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THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2020

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Lately Dead: Peter Harrison, Peggy Gallagher, Fr Lawrence Lister, Pauline Hickey- **Anniversaries:** Anna May O'Reilly, Michael Harkin, John Gilgallon

To maintain social distancing **numbers at Mass must be restricted.** To attend the Saturday Vigil Mass or either of the Sunday Masses you ***must*** book a place beforehand. To book a place email or telephone the Parish Office which is open on weekday mornings between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. **The deadline for bookings is Friday at 12.00 noon.** Email office.stteresabenedicta@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or telephone 01274 583708. At weekday Masses you must register on arrival for contact/trace purposes.

Wheatfields Hospice: A huge thank you from Anne Huntley to everyone who responded to the appeal for Wheatfields Hospice. We raised £460 in spite of Covid and the lack of cakes.

Engaged Encounter Marriage Preparation. For couples who want to prepare for marriage and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. A unique experience to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level. Residential retreats have had to be cancelled because of the pandemic, so we are offering a newly energised video conferenced retreat. The next Engaged Encounter Online Experience is beginning in October, why not find out more at engaged-encounter.org.uk?

This week Sept 13th to 19th: week for focus for parish *Laudato Si* and its call to act for climate justice. We can use all safe means to celebrate and pledge action to care for our world. **See the parish website and FB page for all details** or ring 01274 581094. (David Jackson)

Virtual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, Walsingham, Sunday 27th September 2020: Bishop Marcus will be leading the annual Pilgrimage in Walsingham this year. Further information can be found at www.prolifepilgrimage.org. Due to COVID-19, we are encouraged to join with on-line participation of the Pilgrimage instead at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> or <https://www.youtube.com/WalsinghamCatholicTV>. Please pray for unborn children and their mothers and fathers.

Laudato Si chapter 3 - The human roots of the ecological crisis.

Technology, creativity, and power: our way of understanding human life and activity has gone awry. Our technological power has given us many good things – but has also produced the means to annihilate us. We now think of technology as giving us unaccountable control, and unlimited growth which will resolve the problems of global hunger and poverty. We have lost our ethical horizons. We must reassert human values – see technology as servant not master. Our dominion over nature must give way to a sense of responsible stewardship. There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself. It is difficult to hear the cry of nature if we have failed to recognise the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, or a person with disabilities. Instead of carrying out our role as co-operators with god in the work of creation, we have set ourselves up in place of god and thus end up provoking a rebellion on the part of nature. (*the Covid19 virus is just one example*)- Technology severed from ethics cannot but misuse its power and threatens our survival.

Donations of Household Goods to Support Refugee Families: Thank you so much for all the donations and for the sorting of the goods into sizes and labelling. The Storage Room Volunteers are very grateful as the system for sorting to give to people is very restricted due to the small space which allows only small teams to sort it. There are specific requests from people and last week with the help of the SVP and their network of support a family who were using a one ring gas cooker were sorted with a cooker with an oven. Thank you, SVP, Champions of the Poor. **Special Requests:** children's school shoes (usable with soles) football boots for boys aged 13 &15 (size 2 or 3?), size 9 men's trainers. Men: XL/XXL trousers and warm jackets; saucepans/stockpots/frying pans (dishes not needed at the moment); then furniture items: beds, cot bed for a 2year old, curtains and poles, upright hoover for a man with chronic back pain. All the small white goods always needed: toasters,

blenders, hair dryers, fridges. Washing machines. **Special requests:** a keyboard (piano), a projector for a laptop (for a volunteer mentoring children) if you have these items, contact me, I can collect. Easier in the long run. Best to text me and better to find me on whats app as you can send photos if necessary. Do not forget to give me your full name. Teresa Jackson (07538 755 976) Many thanks. If you saw the delight on the volunteers' face when I gave them a pushchair/pram for a mother who was in desperate situation so, please share that joy of giving and receiving far more.

PARISH FINANCES: The finances of the Diocese have been under pressure with lack of cash flow. *If you can* please consider donating to the Parish and Diocese. By **Standing Order** from your bank, direct to the parish account (Name: **DOL - Parish of St Theresa Benedicta of the Cross**, Sort-code: 40-27-15, Account: 21016989). Monthly donations ideal. By **Bank Transfer** (same details as above for a one-off donation. Alternatively by **Online donation** using the Donate button on the parish website (www.stteresabenedicta.org) or with a **mobile phone** text the words CHURCH CROSS to number 70500 to donate £5.

The Diocese is having to postpone all non-urgent projects, *including our own lighting scheme*, until the cash-flow improves. Gift Aid Envelopes for this year are ready to distribute. If anyone wants me to post them on, please let us know. If you are struggling financially please do not be under any pressure to give to the church; your priority is to look after your family and yourself. If you are lucky enough to still have a regular income you might want to consider some of the good causes the parish usually supports.

The Franciscan Friars : <https://www.stpatricksmission.co.uk/development> -
Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank: <http://www.bradfordfoodbank.com/>
Bradford North Food Bank: <https://bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk/>-
CAFOD: <https://cafod.org.uk/>

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To hire St Aidan's Hall email: StAidans.ParishHall@gmail.com

Executive Head of St Walburga's School (01274 531102)

& St Anthony's School (01274 592738): Mrs E Snelling.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before each daily Mass at St Walburga's

<p align="center"><u>Sunday 13th September</u> <u>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</u></p>	<p>5.45pm Vigil – St Walburga's 9.15am – St Walburga's 11.00am – St Aidan's</p>	<p>Special Intention (D.P.) Mary Gilmartin (L.D.) People of the Parish</p>
<p align="center"><u>Monday 14th</u> The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</p>	<p>12:00noon - St Walburga's</p>	<p>Geoffrey and Kathleen Wilkinson</p>
<p align="center"><u>Tuesday 15th</u> Our Lady of Sorrows</p>	<p>9:00am – St Walburga's 7:00pm – St Aidan's</p>	<p>Fisher Family Philomena Sterling (L.D.)</p>
<p align="center"><u>Wednesday 16th</u> Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</p>	<p>10:00am - St Walburga's</p>	<p>Marie Therese McNally</p>
<p align="center"><u>Thursday 17th</u> <i>St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i></p>	<p>9:00am - St Walburga's</p>	<p>Michael Harkin (A.)</p>
<p align="center"><u>Friday 18th</u></p>	<p>9:00am – St Walburga's 12:00noon - St Aidan's</p>	<p>Bazil Mozil Holy Souls</p>
<p align="center"><u>Saturday 19th</u> <i>St Januarius, Bishop and Martyr</i></p>	<p>10:00am – St Walburga's 5.45pm Vigil – St Walburga's</p>	<p>Anna May O'Reilly (A.) Tonie Kelly (A.)</p>
<p align="center"><u>Sunday 20th September</u> <u>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</u></p>	<p>9.15am – St Walburga's 11.00am – St Aidan's</p>	<p>Peggy Gallagher (L.D.) People of the Parish</p>