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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

Psalm Response: *Let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord-* **Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, O Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation. Alleluia. -*

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122 (121), Romans 13:11-14, - **Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44

Readers: *St Walburga's Vigil: Youth Mass - 9:15: Children's Mass*
St Aidan's: V. McQuade, P. Smith

Lately Dead: Fr John Brendan Murphy (Former P.P. of First Martyrs), Fr. David Bulmer, Peter Duff

Parish Christmas Fair - Come along to St Aidan's Hall from 12.00pm this Sunday to get into the Christmas spirit early. There will be fabulous cakes, a raffle, tombola, crafts and gift stall. Along with coffee, croissants and company! Donations of new unwanted gifts will be appreciated. Please leave any donations at the back of either church.

Advent Candlelit Service: Sunday December 7th at 3.30p.m. at St. Walburga's Church. Come and treat yourself to some reflective, peaceful prayer time at this busy time of year.

Divine Mercy Parish Pilgrimage 2026: In the Footsteps of Our Northern Saints: May 5th to May 8th. Cost £480. We will visit Stanbrook, Ampleforth, Byland, Whitby & Rievaulx Abbeys. We will stay at Wyedale Hall near Scarborough. If you are interested, please contact Joanna 07968024919. **Only a few places left!**

Apostolate: Divine Mercy Advent Reflection on Saturday 13th December 2025, 1-4:30pm at St Walburga's Church. The reflection will include Holy Rosary, Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass with Adoration and Benediction, and Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy. All welcome

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

Collections	St Walburga's	St Aidan's
23 November Offertory	£ 416.28	£ 211.82
Youth Service	£ 96.60	£ 59.80

First Aider required for the 5.45pm Mass on Saturdays: If you are a regular attender at this mass and would like to help, please contact Barbara on 51barpolo@gmail.com. You may already have a qualification or be prepared to undertake training - either way we need you. Thank you.

Piety Stall: As many of you are aware, the Piety Stalls at both churches have changed hands, we would like to thank Kate for her sterling work over the last few years. The Christmas Order has arrived, lovely Christmas cards, gift bags, advent calendars and candles, as well as our usual products.

Foodbank: Our **next collection will be our Christmas collection** on Wednesday 3rd December - this can be a particularly difficult time for many families so we are asking you to support our 'Christmas Canned Lunch Appeal' - we are asking particularly for contributions of cans of meat/fish, vegetables, fruit, rice pudding or custard, just one can dropped in our collection box each week would make a real difference to the collection and to the families in need! Many thanks!

Parish trip to the Pantomime - Robin Hood: Last date for bookings is **8th December** Our annual trip to the Panto will be to see Keighley Musical Theatre Company's Robin Hood on Sunday 25th January 2026 at 2.15. It is always a really fun afternoon, watching a traditional family pantomime (and much better value than at larger theatres!). If you would like to join us, tickets are £14 adults and £12 concessions and children (*and children get a free ice cream at the interval!!*) Please ring Kath on 01274594539 or 07969417146 to book. Hope to see you all on 25th January!

Join Bishop Marcus in Praying for Vocations: *Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.*

CAFOD'S World Gifts Catalogue is now available in both churches. Please take a copy to see the large variety of gifts on offer. Every gift is ethical, sustainable and personal. It is more than just a present: it's a way to stand in solidarity with our global neighbours, from helping children start school, to protecting the planet and supporting farmers facing the climate crisis. You can give everything from teaching someone to read, chirpy chickens or a watering can! Give something meaningful that reflects our values and the true meaning of Christmas.

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal - Discipleship Days: Please join the Franciscan Friars (CFR's) at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "Called to Holiness: The Second Vatican Council after 60 Years". Upcoming dates December 6, January 10, February 7, March 7, and May 2. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a reflection on the Second Vatican Council documents, Confessions and Eucharistic adoration, concluding around 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Catholic Care is Hosting Two Christmas Lunch Parties: St John the Evangelist, Bradford on Tuesday 16th December, 12:30pm and St Winefride's Church Hall, Bradford on Wednesday 17th December, 1pm. Both events feature a 3-course lunch and live music from the Toe Tappers. Tickets are £6. Contact Jean (07960 983384), Michelle (07739 975000), or Moira (07952 258572) for details.

Now available: Chordiality Christmas Carol Concert Tickets £10 only, free for U12s. Sunday 21 December at First Martyrs' Church, Heights Lane, BD9 6HZ. Book via Josephine Kennedy, 07837 656 831 as tickets sell out quickly.

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours Autumn Programme: Free Guided Tour on Saturday 13th December, at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

Priestly Vocations Discernment Meeting: prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. under 18s and over 18s meeting simultaneously; Friday 19th December (Hinsley Hall). Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Neurodiversity And Our Catholic Faith: is the subject of research being conducted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you. Your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to fill in our short surveys look here: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

Catholic Care Christmas Appeal 2025: Catholic Care are supporting over 700 families this Christmas with special Christmas Eve Boxes filled with items to bring joy and togetherness. We're kindly asking for donations of chocolates or sweets to include in the boxes, or a cash donation to help us purchase items. To donate or learn more, please call 0113 388 5400. Thank you for helping us make Christmas brighter for those who need it most.

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.

Online Donations: <https://donate.mydona.com/st-teresa-benedicta-shIPLEY>

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<u>Sunday 30th November</u> <u>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- YEAR A</u>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Special Intention M +D.N.L. Gerry Doody People of the Parish
<u>Monday 1st December</u>	12:00pm - St Walburga's	Trostberg Associates
<u>Tuesday 2nd</u>	10:00am - St. Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Souls of Clews & Meleady Family <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 3rd</u> St Francis Xavier, Priest	9:15am – St Aidan's 10:00am - St Walburga's	Requiem for Vera Clark <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Thursday 4th</u> <i>St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	10:00am - St Walburga's N.B. 12:15pm – St Walburga's	Ellen Cawley Requiem for Paul Holleran
<u>Friday 5th</u>	N.B. 9:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm – St Aidan's	Holy Souls <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 6th</u> <i>St Nicholas, Bishop</i>	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Unborn Dick & Eve Meredith (A.)
<u>Sunday 7th December</u> <u>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT- YEAR A</u>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Rosey and John William Jordan People of the Parish