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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> JANUARY 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A**

*Sunday of the Word of God*

**Psalm Response:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.* **Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia.* - **Readings:** Isaiah 9:1b-4, Psalm 27(26), 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-  
**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23

**Readers:** *St Walburga's Vigil:* J. Macnamara, B. Kelly - *9:15:* M. Byrne, D. Walke

**Lately Dead:** Sue Howroyd – **Anniversaries:** Jim Winkley, Rev Ken Taylor, Maureen Brotherton

**Parish trip to the Panto:** Please meet outside the venue at 2.00 where you will receive your tickets for a great afternoon!!

**Foodbank:** Thank you for your generous donations for the Bradford Metropolitan Food bank last week - and also many thanks to all those who contributed in any way last year, our collection is always fantastic and helps so many people. Last year the foodbank distributed 15,776 parcels to those in need in the Bradford district, all made possible through the generosity of supporters, who voluntarily give their time to source, collect, organise, and distribute the parcels. Thank you for being a part of a very worthwhile cause! Further information is available at [bradfordfoodbank.com](http://bradfordfoodbank.com). Our next collection will be on Wednesday 4th February 12.00 to 1.00 in the church car park.

<b>Offertory Collections</b>	<b>St Walburga's</b>	<b>St Aidan's</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> January '26	£ 378.69	£ 217.52

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

**Free Books:** Available in the church porch at St Walburga's, and also in the sacristy area. Lots of books on many different subjects for you to take away and enjoy. Please help yourselves to as many as you want. Any left after a few weeks will be taken to the charity book shop.

**Relics Of St Gerard Majella:** On Tuesday 27th January, St Joseph's, Bradford will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella. He is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Mass at St Joseph's at 6.30pm, and receive a blessing with his relics. The church will be open an hour before Mass for personal prayer. For other times, dates and venues please see poster on the noticeboard.

**The Twelve – 2nd Survey for Young People:** The Twelve, the Youth Leadership Team for the Diocese of Leeds, are doing more research into the engagement of young people within their parish and would like to hear from even more young people! The research includes roles that young people undertake, training opportunities, and general ideas for further engagement of young people in the parish. The new survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the poster on the noticeboard, or through [this link](#). Thank you!

**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" February 7 - Rosary, Holy Mass, reflection on Second Vatican Council documents, Confessions, Eucharistic adoration. Lunch provided.

**Irish Night Fundraiser:** in aid of the Little sisters of the Poor rebuild fund, February 27th, 2026, 7.30pm - Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds. Irish meal soda bread and Irish dessert, Irish music, and dancing. Auction, raffle and football card, tickets on sale in Irish Centre and also contact Sister Christina email [funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk)

**Lourdes Nurses Volunteer Appeal:** Are you a qualified nurse? Would you like to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (3-9 July 2026)? Contact: [lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) for further information. We desperately need registered nurses to join the team to enable our assisted pilgrims to travel to Lourdes. This is a wonderful experience, and many return year after year. Please consider joining our friendly, happy team of volunteers and enjoy a truly blessed week with our assisted pilgrims.

**Senior Grants and Fundraising Officer Vacancy:** The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds, is recruiting a Senior Grants and Fundraising Officer. Based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. More details at [Diocese of Leeds vacancies](#). Deadline for applications is Friday, 30 January 2026 and first interviews to be held on Wednesday, 4 February 2026.

**'Peace Be with You!' – A Retreat Day:** *Saturday 31st January* at The Briery, Ilkley. All are invited to join Wharfedale parishioners for a day of prayer and reflection at the start of the year. 10.00am - 3.30pm £35pp including a two-course home-cooked lunch and all refreshments. For more information and to book, contact Beth 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**Prison Chaplain Vacancy:** (Open to Roman Catholic Ordained Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers, Sisters, Lay Person). HMP & YOI New Hall is a closed female prison in Flockton, Wakefield serving a community of around 350 prisoners. Many of our prisoners have complex needs and have lived chaotic lifestyles, therefore this role is both challenging and rewarding in equal measure. Further details [here](#). Closing date: 4th February 2026. For further information/informal chat please contact: Rev. Lesley Greenwood-Haigh Lesley. [GreenwoodHaigh@justice.gov.uk](mailto:GreenwoodHaigh@justice.gov.uk)

**Catholic Care Is Recruiting:** Adult LD Waking Night Support Workers – Sutton in Craven –Part time. Salary £24,892 - £26,096 pro rata. Please email CV to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk)

**Deputy Headteacher Vacancy:** St Columba's Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Monday, 23rd February 2026. Please contact the Trust HR department to discuss the role in more detail or to arrange a visit, [hr@bcwcat.co.uk](mailto:hr@bcwcat.co.uk)

**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.*

**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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School Newsletters: [SBSJ](#) - [St Walburga's School](#) - [St Anthony's School](#)

<b><u>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> <b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</u></b>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Michael Gleeson (A.) People of the Parish Leo Balaram (A.)
<b><u>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops	12:00pm - St Walburga's	Maureen Brotherton (A.)
<b><u>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> St Angela Merici, Virgin	<b>N.B. 8:00am</b> - St. Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's 6:30pm – St Joseph's, Bradford	Charlie Kenyon & Family <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i> Mass of St Gerard Majella and veneration of the relics
<b><u>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church	10:00am- St Walburga's	Jim Winkley (A.)
<b><u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></u></b>	10:00am - St Walburga's	Andrew Mollarkey (B'day rem.)
<b><u>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></u></b>	10:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Mary Meredith (A.) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<b><u>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup></u></b> St John Bosco, Priest	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Aimee Chard and Jacob Naylor People of the Parish
<b><u>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February</u></b>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Fr. Ken Taylor (A.) Ben Patané