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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 11th JANUARY 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

We would like to give a very warm welcome to Reverend Natasha Thomas from St Peter's Church in Shipley, who will preach for us at the Vigil Mass this Saturday 10 January in anticipation of the forthcoming Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Vigil Mass Readings will be different from the Sunday ones, as we will be using the texts for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The references are Micah 6:6-8, Psalm 133, Ephesians 4:1-6, Gospel: John 15:15-17 - **No Psalm Response** - **Gospel Acclamation**: Alleluia, Alleluia: Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia

Sunday Masses: Psalm Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace. - **Gospel Acclamation**: Alleluia, alleluia. The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'. Alleluia! - **Readings**: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Psalm 29(28), Acts 10:34-38 - **Gospel**: Matthew 3:13-17

Readers: St Walburga's Vigil: M. Johnston & M. Moriarty - 9:15: R. Edwards, A Davis

Lately Dead: Brian Otto, Maureen Thompson – **Anniversaries**: Rodolfo Sagauinit, Charlie Kenyon, Derek Fagan, Donal Barry

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 return on Monday 12th January at 1.30pm in St Aidan's Hall. All are welcome!

Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank: next collection 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.

Christmas offering for Fr Keiron (all Masses) - £2,058.74

Offertory Collections	St Walburga's	St Aidan's
28 December '25	£ 430.49	£ 169.64
4 th January '26	£ 457.55	£ 220.05

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 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 to book your place.

Information Session for the Permanent Diaconate: For the attention of men between 35-55 years who may be considering a calling to an ordained ministry. There is to be an informal information session on the diaconate on *Saturday 24th January* at Hinsley Hall between 10.30-12.30. For further details see the flyer or contact Deacon Joe on joseph.cortis@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Relics of St Gerard Majella: The Diocese will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella at various venues across the Diocese in the week of *26th January*. He is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Mass and receive a blessing with his relics. They will be at St Joseph's Church, Bradford, on *Tuesday 27th January*. Mass at 6:30pm. The church will be open an hour before Mass for personal prayer. For other times, dates and venues please see poster on the noticeboard.

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!

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*" ***February 7*** - Rosary, Holy Mass, reflection on Second Vatican Council documents, Confessions, Eucharistic adoration. Lunch provided.

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

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 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 return year after year. Please consider joining our friendly, happy team of volunteers and enjoy a truly blessed week with our assisted pilgrims.

Senior Grants And Fundraising Officer Vacancy: The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds, is recruiting a Senior Grants and Fundraising Officer. Based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. More details at [Diocese of Leeds vacancies](#). Deadline for applications is Friday, 30 January 2026 and first interviews to be held on Wednesday, 4 February 2026.

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 or 01535 210212. For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Michelle Clare, mclare@holyfamilyschool.uk

Assistant Head of Philosophy, Theology and Ethics Vacancy: Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start: January 2026 or as soon after. *Closing date: 22 January 2026* Further info: please visit <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Louise Jackson l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk

Catholic Care Is Recruiting: Adult LD Waking Night Support Workers – Sutton in Craven –Part time. Salary £24,892 - £26,096 pro rata. Please email CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

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.*

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

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

<u>Sunday 11th</u> <u>The Baptism of the Lord</u>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Brendan King Rodolfo Sagauinit <i>(A.)</i> Donal Barry <i>(A.)</i>
<u>Monday 12th</u> <u><i>St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot</i></u>	12:00pm - St Walburga's	Derek Fagan <i>(A.)</i>
<u>Tuesday 13th</u> <u><i>St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i></u>	10:00am - St. Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Maureen Thompson <i>(L.D.)</i> <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 14th</u>	10:00am – St Walburga's	David Gibson <i>(L.D.)</i>
<u>Thursday 15th</u>	N.B. 10:30am St Walburga's	Requiem for Carol Robinson <i>(L.D.)</i>
<u>Friday 16th</u>	10:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Philip & Lillian Nye <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 17th</u> <u><i>St Anthony, Abbot</i></u>	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Thanksgiving Brian Otto <i>(L.D.)</i>
<u>Sunday 18th</u> <u>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</u>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	People of the Parish Scott Paul Moore and Denise Taylor