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THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Latently Dead: Theresa Derrig, Clare Preston, Josie Smith, Fr Geoffrey Parfitt, Eileen Herdsman, Anthony Sollit **Anniversaries:** Fr Eugene McGough, Eileen D'Arcy, Margaret Lane, Vincent Livesey - **Exposition:** for 1 hour before all weekday public masses at St Walburga's and 6.30–7pm Tuesday & 11.30am–12noon Friday at St Aidan's.

Thank you to everyone who responded so positively to the Facebook post about the online booking system, and to everyone else who provided positive feedback during telephone, email or face-to-face conversations with the booking team. We will continue to run the online booking for as long as it is required.



THANK YOU for all the prayers, generosity and cards that I received over the Christmas Season. May the Christ Child strengthen us as we face the New Year and what it may bring. Go gently, keep safe. - *Fr Keiron*

Once again we had a fantastic response to the Foodbank appeal- in addition to your regular contributions we were also able to deliver over 100 jars of peanut butter . The staff are always amazed at your generosity and sent a huge thankyou! Peanut butter is high in protein and vitamins but unfortunately is very expensive to source in bulk - hence the specific need for donated jars! If everyone brought a jar each week and popped it in the box in the porch we could make a significant difference! When the Foodbank was established in 2004 they distributed around 600 bags in the first year- in the weeks up to Christmas 2020 600 bags were being requested each week! - "It's people like you who keep people like me alive. Thank you is not enough. You are a God-send" *Quote from a Bradford Foodbank recipient*

Caring for our Common Home (Laudato Si)- 6 Steps Pope Francis asks us to care for creation and to reconcile our relationship with God, creation and one another. A couple of Sundays ago we heard a message from Pope Francis in which he reminded us that the Child born in the stable, was born for all, without any exception. The birth of Christ joyfully makes us brothers and sisters of one another across the globe - with God as our Father. Nations, tribes, sovereignties and powers, boundaries and borders must bow to this unity of all humanity. In this spirit we can take **step four of the examination of conscience**: *“We ask for the grace of conversion towards ecological justice and reconciliation”* Where have we fallen short in caring for creation and our brothers and sisters? How do we ask for a conversion of heart? [David Jackson]

FOR LENT 2021. The Global Catholic Movement invites you to *“Global Healing.”* Since Pope Francis’s *‘Laudato Si’*, millions of people worldwide have joined the movement to address the environmental crisis. In Lent, **you** are invited to join a series of reflective evenings with speakers, prayer, and discussion, using the Bishops’ film-based resource “Global Healing”. These documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis’ call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action. When? *Six Thursdays from 18th February – 25th March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm.* How to join? To register please email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global (GCCM Laudato Si’ Animators in the UK) *“Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience...Truly, much can be done!”* (*Laudato Si’*, 217, 180)

Year of St. Joseph: Pope Francis has announced *a special year dedicated to the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,* (8th Dec 2020 - 8th Dec 2021.)

Daily Novena Prayer to St. Joseph: *O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O, Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Hold Him close in my name and kiss His fine head from me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.*

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel *Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in our day of battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen. (Composed by Pope Leo XIII)*

Foundation Governors for our Parish Primary Schools - practising Catholics with an interest in education needed. Contact Fr Keiron in person or via the parish office.

Parish Finances: The diocesan finances are under pressure with lack of cash flow. *If you can*, please donate to the Parish and Diocese. By **Standing Order** 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. 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 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, consider some of the good causes the parish usually supports, such as [the Franciscan Friars](#), [CAFOD](#), [Bradford Food Bank](#) or [Bradford North Food Bank](#)*

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Mass are Public with restricted numbers – Remember to Book for the Vigil and Sunday Masses

<p><u>Sunday 10th January 2021</u> <u>The Baptism of the Lord</u></p>	<p>5.45pm - St Walburga's (<i>Vigil Mass</i>) 9.15am – St Walburga's 11.00am – St Aidan's</p>	<p>Mary Meleady (L.D.) Margaret Lane Cain and Sheridan families</p>
<p align="center"><u>Monday 11th</u></p>	<p align="center">N.B. 9:00am - St Walburga's</p>	<p align="center">Clare Preston</p>
<p align="center"><u>Tuesday 12th</u> <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot</i></p>	<p align="center">9:00am – St Walburga's 7:00pm – St Aidan's</p>	<p align="center">Mary Meleady Joseph Naughton</p>
<p align="center"><u>Wednesday 13th</u> <i>St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i></p>	<p align="center">10:00am - St Walburga's</p>	<p align="center">Vincent Livesey (A.)</p>
<p align="center"><u>Thursday 14th</u></p>	<p align="center">9:00am - St Walburga's</p>	<p align="center">Eileen D'Arcy (A.)</p>
<p align="center"><u>Friday 15th</u></p>	<p align="center">9:00am – St Walburga's 12:00pm – St Aidan's</p>	<p align="center">Josie Smith (L.D.) Holy Souls</p>
<p align="center"><u>Saturday 16th</u></p>	<p align="center">10:00am – St Walburga's 5:45pm – St Walburga's (<i>Vigil Mass</i>)</p>	<p align="center">Eileen D'Arcy (A.) Michael Hines (B'day. Rem.)</p>
<p><u>Sunday 17th January 2021</u> <u>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></p>	<p align="center">9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's</p>	<p align="center">Eileen Herdsman (A.) People of the Parish</p>