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PRAY FOR UKRAINE

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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<u>Lately Dead:</u> <i>Matt Harney</i> - <u>Anniversaries:</u> <i>Michael Walton</i>

Special Appeal this week on behalf of **SURVIVE-MIVA** (*Missionary Vehicle Association*). This charity exists to provide the transport needs of missionaries who deliver health programmes and pastoral care in isolated areas throughout the world.

St Teresa Benedicta Walkers. The next walk will be on Tuesday 26th September. Meet at 1:00pm at the Baildon side of Roberts Park.

Silent Meditation: Several parishioners have asked if the Parish Silent Meditation Group which met weekly pre-Covid could be re-established. ALL are invited to attend a short meeting to discuss the possibility of setting the group up again. To discuss what is meant by the practice of silent prayer. What does it involve? How does it work? Why meditate in silence? Where does this fit in with our usual life of prayer or Eucharistic worship? The group followed the simple method suggested by the World Community for Christian Meditation (www.wccm.org) – there are such parish groups meeting regularly across Yorkshire, the UK and indeed globally. This and the long tradition of silent meditational prayer in the Church will be explained fully. No commitment whatsoever at this stage. The group will only be re-established if there is sufficient interest. Meeting in the Parish Room at St Walburga's at 7.30 on Thursday 28th September. For any further information contact David Jackson on 07810111880 or 01274 581094.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 29th September 9:30-11:30 Come to St Aidan's church hall for coffee, cake, and company between 9.30am and 11.30am and support Macmillan who do wonderful work with people suffering from cancer and their families. Please tell friends, family and neighbours! If you would like to donate online, please log onto [this link](#) - If you can support with baking, please contact Clare at: clarepwalker@sky.com

Mini- Vinnies Pensioners' Tea Party: Monday 2nd October 1.30 - 2.30pm in the school hall. There will be tea, coffee and cake, along with games and a performance from the school choir, Please call the school office (01274531102) or email office@wal.bcwcat.co.uk to book a place.

Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank: Next collection Wednesday 4th October 12.00-1.00 - All donations dropped off in the collection boxes at the back of either of our churches are included in our collections. Financial donations can also be made either through the details on their website (*important if you can sign up to Gift Aid*), or by using these details: **Account name: Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank - Sort code: 08-92-99 -A/c no: 65225833 -**

Parish Pastoral Council. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 4th October at 6:30pm in St Walburga's Parish Room. Any items for the agenda should be given to Fr Keiron or sent to the Parish Office. Anyone wanting to join the council to help the running of the parish should send their names and contact details to the Parish Office.

Season Of Creation: In this season (September 1st to Oct 4th) we are invited to recite the *Prayer for Creation*. We are all at different stages along the paths of 'eco-conversion' as suggested by Pope Francis on his letter to all humanity 'Care for Our Common Home' (*Laudato Si 2015*). As the threat facing humanity grows, as illustrated by the awful recent events in Libya, Pope Francis is to publish an annex to that letter on October 4th. A copy of the *Prayer* is available in the two porches. It begins: 'Creator of All, from your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being. On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation.' It ends: 'Bless us to walk together with all people of good will.... In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.'

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 30th September. The Pilgrimage will begin with the Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:00 Noon at the Shrine near the Slipper Chapel. 2:30pm, Solemn Procession into the Walsingham village, concluding with Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine around 3:30pm

Cathedral Choir Concert: Leeds Cathedral, Sunday 1st October 3pm. The Cathedral Choir (Girls and Scholars) join The Sixteen for a 45 minute performance of Catholic sacred music, directed by Harry Christophers. Admission is free and proceeds go towards supporting the young singers of the Cathedral Choir.

Batley Torchlight Procession: The Parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession on Monday 2nd October, commencing at 7:30pm. Start at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and process to St Mary of the Angels' Church. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Pro-Life Pilgrimage, Osmotherley: *Saturday 7th October.* Bus from St. Walburga's, Shipley 8.45am. Prayers in Reparation for the Sanctity of Human Life will be prayed on the way to the Shrine. Transport available if unable to walk. Please bring a picnic lunch. Holy Hour 2pm, Vigil Mass 3pm. For further details/booking, contact Kate on 07505 767415.

African Mass: After the success of the maiden Deanery African Mass last month, another has been arranged for *Sunday 15th October at 1:00pm* in St Winefride's Church, Wibsey, BD6 1ST. Those attending are requested to bring some food, drinks, snacks etc. to share at the Agape Lunch that will follow the Mass. It is hoped this can be a regular event in the Deanery.

Safeguarding DBS Administrator Vacancy: The Diocese of Leeds, based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds is looking to recruit a Safeguarding DBS Administrator for 18 hours per week. Application form can be downloaded from [our website](#). Completed applications, further info, or preliminary discussion request should be sent to [this address](#) by *Friday 29th September*.

Job Vacancies: The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds is recruiting a Parish Finance Support Officer (an individual with AAT skills or similar) and a Grants and Fundraising Officer. Both roles are minimum 21 hours per week and based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. Details [on the website](#). Looking to appoint asap.

Kneeler Safety: Do not leave the kneelers in an upright position, in case they fall and cause injury. Thank you.

Refreshments after 9.15 Mass at St Walburga's and 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.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

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<u>Sunday 24th September</u> <u>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	5:45pm – St Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Anthoneen (Toni) Kelly People of the Parish Kathleen Smales (A.)
<u>Monday 25th</u>	12:00pm – St Walburga's	Andrew Mullarkey
<u>Tuesday 26th</u> <i>Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i>	9:00am – St Walburga's 7:00pm – St Aidan's	Steve Meredith <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 27th</u> St Vincent de Paul, Priest	N.B. 8:00am – St Walburga's	Special Intention (C.H.)
<u>Thursday 28th</u> <i>Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs</i>	9:00am – St Walburga's	David Brown
<u>Friday 29th</u> <u>Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,</u> <u>Archangels</u>	9:00am – St Walburga's 12:00pm – St Aidan's 1:45pm – St Walburga's	Michael Walton (A.) Holy Souls Funeral Service for Minnie Heslop
<u>Saturday 30th</u> St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	10:00am – St Walburga's <i>10:30 – 11:00am St Walburga's</i> 5:45pm – St Walburga's Vigil Mass	Harry and Anne Beaumont <i>Confessions</i> People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 1st October</u> <u>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Matt Harney (L.D.) Anthoneen (Toni) Kelly