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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2026

FIFTTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Psalm Response: *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.* **Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.* **Readings:** Isaiah 58:6-10, Psalm 112(111), 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 - **Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-16

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

Lately Dead – Paula Fearon, Teresa Bolland, James Vasey, Andrew Klosinski, Gillian Webber, Walter Hillam, Jim Egan - **Anniversaries**: Jean and Tim Morgan, Gina Gordon, Jane Gill, Andrew Mularkey.

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

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 or call the school on 01274 531102.

Parish Website - after many years, our website designer has decided it is time to retire. We thank Reg for the work he has done keeping our website up to date and wish him all the best for the future. Now we need someone else to take over the helm. Would anyone be interested in designing and maintaining the Parish website? Please let Catherine in the office know.

Hymn Books: Kindly remember to return your hymn books to the porch after Mass!

Offertory Collections	St Walburga's	St Aidan's
1 st February '26	£ 454.10	£ 226.77

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

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

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. 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.

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

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](#)

Teacher of Religious Education Vacancy: St. Mary's, Menston, Start: Monday 27 April. Closing date: Monday, 23 February. Further info [here](#). To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Jo-Anne Hughes, ja.hughes@stmarysmenston.org

Headteacher Vacancy: St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School, Wakefield. Start: September 2026 or earlier. Closing date: Monday 23rd February 2026. For an informal and confidential conversation about the role, please contact Rob Barraclough, Acting CEO, The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust on 01924 802285, rbarracough@bkcat.uk Visit <https://www.bkcat.co.uk/vacancies/> for more details and to apply.

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

Marriage Care Vacancy: Marriage Care is delighted to share that we are currently looking for a Practice and Safeguarding Coordinator to play a vital role in supporting and strengthening our relationship counselling services. For more details and how to apply, please visit [this page](#).

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.

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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Headteacher of St Anthony's School (01274 592738): Mr A. Wilkinson

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

<u>Sunday 8th February</u> <u>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</u>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Carole Robinson People of the Parish Stan Fitzsimmons (<i>B'Day Rem.</i>)
<u>Monday 9th</u>	12:00 pm - St Walburga's	Kevin Doherty (<i>Birthday</i>)
<u>Tuesday 10th</u> St Scholastica, Virgin	10:00am - St. Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Carole Robinson <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 11th</u> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	N.B. 9:15am- St Walburga's School	Kevin Fitzpatrick (<i>A.</i>) <i>(Mass in school with year 5. All welcome.)</i>
<u>Thursday 12th</u>	10:00am - St Walburga's	Teresa Bolland (<i>L.D.</i>)
<u>Friday 13th</u>	10:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Gillian Webber (<i>L.D.</i>) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 14th</u> Ss Cyril, monk, and Methodius, Bishop	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Jane Gill (<i>A.</i>) People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 15th February</u> <u>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</u>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Andrew Mullarkey (<i>3rd A.</i>) Gina Gordon (<i>A.</i>)