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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 23rd MARCH 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

Psalm Response: *The Lord is compassionate and gracious.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.*

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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Readings: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15, Psalm 103(102), 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12,

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

We welcome the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal who are covering the Masses this weekend while Fr. Keiron recovers from a medical procedure.

There will be two Retiring Collections next weekend for 1) **Catholic Care**, who offers services and support to families experiencing difficulties, including pregnant women, people with mental health problems, those with learning difficulties, and children in residential care; 2) **Lepra**, who help with the research, diagnosis and treatment of leprosy in poverty-stricken countries. It costs Lepra £25 to change a life, so, please be as generous as you can.

Sycamore Lent Course: Week 4 of the Sycamore Lent Course will be on *Thursday 27th March 7pm* in St Walburga's parish room. This week, the films are about **The Gift of Faith**. What is faith? Are Christians just stupid or are there good reasons to believe? How to take a step of faith. Please do join us - perhaps you could bring a friend who might be curious about their faith? The evening starts with refreshments, and you can discuss as little or as much as you like. Do something different this Lent!

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil at St Walburga's: *Thursday 27th March 7:30pm-9:00pm.* 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.

Easter Eggs for BRI Children's Wards: please bring donations of Easter Eggs to church over the next few weeks and by Palm Sunday, so they can be delivered to the BRI. Thank you.

Foodbank: Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to our monthly Foodbank collections. The Foodbank is very grateful and we know your donations always go to those who need them most, so many people are now in receipt of their bags of food that all donations, large or small, are essential so that the foodbank can continue its important work. Our next collection is on Wednesday 2nd April 12.00-1.00 in the church carpark. Donations can be left at the back of either of our churches or monetary donations can be sent direct to the foodbank - details are on their website- www.bradfordfoodbank.com. Thank you for continuing to support this very worthwhile cause.

Parish Mini-Easter Fair - Sunday 6th April at St Aidan's after 11.00am Mass. Come and join us for Easter treats! Hot cross buns, a cake stall, raffle and more.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Please return your envelope with your donation via the offertory collection as soon as possible. More envelopes are available at the back of both churches if you have lost/forgotten yours. Also available are the Lenten alms boxes for your small change over the next few weeks. These can be returned over the Easter Weekend. Many thanks for your usual wonderful generosity.

Churches Together in Baildon: Lenten Lunches: Please join us for food and fellowship over the Lenten period. All monies raised from the St. Aidan's lunch will go to Mary's Meals. All lunches start at 12.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you soon! Moravian Church: Wednesday 26th March - St. John's Church: Thursday 3rd April

Churches Together in Shipley: Lent Soup and Reflection: Thursdays at 6.30pm - 27th March: Shipley Baptist Church - 3rd April: Saltaire Methodist Church - 10th April: St Paul's Church.

Knights of St Columba Inter-Parish Quiz - The next round will be held at the The Avondale Club (*formerly Shipley Catholic Club*) on Monday, 7th April at 8.00 pm. Teams will ideally be limited to 5 although parishes may enter more than 1 team. The format will be the same as usual with **no** embarrassing individual questions. There will be **free** Pie & Pea Supper (*vegetarian alternative available*), **free** engraved trophy for the winners, **free** answer sheets, a raffle and good company! To join in, simply e-mail kscquiz@virginmedia.com by Friday 4th April.

Chrism Mass: The annual Chrism Mass will take place at Leeds Cathedral on Wednesday of Holy Week (16th April) at 11:00am. The sacred oils of Chrism, Catechumens and the Sick, used throughout the Diocese, will be blessed at the annual celebration. Our priests will also renew their priestly promises. All welcome to attend.

Diocese of Leeds Community Choir Concert 'Glory to Thee': *Sunday 30 March, 4pm*, Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. Admission Free with retiring collection. The debut concert of the Diocese of Leeds Community Choir will feature music by Mendelssohn, Stanford and Rutter, directed by Michael Burt.

Caritas Leeds Co-Ordinator Vacancy: Salary: £11,250. Post: 15 hours per week. Initial fixed contract for 2 years. Working across the Diocese of Leeds. *Closing date: 1st April.* Interview date to be arranged with candidates. To apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/>

Pastoral Worker for Older People Vacancy: The Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford is recruiting a part time Pastoral Worker for Older People, for 10hrs per week. The role will pay a vital role in supporting the spiritual and emotional well-being of older parishioners. More details [here](#). Closing date for applications is Friday, *4th April.*

Meet The Pilgrims: All pilgrims joining the Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage are welcome to attend a coffee and biscuits afternoon at Hinsley Hall. This is a great opportunity to meet the team and fellow pilgrims. Nurses and doctors will be available to answer any questions you may have. *Sunday 27 April, 2-4pm*, Hinsley Hall.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025: Although bookings remain open with Tangney Tours, the Leeds flight is full. Seats are available from Stansted (coach transfer Hinsley Hall to/from Stansted), leaving Thursday 3 July - a day before the main flight from Leeds (an extra night at no extra cost). If the Stansted flights become fully booked, Tangney will try to arrange flights from another UK airport, but this may involve coach transfers to/from Lourdes as well as in the UK. Please book as soon as possible if you want to join the pilgrimage.

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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<p align="center"><u>Sunday 23rd March 2025</u> <u>Second Sunday of Lent – Year C</u></p>	<p>5:45pm Vigil Mass - St Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's</p>	<p align="center">Tony O'Donnell <i>R.I.P.</i> Philip Brett (<i>L.D.</i>) People of the Parish</p>
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