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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C



Psalm Response: *Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word. Alleluia.*

Readings: Micah 5:2-5a, Ps 80(79), Hebrews 10:5-10 – **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45

<p><u>Latently Dead:</u> Noëlle Livingstone, Tom Burke, Marie Marshall, Margaret O'Callaghan <u>Anniversaries:</u> Harry Caine, Cathal Morrison, Beatrice Bourke, Catherine Booth, Bob McNaughton</p>

Piety Stall - A selection of Christmas Cards, Votive Candles, Novenas, Rosaries and other items are now available on the piety stall at the back of both churches. Thank you very much for your continued support of your local piety stall. If you require a specific order, please contact Kate on 07505 76 74 15 to discuss your requirements.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil: *Friday 27th December, 8pm-10pm.* On the 27th of each month, the Parish will be holding a Pro-Life prayer vigil from 8pm – 10pm at St. Walburga's Church. Please join us for Adoration, Rosary, private prayer and intercessions, praying for the protection of Life from conception until natural death. All are most welcome.

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

Christmas

5pm Vigil Mass

Psalm Response: *I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will reign over us. Alleluia.*

Readings: *Isaiah 62:1-5, Ps 89(88), Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 - **Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-25*

Midnight Mass

Psalm Response: *Today a Saviour has been born to us, who is Christ the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. I bring you good news of great joy: for unto us is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia.*

Readings: *Isaiah 9:2-7, Ps 96(95), Titus 2:11-14, **Gospel:** Luke 2:1-14*

Christmas – Mass during the Day

Psalm Response: *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. A hallowed day has shone upon us. Come, O nations, and adore the Lord; for today a great light has come down to earth. Alleluia.*

Readings: *Isaiah 52:7-10, Ps 98(97), Hebrews 1:1-6, **Gospel:** John 1:1-18*

Welcome and thank you for joining us today to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ here, in the Parish of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, at one of our churches, either St Walburga's in Shipley or St Aidan's in Baildon.

Christmas can be a very busy time of year, and it is all too easy to forget the reason for all the celebrations, but the Church reminds us that Jesus was born in Bethlehem to be Emmanuel – God with us – to show the love of God for all people.

If you are a stranger here, we hope you will feel welcome and will go home with the message of Peace, Love, Joy and Hope in your heart.

The weekly parish bulletin is published every Friday on the parish website at <https://www.stteresabenedicta.org/>

You can also check our Facebook page for announcements and links to our live-streamed Masses. : <https://www.facebook.com/STBotC>

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Feast of the Holy Innocents: Saturday 28th December. The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be offering Mass at Holy Rosary Church, Chapeltown, Leeds LS7 4BZ, at 8am, with the Franciscan Sisters providing the music for the Mass. After Mass, processing down to the 150m boundary from MSI, for a prayer Vigil from 9am- 10am. Refreshments after the Vigil at St. Clare's Convent, to which you are all kindly invited. Please join us if you can. For more details, please contact Kate on 07505 76 74 15.

Sunday Missals: In view of the fact that we are not buying the missals in the new translation, it was felt that some parishioners might like to buy their own copy of the new translation. Kate who runs the Piety Stall for us has agreed to buy some for the parish. She estimates the cost is likely to be £15 - £18. The supplier will let Kate know when they are available. The missals cover all 3 liturgical years and the main feast days. If you wish to place an order for a missal, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Commencement of the Jubilee Holy Year 2025: The Holy Father Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year, the theme for which is *Pilgrims of Hope*. In every Diocese across the world, the beginning of the Jubilee Holy Year is to be marked by the celebration of Mass in *each Cathedral on 29 December 2024*. Bishop Marcus will celebrate the *11:00am Mass at Leeds Cathedral on that day*. Everyone welcome.

Fr. Richard Carter will be celebrating his Ruby (40 years) Jubilee of Ordination at the 11.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Bingley, on *Sunday 9th February 2025* followed by a reception in St. Joseph's School (*over the road from the Church*) afterwards. All parishioners who remember him are cordially invited, but if you intend to stay for the reception, please notify by email numbers attending in your group richard.carter@dioceseofleeds.org.uk **before 31st December 2024**

The Annual Mini Vinnies Tea Party will take place on *Thursday 23rd January*. You will be able to enjoy tea, coffee and cake, games and entertainment from the school choir. Just a date for the diary for now - we will give information on how to book in the New Year.

CAFOD Jubilee Year Events: CAFOD is offering an online Introduction to the Jubilee Year on *Saturday 18 January* with special guests to help us become tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout the Holy Year. [Register here](#).

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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<u>Sunday 22nd December 2024</u> <u>Fourth Sunday in Advent - Year C</u>	5:45pm Vigil Mass - St Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	People of the Parish Shipley Filipino Community Julie King
<u>Monday 23rd</u> <i>Saint John of Kanty, Priest</i>	12:00pm – St. Walburga's	Special Intention M.M.
<u>Tuesday 24th</u> <u>Christmas Eve</u>	N.N. 9:00am – St. Walburga's 5:00pm - St Walburga's- <i>Christmas Vigil Mass</i>	Marie Marshall (<i>L.D.</i>) Costello & Young Families
<u>Wednesday 25th</u> <u>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</u>	00:00am <i>Midnight Mass</i> – St. Walburga's 09:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Scott Paul Moore Margaret O'Callaghan People of the Parish
<u>Thursday 26th</u> <u>Saint Stephen, the first Martyr</u>	10:00am - St. Walburga's	Anne Barron
<u>Friday 27th</u> <u>Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist</u>	N.B. 9:00am - St. Walburga's	Bob Mac Naughton (<i>A.</i>)
<u>Saturday 28th</u> <u>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</u>	10:00am – St. Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil Mass – St. Walburga's	Special Intention DP. People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 29th December 2024</u> <u>The Holy Family of Jesus,</u> <u>Mary and Joseph</u>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Tom Burke (<i>L.D.</i>) Harry Caine (<i>A.</i>)

Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation