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**PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND**

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

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**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A**

**Psalm Response:** *Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*  
**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.* **Readings:** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13, Psalm 146(145), 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 - **Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12a

**Readers:** *St Walburga's Vigil:* M. Moriarty, M. Johnston - *9:15:* T. Jamili, G. Cooper

**Second Collection next weekend** for the **Lourdes Fund**. This provides assistance for those going on pilgrimage, enabling care and support for the sick, disabled or infirm.

**Foodbank:** Our next collection will be on Wednesday 4th February 12.00 to 1.00 in the church car park.

**Reconciliation or First Holy Communion:** if anyone has a child in Year 3 or 4 who does not go to St. Walburga's or St Anthony's and would like their child to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation or First Holy Communion, please email [fiona.hahn@wal.bcwcat.co.uk](mailto:fiona.hahn@wal.bcwcat.co.uk) or call the school on 01274 531102

<b>Offertory Collections</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> January '26	<b>St Walburga's</b> £ 267.97	<b>St Aidan's</b> £ 179.79
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**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!

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

**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.

**Vivaldi's Gloria With Gabrieli Roar:** Hear Vivaldi's ever-popular Gloria in a vibrant performance by Gabrieli Roar, bringing together Gabrieli's professional singers and orchestra with young singers from choirs across the Diocese of Leeds Schools Singing Programme. The programme opens with Baroque favourites by Monteverdi and Purcell, showcasing music written nearly 350 years ago and still thrilling young singers today. Sat 7 February, 7.45pm Leeds Cathedral. Book [here](#).

**The Diocese of Leeds Community Choir** welcomes all parish musicians and parishioners, all choir parents and friends, and all school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals work towards singing Mass in Leeds Cathedral. Rehearsals will take place from 2.30pm - 4pm 8 and 22 February, 8, 15 and 22 March at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To sign up please [email](#)

**Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours:** Free Guided Tours will take place on Saturday 14th February and Saturday 7th March, starting at 1.30pm. The tours last about 1 hour. Booking not required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

**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)

**Lourdes Nurses Volunteer Appeal:** Are you a qualified nurse? Would you like to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (3-9 July 2026)? For further information, contact: [lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). 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.

**Prison Chaplain Vacancy:** (*Open to Roman Catholic Ordained Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers, Sisters, Lay Person*). HMP & YOI New Hall is a closed female prison in Flockton, Wakefield serving a community of around 350 prisoners. Many of our prisoners have complex needs and have lived chaotic lifestyles, therefore this role is both challenging and rewarding in equal measure. Further details [here](#). Closing date: 4th February 2026. For further information/informal chat please contact: Rev. Lesley Greenwood-Haigh. [GreenwoodHaigh@justice.gov.uk](mailto:GreenwoodHaigh@justice.gov.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 [here](#)

**Deputy Headteacher Vacancy:** St Columba's Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Monday, 23rd February 2026. Please contact the Trust HR department to discuss the role in more detail or to arrange a visit, [hr@bcwcat.co.uk](mailto:hr@bcwcat.co.uk)

**Assistant Head of Core Religious Education Vacancy:** at Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. START: January 2026 or soon after. Closing date: 23rd February 2026 Further info [here](#). To discuss or arrange a visit, contact [Louise Jackson](#)

**Headteacher Vacancy:** St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Leeds. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Tuesday 24th February 2026. Please contact the Trust HR department to discuss the role in more detail or to arrange a visit, [hr@sgtgcat.org.uk](mailto:hr@sgtgcat.org.uk)

**Volunteers Needed As Catholic Education Trust Directors:** Do you have skills in finance, change management, organisational growth or school improvement to support the governance of our Diocesan schools and Trusts. Further information from Kieron Flood, Director of Education: [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

**Free Books:** Available in the church porch at St Walburga's, and also in the sacristy area. Lots of books on many different subjects for you to take away and enjoy. Please help yourselves to as many as you want. Any left after a few weeks will be taken to the charity book shop.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026:** The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Friday 3rd to Thursday 9th July 2026. It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. The booking process is now open. Bookings can be made [online](#) or by phone direct with Tangney (01732 886666).

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

<b><u>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February</u></b> <b><u>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</u></b>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	People of the Parish Fr. Ken Taylor (A.) Ben Patané
<b><u>Monday 2nd</u></b> <b><u>The Presentation of the Lord</u></b> <i>Candlemas</i> ☰	12:00pm - St Walburga's	Holy Souls
<b><u>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b> St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr	<b>N.B. 9:30am</b> - St. Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Anna Danys (+ blessing of throats) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<b><u>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>	10:00am – St Walburga's	Sue Howroyd (L.D.)
<b><u>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></u></b> St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	10:00am - St Walburga's	Sheila Lewis
<b><u>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></u></b> St Paul Miki and Companions, The Japanese Martyrs	<b>N.B. 9:00am</b> - St Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Patricia Walker (Birthday) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<b><u>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	African Nations Carole Robinson
<b><u>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> <b><u>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</u></b>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	People of the Parish Stan Fitzsimmons (B'Day Rem.)