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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2025

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Psalm Response: *The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.* **Gospel**
Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near, Alleluia.* - **Readings:** Malachi 4:1-2a, Psalm 98(97), 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 - **Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19

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

Lately Dead: Vera Clark, Paul Holleran, Jim Uttley, Michael Collier, Robert & Anita Ciastko, Maureen Vosper – **Anniversaries:** Jane Marvin
Prayers for the Dead and blessing of the graves this Sunday afternoon at 2pm at Charlestown.

Second Collection next weekend for the Youth Service. This helps meet the cost of running activities and supporting Youth Workers in each Diocese.

Youth Mass - Any teenagers interested in helping take over the Mass on *Saturday 29th November*, please contact Elly on 0774 6832164 if you would like to volunteer for reading, welcoming, etc.

Parish Christmas Fair - Come along to St Aidan's Hall from 12.00pm on *Sunday 30th November* to get into the Christmas spirit early. There will be fabulous cakes, a raffle, tombola, crafts and gift stall. Along with coffee, croissants and company! Donations of new unwanted gifts will be appreciated. Please leave any donations at the back of either church.

Live@AvondaleClub: *30th November 7-9pm* (Songbirde and Jon Hirst). Talented performers, good conversations and a dash of faith at The Avondale Club, 19 Bradford Road, Shipley, BD18 3PJ. 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 the last Sunday of most months from January.

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

Foodbank: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the foodbank collection last week - it was a magnificent one - a big thank you also goes to our two schools St Anthony's and St Walburga's for their contributions- they made such a difference that we had to do two deliveries! Thank you so much! Our **next collection will be our Christmas collection on Wednesday 3rd December** - this can be a particularly difficult time for many families so we are asking you to support our 'Christmas Canned Lunch Appeal' - we are asking particularly for contributions of cans of meat/fish, vegetables, fruit, rice pudding or custard, just one can dropped in our collection box each week would make a real difference to the collection and to the families in need! Many thanks!

Collections	St Walburga's	St Aidan's
9 November Offertory	£ 391.78	£ 252.69

CAFOD'S World Gifts Catalogue is now available in both churches. Please take a copy to see the large variety of gifts on offer. Every gift is ethical, sustainable and personal. It is more than just a present: it's a way to stand in solidarity with our global neighbours, from helping children start school, to protecting the planet and supporting farmers facing the climate crisis. You can give everything from teaching someone to read, chirpy chickens or a watering can! Give something meaningful that reflects our values and the true meaning of Christmas.

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal - Discipleship Days: Please join the Franciscan Friars (CFR's) at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "Called to Holiness: The Second Vatican Council after 60 Years". Upcoming dates December 6, January 10, February 7, March 7, and May 2. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a reflection on the Second Vatican Council documents, Confessions and Eucharistic adoration, concluding around 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Parish trip to the Panto: Our annual trip to the Panto will be to see Keighley Musical Theatre Company's Robin Hood on Sunday 25th January 2026 at 2.15 It is always a really fun afternoon watching a traditional family pantomime (and much better value than at larger theatres!) If you would like to join us, tickets are £14 adults and £12 concessions and children (and children get a free ice cream at the interval!!) Please ring Kath on 01274594539 to book. **Last date for bookings is 8th December**

Catholic Care is Hosting Two Christmas Lunch Parties: St John the Evangelist, Bradford on Tuesday 16th December, 12:30pm and St Winefride's Church Hall, Bradford on Wednesday 17th December, 1pm. Both events feature a 3-course lunch and live music from the Toe Tappers. Tickets are £6. Contact Jean (07960 983384), Michelle (07739 975000), or Moira (07952 258572) for details.

Save The Date: Chordiality Christmas Carol Concert Sunday 21 December at First Martyrs' Church, Heights Lane, BD9 6HZ Tickets £10 only, **free** for U12s. Book early via Josephine Kennedy, 07837 656 831 as tickets sell out quickly.

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours Autumn Programme: Free Guided Tour on *Saturday 13th December, 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.

Priestly Vocations Discernment Meeting: prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. under 18s and over 18s meeting simultaneously; *Friday 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

Neurodiversity and Our Catholic Faith: is the subject of research being conducted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you. Your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to fill in our short surveys look here: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

Catholic Care Christmas Appeal 2025: Catholic Care are supporting over 700 families this Christmas with special Christmas Eve Boxes filled with items to bring joy and togetherness. We're kindly asking for donations of chocolates or sweets to include in the boxes, or a cash donation to help us purchase items. To donate or learn more, please call 0113 388 5400. Thank you for helping us make Christmas brighter for those who need it most.

Jesuit Institute Online 2025-26 Programme: The online public programme has been developed to share the riches of Ignatian spirituality with as many people as possible. All details and events [on the website](#)

The Gift of Jesus – Advent Un-Wrapped: Exploration of the Liturgical Season of Advent - a Day of Reflection led by Fr Dennis Cassidy at The Briery on *Saturday 6th December*. £25pp including a soup lunch and dessert and all refreshments. For more information and to book, contact the Administrators on 01943 607287 or admin@briery.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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School Newsletters: [SBSJ](#) - [St Walburga's School](#) - [St Anthony's School](#)

<u>Sunday 16th November</u> <u>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C</u>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's 2:00pm – Charlestown Cemetery	People of the Parish Katie Narey (<i>L.D.</i>) Stan Fitzsimmons (<i>A.</i>) <i>Blessing of the graves</i>
<u>Monday 17th</u> <u>St Elizabeth of Hungary,</u> <u>married woman, Religious</u>	N.B. 10:00am - St Walburga's 11:30am – St Walburga's	Holy Souls <i>Funeral Service for Katie Narey</i>
<u>Tuesday 18th</u> <i>The Dedication of the Basilicas</i> <i>of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	10:00am - St. Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Jane Marvin (<i>A.</i>) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 19th</u>	12:15pm - St Walburga's	Requiem for Michael Collier
<u>Thursday 20th</u>	N.B. 9:00am - St Walburga's	Alusia & Frank Fallows (<i>Wed. Anniv.</i>)
<u>Friday 21st</u> The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	N.B. 9:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm – St Aidan's	Francesco Annechini <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 22nd</u> St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Robert & Anita Ciastko People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 23rd November</u> <u>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</u> <u>KING OF THE UNIVERSE</u>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Frances Rolfe & Family Lauren & Emma