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

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

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**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH**

**Psalm Response:** *Blessed are all who fear the Lord and walk in his ways* - **Gospel**

**Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia!* - **Readings:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14, Psalm 128 (127), Colossians 3:12-21 - **Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**Readers:** *St Walburga's Vigil:* J. Jackson, J. Morris - *9:15:* B. Gresswell, M. Pedarios

**In the Footsteps of Our Northern Saints - Parish Pilgrimage:** *May 5th to May 8th.* Cost £480. We will visit Stanbrook, Ampleforth, Byland, Whitby & Rievaulx Abbeys. We will stay at Wyedale Hall near Scarborough. If you are interested, please contact Joanna 07968024919. **Only a few places left!**

**The Craft Group** will be taking a Christmas break on Monday 22/12, 29/12 and 5/1/26. We will return in the new year on Monday 12th January at 1.30pm in St Aidan's Hall. All are welcome.

**Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank:** Thank you very much for all the support you have given to the foodbank throughout this year, with amazing collections of goods which can be distributed, and for your financial support! Please note our next collection will be on Wednesday 14th January 12.00-1.00pm in St Walburga's Church car park

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

**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.*

**Catholic Care Christmas Appeal 2025:** Catholic Care support 700+ families 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.

**Bereavement Accompaniment Training:** Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care are offering a two-day training course in bereavement accompaniment on Saturdays 17th and 24th January 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](mailto:epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or contact The Briery on 01943 607287.

**A Day for Catechists** "for such as these": Saturday 24th January, 10am-3pm offered by the Diocesan Vicariate for Education - Hinsley Hall. A day aimed at those involved with Children's Liturgy of the Word and other ministry with children. We will explore different resources and ideas to best form our children and young people - with times of prayer, input, Mass and discussion. Free event with lunch provided. Please email [formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) to book your place.

**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" January 10 - Rosary, Holy Mass, reflection on Second Vatican Council documents, Confessions, Eucharistic adoration. Lunch provided.

**Annual Lourdes Dinner Dance:** Friday 13th February 2026 at the Met Hotel in Leeds. Tickets are available from Phil Marshall at £45 or £400 for a table of 10. The ticket price includes reception drink, a 3 course Meal, Tea & coffee, DJ and entertainment throughout the evening. To secure your tickets for this popular event, contact Phil on 07766 148375 or email [philmarshall49@outlook.com](mailto:philmarshall49@outlook.com). All profits at the event go to the Diocesan Lourdes fun.

**Irish Night Fundraiser:** in aid of the Little sisters of the Poor rebuild fund, February 27th, 2026, 7.30pm - Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds. Irish meal soda bread and Irish dessert, Irish music and dancing. Auction, raffle and football card, tickets on sale in Irish Centre and also contact Sister Christina email [funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk)

**The Twelve – 2nd Survey for Young People:** The Twelve, the Youth Leadership Team for the Diocese of Leeds, are doing more research into the engagement of young people within their parish and would like to hear from even more young people! The research includes roles that young people undertake, training opportunities, and general ideas for further engagement of young people in the parish. The new survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the poster on the noticeboard, or through [this link](#). Thank you!

**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 *before 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026*. 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](#)

**Lourdes Nurses Volunteer Appeal:** Are you a qualified nurse? Would you like to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (*3-9 July 2026*)? Please contact: [lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) for further information. We desperately need registered nurses to join the team to enable our assisted pilgrims to travel to Lourdes. This is a wonderful experience, and many nurses return year after year. Please consider joining our friendly, happy team of volunteers and enjoy a truly blessed week with our assisted pilgrims.

**Head of Religious Education Vacancy:** Holy Family Catholic High School, Keighley. Start: Easter 2026. Closing date: *Friday 16th January at 9am*. Contract packs are available from the school office: [office@holyfamilyschool.uk](mailto:office@holyfamilyschool.uk) or 01535 210212. For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Michelle Clare, [mclare@holyfamilyschool.uk](mailto:mclare@holyfamilyschool.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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<b><u>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> <b><u>The Holy Family of Jesus,</u></b> <b><u>Mary and Joseph</u></b>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Brian Whitaker People of the Parish Harry Cain (A.)
<u>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></u> St Thomas à Becket, Bishop, Martyr	12:00pm - St Walburga's	Joan O'Rourke
<u>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00am - St. Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i> <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 31st December 2025</u> <i>St Sylvester I, Pope</i>	<b>N.B. 6:00pm</b> – St Walburga's	Beatrice Bourke
<u>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026</u> <b><u>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</u></b>	10:00am – St Walburga's	Peace
<u>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></u> Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	N.B. 8:00am - St Walburga's	Kenneth Dixon
<u>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></u> The Most Holy Name of Jesus	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Tom & John O'Rourke Brendan King
<u>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></u> <u>2nd Sunday after Christmas</u>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Maria Biel (A.) People of the Parish