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***PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND***

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

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**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A**

**Psalm Response:** *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* - **Gospel Acclamation:** *Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.-*

**Readings:** Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 22(21), Philippians 2:6-11 - **Gospel:** Matthew 26:14-27:66

**Readers:** *St Walburga's Vigil:* M. Moriarty, J. Macnamara - *9:15:* B. Gresswell, M. Pedarios - *St. Aidan's:* C. Walker, V. McQuade

**Lately Dead:** Gavin Amblet, Simon Bartlett, Anne Watts, Henry Gavin, Gordon Sagar, Rose Hodges, Lillian Solanky, Canon Tom O'Connor - **Anniversaries:** Kathleen Hutton, Blandine and Christian Levavasseur.

**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)

**New Gift Aid Envelopes** for the new tax year are now available at the back of church. If there are any problems or if any envelopes for new Gift Aiders are needed, please send a message to the parish office.

**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.

<b>Offertory Collections</b>	St Walburga's	St Aidan's
22 March '26	£405.12	232.33

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

**Retiring Collection on Good Friday** for the Holy Places. This collection is sent to the Holy Land for the upkeep of the various sacred places.

**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.

**Easter Celebrations:** Please come and join us in the parish room at St Walburga's after the Easter Vigil to celebrate the news of the Risen Lord, and to welcome and rejoice with those who have been newly received into our parish community. Refreshments galore to include all those things you have been missing during Lent: wine, chocolate, sweets, crisps, cakes and much more. Also available after the 9.15 mass on Easter Sunday... perhaps without the wine!!

**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\\_hayrabledian@hotmail.com](mailto:ana_hayrabledian@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.

**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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<b><u>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> <b><u>Palm Sunday</u></b>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga’s 9:15am – St Walburga’s 11:00am – St Aidan’s	Gloria Young ( <i>L.D.</i> ) People of the Parish Tom and Caroline, Andrew Mullarkey ( <i>A.</i> )
<u>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></u>	12:00pm - St Walburga’s	Anne Watts ( <i>L.D.</i> )
<u>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</u>	10:00am – St Walburga’s 12:00pm - St Aidan’s	Christopher Thorpe ( <i>L.D.</i> ) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</u>	<b>N.B. 9:00am</b> - St Walburga’s 11:00am – St Anne’s Cathedral 6:00pm – St Walburga’s	Frank Fallows ( <i>L.D.</i> ) Chrism Mass <i>Stations of the Cross, Exposition, Confessions till 7:30pm</i>
<u>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></u> <b><u>Thursday</u></b> <b><u>of the Lord’s Supper</u></b>	<b>N.B. 9:00am</b> - St Walburga’s <b>7:30pm</b> – St Aidan’s	Kathleen Hutton ( <i>A.</i> ) <b>Mass of the Lord’s Supper - Holy Souls</b>
<u>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></u> <b><u>Friday</u></b> <b><u>of the Passion of the Lord</u></b>	<b>3:00pm</b> - St Walburga’s 6:00pm – St Walburga’s	<b>Celebration of The Passion of the Lord</b> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></u> <b><u>Holy Saturday</u></b>	10:00-10:45am – St Walburga’s 11:00am - St Walburga’s <b>N.B. 8pm</b> <i>Easter Vigil</i> – St. Walburga’s	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Blessing of Easter Baskets - Świąconka</i> Michael & Eustace Krychiwskyj
<b><u>SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</u></b> <b><u>Easter Sunday of The</u></b> <b><u>Resurrection of the Lord</u></b>	9:15am – St Walburga’s 11:00am – St Aidan’s	People of the Parish Simon Bartlett ( <i>L.D.</i> )