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*PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND*

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

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**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2026**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A**

**Psalm Response:** *With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption* - **Gospel**

**Acclamation:** *Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God* - **Readings:** Ezekiel 37:12-14, Psalm 130(129), Romans 8:8-11 - **Gospel:** John 11:1-45

**Readers:** *St Walburga's Vigil:* B. Kelly, J. Morris - *9:15:* G. Cooper, T. Jamili  
*St. Aidan's:* G. Dobbs, B. D'Arcy

**Lately Dead:** Henry Gavin, Terry Cunningham, Rose Hodges, Gordon James Sagar, James Naylor, Neil Bidder, Angela Mackwood - **Anniversaries:** William Mahon, Edith & Horace Jackson.

**Parish Easter Fair at St Aidan's** – *This Sunday after 11.00am Mass.* Come along for hot cross buns, an Easter themed Tombola, cake stall, raffle, crafts and plants.

**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 25th March: Part of the Family of God.*

**Readers at the 5.45pm Vigil Mass:** It would be helpful if we could recruit some new readers at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass. Could you assist with this important ministry? Full training provided. If you would like to volunteer or obtain further information have a word with one of the Welcomers at the 5.45pm mass. Alternatively, email Nick Buck [nickandjo1@hotmail.com](mailto:nickandjo1@hotmail.com)

<b>Offertory Collections</b>	<b>St Walburga's</b>	<b>St Aidan's</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> March '26	£465.55	£221.35
Catholic Care Annual Appeal	£298.00	£123.91

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

**Lenten Day of Reconciliation at St Anne's Cathedral:** *Tuesday 24th March 7.00am – 7.00pm.* Confessions available all day with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Foodbank collection:** Thank you for your continued support for the Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank, as the foodbank relies totally on voluntary support and donations, and our monthly collection is always gratefully received- as too are the financial donations which are made by members of the parish! Our *next collection will be on Wednesday 1st April 12.00-1.00 pm* in the church car park- but donations can be dropped off at any time in the boxes at the back of either of our churches or in St Walburga's Parish centre. Many thanks.

**Good Friday - Churches Together in Baildon (CTB): Walking the Stations of the Cross:** You are invited to gather outside St. Aidan's Church at 8.45am (for 9am) on *Good Friday (3rd April)*. We are going to walk gently up Baildon Road, and Browgate, arriving at the Methodist Church around 10.15am. We will be carrying a large wooden cross and praying the stations at various locations along the route, including outside all churches which form CTB. Refreshments and café worship at the Methodist Church from 10.15am. All are most welcome.

**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.

**Companion Voices:** do you know someone who is unwell or nearing end of life? Would they like to hear songs of comfort sung to them by a small group of singers? This service is free of charge. And our friendly group welcomes new singers! [Companion Voices Network](#). Call Ana 07951 776278, or email [ana\\_hayrabedian@hotmail.com](mailto:ana_hayrabedian@hotmail.com).

**Shipley Baby Bank:** donations of baby clothes (0-12 months), blankets, nappies and baby toiletries can be dropped in the box/basket at the back of both churches. They will be forwarded to St Peter's Church for the baby bank.

**Live@AvondaleClub** *Sunday, 29th March 7.30 - 9.30pm with Gerry Cooper* -We are delighted to welcome Gerry Cooper - Local blues and ragtime maestro. Enjoy the music, good conversations and a dash of faith. Pay as You Feel (£5 minimum suggested for those with an income.) A safe space to bring non-Christian friends and neighbours.

**Catholic Care is Celebrating St Patrick's Day in Bradford!** The Wednesday Lunch Group holds theirs on *Wednesday 25 March* at St Winefride's Church Hall. Featuring a three-course meal, music by The Wild Geese, and £6 tickets. Everyone is welcome! For tickets, contact Michelle Vink on 07739 975000 (call/text) or [michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk).

**Pigeon Night** – *Friday 24 April, 7:15pm* Join us for a lively Pigeon Night in support of the **Parents and Friends Association of St Walburga's School**. A fun virtual race-night evening where you can pick a pigeon, cheer it on, and see if it wins! We're raising funds for a new outdoor space for the Foundation Stage playground, so bring friends and make a night of it. **Purchase tickets by 10 April** from [here](#)

**Knights of St Columba Inter-Parish Quiz:** the next round will be held at the Avondale Club on *Monday 13th April 2026 at 8.00 pm*. Teams ideally limited to 5, but parishes may enter more than 1 team. Usual format with **no** embarrassing individual questions. **Free** Pie & Pea Supper, **Free** engraved trophy for the winners, **Free** answer sheets, a Raffle and good company! If you'd care to donate a Raffle Prize, we'd be eternally grateful. Who knows, you might win it back? Simply drop it at the door on the night, next to all the other alluring temptations! To join, email [kscquiz@virginmedia.com](mailto:kscquiz@virginmedia.com) by *Friday, 10th April*.

**Chordiality** mixed-voice choir present a concert of music to suit all tastes on *Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm* at Our Lady and All Saints, Otley. Tickets £10 from Jo Kennedy, asap please – 07837 656831.

**SVP And CAFOD Work Experience:** The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from *21st – 26th June* in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Apply [here](#). *Applications close on 6th April*. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

**Consultation on the Future of the Dioceses of Leeds & Middlesbrough:** As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted *no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026*. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit [this page](#).

**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.*

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

<b><u>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</u></b> <b><u>Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A</u></b>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga’s 9:15am – St Walburga’s 11:00am – St Aidan’s	People of the Parish Donald Paley (A.) Anthony Mosley
<u>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></u> <i>St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop</i>	12:00pm - St Walburga’s 2:30pm – St Walburga’s	William Mahon (A.) Memorial Mass for Angela Mackwood (L.D.)
<u>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00am – St Walburga’s 12:00pm - St Aidan’s	John Naylor (L.D.) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></u> <b><u>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</u></b>	10:00am- St Walburga’s	Trudi Jackson (Birthday)
<u>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></u>	<b>N.B. 8:00am</b> - St Walburga’s	Neil Bidder (L.D.)
<u>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00am - St Walburga’s 12:00pm - St Aidan’s 6:00pm – St Walburga’s	Henry Gavin (L.D.) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00am - St Walburga’s 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga’s	Edith & Horace Jackson Gloria Young (L.D.)
<b><u>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> <b><u>Palm Sunday</u></b>	9:15am – St Walburga’s 11:00am – St Aidan’s	People of the Parish Tom and Caroline

*Remember that clocks go forward 1 hour Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March*