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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Psalm Response: *Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!* **Gospel**
Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.* **Readings:** Sirach 15:15-20, Psalm 119(118), 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 - **Gospel:** Matthew 5:17-37

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

Lately Dead: Anna Kowalczyk, Andrew Klosinski, James Vasey, Angela Macwood, Mark Roberts, Moira Beveridge - **Anniversaries:** Martin Monaghan, Gina Gordon, Brian Mosley, Michael Kilyon,

Reconciliation or First Holy Communion: if anyone has a child in Year 3 or 4 who does not go to St. Walburga's or St Anthony's and would like their child to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation or First Holy Communion, please email fiona.hahn@wal.bewcat.co.uk or call the school on 01274 531102.

Winter Shelter: a big thank you to the people of the parish who volunteered at the recent winter shelter for the homeless, held at St Mary and Monica's church. It was a great success, and we couldn't have done it without you. God bless.

Hymn Books: Kindly remember to return your hymn books to the porch after Mass!

We Dare to Ask: Come and join us each Wednesday of Lent starting *Wednesday 25th February*, in St Walburga's Parish Centre, 7-8pm, looking at our Baptismal Vocation together. Each session will include scripture, prayer and reflection with questions. As we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, let us explore together the depth of what baptism truly means. First meeting: *Created in love, made in God's image.*

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

Offertory Collections	St Walburga's	St Aidan's
8 February '26	£ 405.12	£ 306.56
Lourdes Fund	£ 152.12	£ 119.59

Priestly Vocations Discernment Meeting: *20th February, 6:30pm* at The Newman Centre at St Theresa's, Crossgates. If you are planning on attending for the first time, and haven't done so already, please contact Fr Simon Lodge to register your interest on vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours: A free Guided Tour will take place on *Saturday 7th March, starting at 1.30pm*. The tour lasts about 1 hour. Booking not required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

Lourdes Nurses Volunteer Appeal: Are you a qualified nurse? Would you like to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (3-9 July 2026)? For further information, contact: lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. 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.

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

Assistant Head of Core Religious Education Vacancy: at Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start as soon as possible. Closing date: *23rd February 2026* Further info [here](#). To discuss or arrange a visit, contact [Louise Jackson](#)

Teacher of Religious Education Vacancy: St. Mary's, Menston, Start: *Monday 27 April* Closing date: *Monday, 23 February*. Further info [here](#). To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Jo-Anne Hughes, ja.hughes@stmarysmenston.org

Headteacher Vacancy: St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School, Wakefield. Start: September 2026 or earlier. Closing date: *Monday 23rd February 2026*. For an informal and confidential conversation about the role, please contact Rob Barraclough, Acting CEO, The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust on 01924 802285, rbarraclough@bkcat.uk. More details at <https://www.bkcat.co.uk/vacancies/>

Headteacher Vacancy: St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Leeds. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Tuesday 24th February 2026. Please contact the Trust HR department to discuss the role in more detail or to arrange a visit, hr@sgtgcatholic.org.uk

Marriage Care Vacancy: Marriage Care is delighted to share that we are currently looking for a Practice and Safeguarding Coordinator to play a vital role in supporting and strengthening our relationship counselling services. For more details and how to apply, please visit [this page](#).

Volunteers Needed as Catholic Education Trust Directors: Do you have skills in finance, change management, organisational growth or school improvement to support the governance of our Diocesan schools and Trusts. Further information from Kieron Flood, Director of Education: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026: The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Friday 3rd to Thursday 9th July 2026. It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. The booking process is now open. Bookings can be made [online](#) or by phone direct with Tangney (01732 886666).

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.

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.*

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

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

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

<u>Sunday 15th February</u> <u>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A</u>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	People of the Parish Andrew Mullarkey (<i>3rd A.</i>) Gina Gordon (<i>A.</i>)
<u>Monday 16th</u>	12:00pm - St Walburga's	Martin Monaghan (<i>A.</i>)
<u>Tuesday 17th</u> <i><u>The 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order</u></i>	N.B. 9:00am - St. Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Andrew Klosinski (<i>L.D.</i>) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 18th</u> <u>Ash Wednesday</u>	10:00am - St Walburga's 7:00pm – St Aidan's	Holy Souls Gina Gordon (<i>A.</i>)
<u>Thursday 19th</u>	N.B. 8:00am - St Walburga's	Holy Souls
<u>Friday 20th</u>	10:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Martin Monaghan (<i>A.</i>) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 21st</u>	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Bryan Mosley (<i>A.</i>) James Vasey (<i>L.D.</i>)
<u>Sunday 22nd February</u> <u>First Sunday of Lent – Year A</u>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's 1:30pm – St Anne's Cathedral - Leeds	People of the Parish Michael Kilyon (<i>A.</i>) Rite of Election **

***For those being received into the Catholic Church at Easter*