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*PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND*

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

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**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A**

**Psalm Response:** *O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world; give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.* **Readings:** Exodus 17:3-7, Psalm 95(94), Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 - **Gospel:** John 4:5-42

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

<p><b><u>Lately Dead:</u></b> Christopher Thorpe - <b><u>Anniversaries:</u></b> Anne Beaumont</p>
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**Lenten Reflections.** *4 pm this Sunday* in St. Walburga's Church. Come & spend some quiet reflective time in this Holy Season.

**We Dare to Ask:** Come and join us each Wednesday of Lent in St Walburga's Parish Centre, 7-8pm, looking at our Baptismal Vocation together. Each session includes 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. Wednesday 11th March: *Jesus, the Bridge of Mercy.*

**Retiring Collection next weekend: Catholic Care's Annual Appeal** will take place in all parishes across the Diocese of Leeds on 14th & 15th March. We ask every parish to support the Appeal. Your generosity is vital in helping us continue our work with those most in need. This year's collection will support our community markets, Gianna Babybank and social isolation groups. Any donation is greatly appreciated, and we hope you can help us make this our most successful Appeal yet.

**Parish Easter Fair at St Aidan's - Sunday 22nd March after 11.00am Mass.** Come along for hot cross buns, an Easter themed Tombola, cake stall, raffle, crafts and plants.

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

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

**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.bcwcat.co.uk](mailto:fiona.hahn@wal.bcwcat.co.uk) or call the school on 01274 531102.

**Good Friday - Shipley Christians Together Walk of Witness:** 11.30am start St Paul's church Kirkgate, then the Town Hall, ending in the market square, with the Salvation Army band. **Volunteers needed** to prepare and serve soup, after the walk in the Baptist Church cafe. For further details contact Ann 07436005283

**Free Books:** lots of books still available in the church porch and sacristy area of St Walburga's. We need help to get rid of those books. If you can, please take away a few books at a time and take them to a local charity shop, or the book shop in Saltaire, or to second-hand bookshops in Skipton, Otley and Ilkley. Many thanks for your help.

**Faith & Light Lourdes Fund - An evening of music, song and dance:** featuring the Leeds Irish Choir, the Mount Brandon Ceilidh Band and other great performers. Leeds Irish Centre, *Thursday March 19th @ 7.15pm*, in aid of the Leeds Central Faith & Light Lourdes Fund. Tickets £10 from the Irish Centre or call Margaret on 07906116453.

**Catholic Care Is Celebrating St Patrick's Day in Bradford!** The Wednesday Lunch Group holds theirs on *Wednesday 25 March* at St Winefride's Church Hall. Featuring a three-course meal, music by The Wild Geese, and £6 tickets. Everyone is welcome! For tickets, contact Michelle Vink on 07739 975000 (call/text) or [michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk).

**Pigeon Night** – *Friday 24 April, 7:15pm* Join us for a lively Pigeon Night in support of the **Parents and Friends Association of St Walburga's School**. A fun virtual race-night evening where you can pick a pigeon, cheer it on, and see if it wins! We're raising funds for a new outdoor space for the Foundation Stage playground, so bring friends and make a night of it. **Purchase tickets by 10 April** from [here](#)

**Day For Catechists, Children's Liturgy of the Word:** *Saturday 11th April, 10am-3pm*, Hinsley Hall. The Vicariate for Education ran a very fruitful and well-attended day workshop for Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists in January. This is a repeat of the previous session. Lunch included. Please register your free place no later than 3rd April by emailing [formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**Knights of St Columba Inter-Parish Quiz:** the next round will be held at the Avondale Club on *Monday 13th April 2026 at 8.00 pm*. Teams ideally limited to 5, but parishes may enter more than 1 team. Usual format with **no** embarrassing individual questions. **Free** Pie & Pea Supper, **Free** engraved trophy for the winners, **Free** answer sheets, a Raffle and good company! If you'd care to donate a Raffle Prize, we'd be eternally grateful. Who knows, you might win it back? Simply drop it at the door on the night, next to all the other alluring temptations! To join, email [kscquiz@virginmedia.com](mailto:kscquiz@virginmedia.com) by Friday, 10th April.

**Offertory Collections**1<sup>st</sup> March '26**St Walburga's**

£526.51

**St Aidan's**

£ 167.65

**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](mailto: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.

**SVP And CAFOD Work Experience:** The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Apply [here](#). *Applications close on 6th April*. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.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).

**Love and Care for God's Creation** in the 16th year of the Pope's letter *Laudato Si* (Care for Our Common Home) [here are opportunities](#) to put our faith into local action.

**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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<p align="center"><b><u>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</u></b>  <b><u>Third Sunday of Lent – Year A</u></b></p>	<p align="center">5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga’s  9:15am – St Walburga’s  11:00am – St Aidan’s</p>	<p align="center">Anna Kowalczyk (<i>L.D.</i>)  Biju George (A.)  Vera Clark</p>
<p align="center"><u>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></u>  <i>St Frances of Rome, religious</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>N.B. 11:00am</b> - St Walburga’s</p>	<p align="center">Requiem for Christopher Thorpe</p>
<p align="center"><u>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></u></p>	<p align="center">10:00am – St Walburga’s  12:00pm - St Aidan’s</p>	<p align="center">Mary Keeley  <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i></p>
<p align="center"><u>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></u></p>	<p align="center"><b>N.B. 12:00pm</b> - St Walburga’s</p>	<p align="center">Requiem for Gloria Young</p>
<p align="center"><u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></u></p>	<p align="center"><b>N.B. 9:00am</b> - St Walburga’s</p>	<p align="center">Bill Allan</p>
<p align="center"><u>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></u></p>	<p align="center">10:00am - St Walburga’s  12:00pm - St Aidan’s  6:00pm – St Walburga’s</p>	<p align="center">Anne Beaumont (<i>2<sup>nd</sup> A.</i>)  <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>  <i>Stations of the Cross</i></p>
<p align="center"><u>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></u></p>	<p align="center">10:00am - St Walburga’s  5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga’s</p>	<p align="center">Marie Craven  Ann &amp; Michael Walsh</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</u></b>  <b><u>Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year A</u></b>  <i>Laetare Sunday</i></p>	<p align="center">9:15am – St Walburga’s  11:00am – St Aidan’s</p>	<p align="center">People of the Parish  Chris Penny</p>