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***PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND***

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

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**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Psalm Response:** *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.* -

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.* **Readings:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Psalm 67(66), Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 - **Gospel:** John 14:23-29

<p><b><u>Lately Dead:</u></b> Paul Spreckly, Adam Alexandrowicz, Tina Moor, Kathleen Mary Robinson, John Francis.</p>
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**Live @ the Avondale Club:** Live music by Gerry Cooper, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 7-9pm – Music, bevvys, chat. Spread the news and bring a friend. Pay-as-you-feel event hosted by Shipley Christians Together. Avondale Club, 19 Bradford Road, Shipley BD18 3PJ.

**Pro-Life Vigil:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Please join the Vigil at St. Walburga's Church, to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Suicide Bill as well as protection of Life from Conception until natural death. Labour MP, Tonia Antoniazzi, has tabled a new extreme abortion up to birth amendment ahead of Report Stage of the Crime and Policing Bill. The amendment would change the law so it would no longer be illegal for women to perform their own abortions for any reason, and at any point up to and during birth. The change to the law would apply throughout all nine months of pregnancy and would not exclude sex-selective abortions. Please contact your MP or see Right to Life website for further details [Write to MP to stop abortion up to birth - Easy tool - No To Abortion Up To Birth campaign](#)

**The Funeral Mass for Fr Terry Boyle** will take place on 28 May, 10:00am, at St Francis of Assisi, Norman Lane, Eccleshill, Bradford BD2 2JU followed by cremation at Shay Grange Crematorium Long Lane Heaton, Bradford BD9 4LJ - Fr Terry's friends and former parishioners will also be most welcome at Northcliffe Golf Club afterwards.

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

**125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee St Bede's Grammar School, Bradford:** To celebrate the jubilee of the school opening, join us for our Symposium Day, *Saturday 7 June. 9:30am – 4pm*. Talks, school tours, lunch in the Memorial Library and a chance to reconnect with old friends. Concludes with Mass at 3:00pm. Former students, staff and friends of St Bede's all welcome. To reserve a place, contact [jubilee@sbsj.co.uk](mailto:jubilee@sbsj.co.uk) or Mary Hymas 01274 941941. (Highgate, Heaton, BD9 4BQ)

**Life in the Spirit Seminar:** Christ is Alive Community is organizing virtual Life in the Spirit Seminar from 3-7 June, 8pm - 9.30pm with great speakers. Please scan QR code on the notice board for registration to get the zoom link. For more info, contact 07983776337

**'Music for Marie Curie' Concert:** Bingley Arts Centre, Bingley. *Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June*. Performances: Matinee 2.30pm and Evening 7.30pm. 'Hot Aire Concert Band' are proud to invite our very own 'St Walburga's School Choir' to entertain you along with the 'Airedale Flute choir'. In the evening 'Bradford Accordion Band', 'Hall Royd Brass Band' and 'Hot Aire' will perform. Please come and support the children in our school choir and local musicians in what will be an amazing musical event, all in aid of the Marie Curie Hospice, Bradford. Thank you. Poster at the back of church.

**Chordiality**, the well-known mixed-voice choir, are presenting their summer concert at Bradford Cathedral on *Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm*. Details in the porch at both Churches. Please ring or text Jo Kennedy on 07837 656831, as tickets are selling fast.

**Leeds Trinity University - 'Beyond the Dark Clouds' Lecture Series:** Support the university, with its Catholic roots, to have a voice in the public square about justice, law-enforcement, the nature of education, business ethics, spirituality, leadership, contemplation and the arts. Everyone is welcome to participate in these discussions about how to humanise our world and to bring about the conditions that enable the flourishing of all people. Talks also available on Spotify. More information/booking, email [a.mealey@leedstrinity.ac.uk](mailto:a.mealey@leedstrinity.ac.uk)

**Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto, Scotland:** Please join us on Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto on *Friday 30<sup>th</sup>/ Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May*. Leaving St. Walburga's Friday morning, returning Saturday evening. Two days, one night. Limited spaces. Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and transport, approx. £100 per person sharing a room or £150 for a single room. Lunch not included. Please contact Kate on 07505 76 74 15 for further details. Many thanks.

**Marriage Help - Retrouvaille** helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: *20-22 June* [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: **07887 296983**

**How to Read the Gospels Short Course:** *"In the sacred books the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children and talks with them."* (Dei Verbum). The Gospels are God's Gift to us: teaching, inspiring and challenging us. But, apart from hearing them at Mass, do we ever read them? Led by Fr Mark Jarmuz, we will explore the Gospels discovering what we can learn to help us pray. SS John Fisher & Thomas More Parish Hall, Bradford Road, Burley-in-Wharfedale LS29 7PX. Wednesdays 7-8:30pm, 4, 11, 18, 25 June. To book email: [mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**Priestly Vocations Meeting:** Following on from the Bishop's Pastoral letter last weekend, this is a reminder that any man who is even remotely thinking about a vocation to the priesthood is invited to meet with Bishop Marcus and members of the Vocations Promotion Team. Hinsley Hall, Pentecost Sunday, 8 June, 2pm lasting about an hour, including prayers/talks/Q&A. Under 18s must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Any initial questions to Fr Simon Lodge ([simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) /01247 872984).

**Faith Formation Officer Vacancy:** The Diocese of Leeds, Vicariate for Education are recruiting a to promote and support ongoing faith formation and the work of catechists around the diocese. The role is part time and will include some evening and weekend working. For an application pack email Emma Nicholson [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) For an informal conversation call Jessica Wilkinson on 0113 261 8063.

**Old Mass Books:** *As you are aware, we no longer have mass books to use during services as the previous ones have been replaced by a new translation, and it is too expensive to buy the new sets. Consequently, we have hundreds of books filling up our limited storage spaces. These can be recycled via your recycling bin at home, and we would be very grateful if every time you come to mass at St Walburga's, you could take a couple of books home and dispose of them in this way. You will need to remove the plastic cover if there is one. The books can be found in St Walburga's porch or the parish room. Come into the parish room after 9.15 mass and be rewarded with a free cup of coffee for your pains!! Many thanks for your help with this matter.*

**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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Headteacher of St Anthony's School (01274 592738): Mr A. Wilkinson

<b><u>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025</u></b> <b><u>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year C</u></b>	5:45pm – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	John Francis (L.D.) Pat Himming (L.D.) Patricia and David Jubb (A.)
<u>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></u> St Philip Neri, Priest	10:00am – St Walburga's	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></u> <b><u>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</u></b>	10:00am – St. Walburga's 7:00pm – St Aidan's	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i> <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></u>	9:00am – St Walburga's	Jacqueline Garbinskas
<u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></u> <b><u>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD *</u></b>	10:00am – St Walburga's 7:00pm – St Aidan's	Holy Souls Holy Souls
<u>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00am – St Walburga's 12:00pm – St Aidan's	Requiem for Paul Spreckly <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup></u> <b><u>The Visitation</u></b> <b><u>of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u></b>	10:00 – St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil Mass – St. Walburga's	Jane Gill People of the Parish
<b><u>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025</u></b> <b><u>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year C</u></b>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Kathleen McCausland Paul Wilson

**\* The Ascension of the Lord is a Holyday of Obligation**