Mustard Seeds:** Every Sunday at St Walburga's, our children produce a poster showing what they have learnt. In future, these posters will be displayed in the church porch for us to appreciate what they have been doing. Please take a moment as you leave church to see what they have been doing. Many thanks.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** You are warmly invited to come along for coffee, cake and chat on *Friday 26th September* between 10.00am and 12.00pm in St Aidan's Hall. There will be a cake stall, tombola and more to raise funds for this wonderful cause. Please let Clare Walker know if you are able to help with baking or can help in any other way.

[clarewalker@sky.com](mailto:clarewalker@sky.com)

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

**Catholic Sick Set:** During the clearing out sessions, a ‘Catholic Sick set’ was discovered (crucifix, candle holders etc.). People used to have these at home when the priest came to minister to the sick. We can’t use it in church. If you are interested, speak with Fr. Keiron.

**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.

**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](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk).

**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](mailto:simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

**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](mailto:40daysforlife@gmail.com)

**St Cuthbert & the First Martyrs** are running a Parish Pilgrimage to Scarborough on *Saturday 27th September* and are offering some spare seats on the coach to anyone who would like to join them; Visits to St Mary’s Church and Anne Bronte’s grave, free time to explore the town! stop for our Sunday Vigil Mass at St Hedda’s in Egton Bridge. Price per person £29. Happy to negotiate a price for under 18’s. A partial subsidy available to anyone on a low income. Please return a form (*back of church*) with your ticket money.

**Live@AvondaleClub** *Sunday, 28th September 7-9pm* with Dave Paterson and Deborah Bate. Enjoy a glorious mixture of rock, jazz and blues from Dave and a mix of pop, jazz and Gospel from Deborah. Live@Costa has been resurrected with a new time, new date and new venue. Apart from that it is just the same (!) with talented performers, good conversations and a dash of faith. Pay as You Feel, with alcoholic and soft drinks available for purchase. A safe space to bring non-Christian friends and neighbours. Future events will take place on *26th October* (not to be missed - world famous Brian Houston) and *30th November* (Songbirde and Jon Hirst) and the last Sunday of most months from January. Kindly hosted by The Avondale Club, 19 Bradford Road, Shipley, BD18 3PJ (opposite the end of Avondale Road.)

**"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, call 01943 607287 or email [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

<b><u>Offertory Collections</u></b>	<b><u>24/25 August</u></b>	<b><u>30/31 August</u></b>
St Walburga's	£ 367.89	£ 330.50
St Aidan's	£ 237.50	£ 203.26

**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.

**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](http://www.leedsjp.org.uk)

**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](mailto: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](http://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 <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk> or send CV to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk)

**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.*

Online Donations: <https://donate.mydona.com/st-teresa-benedicta-shipley>

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

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<b><u>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> <b><u>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary Time – Year C</u></b>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Michael Boagey ( <i>L.D.</i> ) Eileen & John Wright ( <i>A.</i> ) People of the Parish
<u>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></u> <b><u>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u></b>	12:00pm - St Walburga's	Peter Wilkinson ( <i>A.</i> )
<u>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></u> <i>St Peter Claver, Priest</i>	10:00am - St. Walburga's 7:00pm – St Aidan's	Anne Barron ( <i>A.</i> ) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00am - St Walburga's	Special Intention ( <i>D.P.</i> )
<u>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></u>	<b>N.B. 9:00am</b> - St Walburga's	Eileen & John Wright ( <i>A.</i> )
<u>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></u> <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	10:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm – St Aidan's	Chris Whitaker ( <i>B'day</i> ) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></u> St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Jan Hamilton ( <i>L.D.</i> ) Patsy Hanney ( <i>L.D.</i> )
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