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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> MARCH 2026**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A**

**Psalm Response:** *May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.* - **Gospel**

**Acclamation:** *Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.* **Readings:** Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 33(32), 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 - **Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

**Readers:** *St Walburga's Vigil:* J. Morris, B. Kelly - *9:15:* N. Jamili, S. Edwards  
*St. Aidan's:* P. Smith, G. Peter

**Lately Dead:** Jim Egan, Moira Beveridge, Anna Kowalczyk - **Anniversaries:** Angela Pigott, Biju George, Gilberte Lefrant.

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>:** *Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant Happus... Happy St David's Day!!* Why not come into the parish room after 9.15 mass at St Walburga's and enjoy some refreshments with a Welsh flavour to celebrate Wales's national saint.

**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.

**We Dare to Ask:** Come and join us each Wednesday of Lent in St Walburga's Parish Centre, 7-8pm, looking at our Baptismal Vocation together. Each session includes 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. *Wednesday 4th March: Love rejected, the mercy of God*

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

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

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

**Good Friday - Shipley Christians Together Walk of Witness:** 11.30am start St Paul's church Kirkgate, then the Town Hall, ending in the market square, with the Salvation Army band. **Volunteers needed** to prepare and serve soup, after the walk in the Baptist Church cafe. For further details contact Ann 07436005283

<b>Offertory Collections</b> 22 February '26	<b>St Walburga's</b> £ 349.09	<b>St Aidan's</b> £ 173.63
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**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:** Please return your envelope 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** welcome donations of non-perishable food items: Tins (*meat, fish, beans, soup, spaghetti, 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 Wed. 4th March.**

**Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours:** A Free Guided Tour 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.

**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](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk). **Must** have experience of residential childcare. Current valid driving license is essential.

**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).

**Catholic Family Retreat at Castlerigg Manor** *March 27-29th* £160-230 per family- For the first time since Covid, Castlerigg Manor are bringing back their popular family retreats. There will be streams for different ages and fun activities for everybody including Mass in the evening and time to explore Keswick. More info [here](#).

**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.

**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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<b><u>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</u></b> <b><u>Second Sunday of Lent – Year A</u></b>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga’s 9:15am – St Walburga’s 11:00am – St Aidan’s	Anna Kowalczyk Angela Pigott (A.), Biju George (A.) Breeda Barry
<u>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<b>N.B. 9:00am</b> - St Walburga’s	Angela Pigott ( <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.</i> )
<u>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	10:00am – St Walburga’s 12:00pm - St Aidan’s	Nora Denbigh <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></u> <i>St Casimir</i>	<b>N.B. 9:00am</b> - St Walburga’s 11:00am – St Aidan’s	Holy Souls Requiem for Moira Beveridge
<u>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></u>	<b>N.B. 8:00am</b> - St Walburga’s	Special Intention (D.P.)
<u>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00am - St Walburga’s 12:00pm - St Aidan’s	Patricia Walker ( <i>B’Day</i> ) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></u> <i>Ss Perpetua &amp; Felicity, Martyrs</i>	10:00am - St Walburga’s 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga’s	Maureen Canning ( <i>B’Day</i> ) Anna Kowalczyk ( <i>L.D.</i> )
<b><u>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> <b><u>Third Sunday of Lent – Year A</u></b>	9:15am – St Walburga’s 11:00am – St Aidan’s	Biju George (A.) Vera Clark