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**PRAY FOR UKRAINE**

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

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**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B**

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**Lately Dead:** *Velia Tabori* **Anniversaries:** *Catherine Booth, Catherine Burden, Eileen Gilhooley, Emile and Gisele Tourneux, Margaret Bartlett*

**Society for the Protection of Unborn Children White Flower Appeal:** A Special Collection will be taken this weekend. SPUC (*the oldest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation in the world*) defends the right to life from the moment of conception until natural death, by spreading their message far and wide right across the UK - educating, inspiring and empowering people to get involved so that we can achieve real change.

**Advent Candlelit Service:** *this Sunday at 4pm* at St. Walburga's Church. Come & treat yourself to some reflective, peaceful prayer time at this busy time of year.

**Gifts at the Crib:** At Christmas any sweets and chocolates brought to the crib will be collected and sent to the Children's Ward at the BRI in the New Year. Please use this opportunity to put a smile on the children who are in hospital at this time of year.

**Church Paintwork Damaged** following the recent redecoration at St Walburga's. Please **DO NOT** use Blu Tack, drawing pins and similar on the walls.

**Leeds Cathedral Advent Day of Reconciliation:** *Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 7am to 7pm.* There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

**Christmas Fair:** Many thanks to the bakers, makers, givers, helpers, and supporters! We raised a magnificent £935 for Hope Housing. Thank you all so much!

**Revelation:** The Youth Service's monthly event for young people in Years 8-13 *Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Hinsley Hall, 5:30-7:30pm.* An evening of prayer, music, games, fellowship on the theme of 'Hope'. More information [here](#)

**Food Bank:** As a result of last week's cake sale at St Walburga's, and previous contributions for refreshments after mass, we have sent a **magnificent £210 in cash** to the food bank to help them with their work over Christmas. Your generous giving will help them to feed those who would otherwise go hungry. A huge thank you to all who have contributed.

**Foodbank:** We delivered an amazing amount of goods to the foodbank this week-together with several financial donations. This year, *The Independent* newspaper reported that around 11.3 million people (*twice the population of Scotland*) faced hunger in the past year, which means that 1 in 7 people are going hungry because they no longer can afford everyday food. By August the Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank were distributing 1600 food bags each month, the generosity of so many parishioners will make Christmas a little more bearable for lots of people. The foodbank, and the people they help, send a huge thankyou to each and every one of you who contribute to the monthly collections with donations of goods and financial contributions. In the parish's work for the foodbank, we are following the words of Pope Francis who suggested during Advent we can "*encounter Jesus coming in every brother and sister who needs us, and to share with them what we can: listening, time, concrete assistance.*" Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Sycamore Advent Course** - Parish room at St Walburga's Church. Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives people space to meet others, share ideas, explore their beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each Sycamore session involves a short film and time for discussion. There's no pressure and no commitment. People can be themselves without any fear of being judged. There's a real sense of community, a spirit of friendship, some great conversation, and often some delicious food. Everyone is welcome! Wednesday 13th December; Thursday 21st December; Time: 6.45pm - 8.30pm

**A Celebration of Carols and Readings with Chordiality** on Sunday 17th December, at 3:00pm, at First Martyrs Church, Heaton, followed by festive refreshments. Tickets are £8 each (under-12s free) and are available from Jo Kennedy on 07837 656 831 by this Sunday or on the door.

**Parish Trip to the Panto:** This year's panto is *Puss in Boots* at the Victoria Theatre Keighley and is at 2.15 on Sunday 28th January. This is always a super afternoon, it's great fun, well performed and much cheaper than the bigger theatre productions (*with free parking and ice creams for the children!*) Tickets are £14 adults and £12 children, so, if you would like to join the parish trip, please complete a booking form available at the back of either church and return into the box provided by Sunday 17th December.

**New Catholic Care Vacancies here:** [Catholic Care](#)

**Gospel Meditation:** Zoom meetings. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December will be the last meditation for this year and the regular sessions will resume in January. To register for the link to join, please contact the administrators on 01943 607287 or email [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**Listening to the Signs of the Times:** The Diocesan J&P Commission invite you to come and share your social justice concerns, reflect on the signs of Hope that we see and discern what further actions about social justice we should be taking. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. 11am-1pm - Wheeler Hall. All welcome. Lunch will be provided so please register to attend on their website [www.leedsjp.org.uk](http://www.leedsjp.org.uk)

**Christmas Dinner Invitation** - if your loved ones are far away why not have your Christmas Dinner at Shipley Baptist venue (*Cuppa Care*) thanks to Shipley Christians Together between 12:30pm and 2:00pm. *Rather than be lonely put your name on the list at the back of church* or chat to Julie Wright on 07703 518 768. (*Volunteers to act as drivers, servers and helpers please contact Julie.*)

**Early morning Mass:** The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal celebrate an early morning Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Bradford at 7.30am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week. All welcome.

**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 and the Holy Land***

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land, 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, the Holy Land and for all the world. Amen.

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<b><u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> <b><u>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B</u></b>	5:45pm – St Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Margaret Bartlett (A.) People of the Parish Mary Kennedy Snr. (A.)
<u>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></u> <i>St Damasus I, Pope</i>	<b>N.B. 9:00am</b> – St Walburga's 12:00pm – St Aidan's	Holy Souls Requiem for Velia Tabori
<u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></u> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9:00am – St Walburga's 7:00pm – St Aidan's	Lund and Marley Family Holy Souls
<u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></u> St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	<b>N.B. 9:00am</b> – St Walburga's	Eileen Gilhooley (A.)
<u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></u> St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	9:00am – St Walburga's	Emile and Gisele Tourneux (A.)
<u>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></u>	9:00am – St Walburga's 12:00pm – Aidan's	Kay and Dumphy Families <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00am – St Walburga's 10:30 – 11:00am St Walburga's 5:45pm – St Walburga's Vigil Mass	Catherine Burden (A.) <i>Confessions</i> Zena Mozil
<b><u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> <b><u>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B</u></b>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Catherine Booth (A.) People of the Parish