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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

Psalm Response: *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.* - **Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.* **Readings:** Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Psalm 51(50), Romans 5:12-19 - **Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

Readers: *St Walburga's Vigil:* M. Johnston, J. Jackson - *9:15:* A. Davis, R. Edwards
St. Aidan's: C. Walker, V. McQuade

<u>Lately Dead:</u> Anna Kowalczyk, Andrew Klosinski, Mark Roberts <u>Anniversaries:</u> Helen Doherty, Maureen Taylor

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.bwcat.co.uk or call the school on 01274 531102.

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

We Dare to Ask: Come and join us each Wednesday of Lent starting *Wednesday 25th February*, in St Walburga's Parish Centre, 7-8pm, looking at our Baptismal Vocation together. Each session will include scripture, prayer and reflection with questions. As we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, let us explore together the depth of what baptism truly means. First meeting: *Created in love, made in God's image.*

Lenten Reflections. *4 pm Sunday March 8th* in St. Walburga's Church. Come & spend some quiet reflective time in this Holy Season.

Offertory Collections 15 February '26	St Walburga's £ 533.03	St Aidan's £ 202.16
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Keep praying for Ukraine, the Holy land, and the populations of all war-torn countries.

Free Books: There are still lots of books available in the church porch and sacristy area of St Walburga's for you to take away and enjoy. If possible, as we did a few months back with the old mass books, we need to get rid of those books that no one wants. Please help by taking away a few of the books at a time and recycling them via any of the local charity shops, or the book shop in Saltaire. There are also second-hand bookshops in Skipton, Otley and Ilkley. Many thanks for your help.

CAFOD: Next *Friday, 27th February*, is CAFOD's Lenten Fast Day when we are asked to give up something we would normally eat/drink/buy, and donate the money saved to support those living in other parts of the world who have little to eat, or no clean water to drink, or no employment to provide essentials for their families. Please take your envelope home today and return it as soon as possible with whatever donation you can afford. Please also take one of CAFOD's Lenten prayer cards which remind us of our duty to help those in need. Many thanks.

Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank: A huge thank you for your continued support for the foodbank, the collection from the parish is very important to them and really increases their stocks of food. They welcome donations of non-perishable food items: Tins (meat, fish, beans, soup, spaghetti, beans, fruit, vegetables, rice pudding, custard.); Jars (coffee, peanut butter, pasta sauce, jams, preserves.); Packets (tea, cereal, rice, pasta, couscous, crisps, biscuits, cereal and snack bars, super noodles, dried fruit.); Cartons (long-life milk, custard.) Donations can also be made to the Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank account: Sort code: 08-92-99 - A/c no: 65225833. **Next collection Wednesday 4th March.**

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

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

World Day of Prayer : You are Invited to join Christians all over the world for a Special Service from Nigeria, on *Friday 6th March at 7pm* at Baildon Methodist Church.

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.

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.

Catholic Care Recruitment - Children's Residential Home: Keighley. Senior Residential Childcare Support Workers, Full Time, Salary includes 8 sleep-ins per month: £34,163 – £35,668. Residential Child Care Workers, Full Time, Salary £28,265 - £29,674 plus 1-2 “sleep -In” per week. If you complete 8 “sleep ins” per month that will add approximately £4,000 to annual salary. (Bank positions also available.) Please contact recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk. **Must** have experience of residential childcare. Current valid driving license is essential.

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).

Love and Care for God's Creation in the 16th year of the Pope's letter *Laudato Si* (Care for Our Common Home) [here are opportunities](#) to put our faith into local action.

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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<u>Sunday 22nd February</u> <u>First Sunday of Lent – Year A</u>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's 2:30pm – St Anne's Cathedral - Leeds	James Vasey (<i>L.D.</i>) People of the Parish Michael Kilyon (<i>A.</i>) Rite of Election **
<u>Monday 23rd</u> <i>St Polycarp, Martyr</i>	12:00pm - St Walburga's	Helen Doherty (<i>A.</i>), Maureen Taylor (<i>A.</i>)
<u>Tuesday 24th</u>	01:00pm - St. Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Requiem for Mark Roberts <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 25th</u>	9:30am- St Walburga's	St Walburga's School Mass – Gerry Doody (<i>B'day rem.</i>)
<u>Thursday 26th</u>	10:00am - St Walburga's	Kathleen Gill
<u>Friday 27th</u> <i>St Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i>	N.B. 08:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Holy Souls <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 28th</u>	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Mark Roberts (<i>L.D.</i>) Anna Kowalczyk
<u>Sunday 29th February</u> <u>Second Sunday of Lent – Year A</u>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	People of the Parish Breeda Barry

***Please pray for those who will be received into the Church at Easter*