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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Psalm Response: *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.* -
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you. Alleluia.* - **Readings:** Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, Psalm 95(94), 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 - **Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10

Readers: *St Walburga's Vigil:* M. Johnston, M. Moriarty - 9:15: J. Masley, S. Tolson
St Aidan's: G. Dobbs, J. Cook

<u>Lately Dead:</u> Rita Teeling, Pat Shearer, Jan Walker.

Second Collection on *Sunday 12th October, Prisoners' Sunday.* On this National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their families, and all who work in and are affected by the criminal justice system, a collection will be taken for the Prison Advice and Care Trust.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Many thanks to all who supported in any way the event last Friday. It was great to see so many people enjoying the amazing cakes and the company. We raised a wonderful £600!! Thank you.

CAFOD Family Fast Day was on *Friday, October 3rd.* Please return your envelope as soon as possible with your donation. Filling in the gift aid certificate if you are a taxpayer will increase its value by about 20% without any extra cost to you personally. All donations help CAFOD to continue their work of supporting the poor and hungry across the world.

Volunteers required please! to manage the Piety Stall at the back of St Aidan's Church, and to manage the hall bookings at St. Aidan's Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Open Days at St Anthony's: an opportunity for parents to visit the school, see the classrooms and speak to the staff. Two more dates: *Thursday 9th October 6pm -7:30pm, Saturday 15th November 10am-12 noon.*

Baby Loss Awareness Week – *9th-15th October:* Please pray for all the much-loved babies who died too soon, and for the families affected by miscarriage, stillbirth and neonatal death. In the UK, 1 in 8 known pregnancies ends in miscarriage

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

St Francis's Feast Day this Saturday October 4th marks the end of the Church's 'Season of Creation'. Celebrated through the month of September, this year it marked the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis's letter 'Laudato Si' or 'Care for our Common Home' - the words 'Laudato Si - Praise the Lord through all Creation' - taken from the title of St Francis's 'Canticle of Creation.'"

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 8th October 10am-2pm, Wheeler 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

Chordiality Free Concert Sunday, 12 October 2025 at 3pm St Barnabas' Church, Ashwell Road Heaton BD9 4AU. There will be refreshments after the concert.

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 until 2 November. More info here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/40-days-for-life-2025/> Contact Chris via 07815 681343 & 40daysforlife@gmail.com

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: 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

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

Live@AvondaleClub 26th October (not to be missed - world famous Brian Houston) Live@Costa, with its talented performers, good conversations and a dash of faith, has been resurrected with a new venue at The Avondale Club, 19 Bradford Road, Shipley, BD18 3PJ (opposite the end of Avondale Road.) 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 30th November (*Songbirde and Jon Hirst*) and the last Sunday of most months from January.

Online Catholic University Conference: Leeds Trinity University is hosting an online CPD event for the Catholic University of Erbil in Iraq on *8th October*. The title of the conference is: *Teaching for the Global Common Good*. Anyone with an interest in Catholic university education is welcome to attend. For further details, contact Dr Ann Marie Mealey at: a.mealey@leedstrinity.ac.uk

10th Anniversary of St Wilfrid's Way: 2-day Diocesan Camino from Leeds Cathedral to Ripon. *Friday 10th & Saturday 11th October*. For more information, see <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/pilgrimages/>. Sign up to walk either day, or any stage of the pilgrimage via: Communications@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.

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours Autumn Programme: Free Guided Tours will take place on the following dates: *Saturday 8th November, at 1.30pm*; and *Saturday 13th December, at 1.30pm*. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral

Visitation of The Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of The Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Relics of Saint Jacinta and Francisco: on *Monday 13th October* at Leeds Cathedral from *10.30am until 7pm*. Please see the full programme on the poster at the back of church or the Cathedral website. Video available [here](#)

Bradford Catholic Players are presenting the very funny *ELF the Musical* at Yeadon Town Hall Theatre from *5th-9th November*. If you require tickets or want to make a group booking, please ring Catherine Taylor on 01274 545202. For further details, see poster at the back of church or add your name to the list.

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-shipleys>

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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](#)

<u>Sunday 5th October</u> <u>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	People of the Parish Eileen & John Wright Sheila Monaghan
<u>Monday 6th</u> <i>St Bruno, priest</i>	12:00pm - St Walburga's	Rita Teeling (<i>L.D.</i>)
<u>Tuesday 7th</u> Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am - St. Walburga's 7:00pm – St Aidan's	Holy Souls <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 8th</u>	10:00am - St Walburga's	Donegan Family
<u>Thursday 9th</u> <u>St John Henry Newman</u>	N.B. 9:00am - St Walburga's	Sadie McIntyre
<u>Friday 10th</u> St Paulinus of York, Bishop	10:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm – St Aidan's	Holy Souls <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 11th</u> St John XXIII, Pope	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Winifred Henry People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 12th October</u> <u>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Nesbitt Family Pat Shearer (<i>L.D.</i>)