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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 MARCH 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

Laetare Sunday

Psalm Response: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want* - **Gospel**

Acclamation: *Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.*

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13, Psalm 22(23), Ephesians 5:8-14 - **Gospel:** John 9:1-41

Readers: *St Walburga's Vigil:* J. Jackson, M. Johnston - *9:15: children's mass*
St. Aidan's: L. Dobbs, J. Cook

<p><u>Lately Dead:</u> Esther Harvey, Rita Winter, Maureen Thompson - <u>Anniversaries:</u> Jan Figon, Tommy Cawley, Florence & Christopher Kenyon, Donald Paley</p>
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Retiring Collection this weekend: Catholic Care's Annual 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.

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 18th March: Living in Christ, Guided by the Spirit.*

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.

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

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

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.

Good Friday - Churches Together in Baildon (CTB): Walking the Stations of the Cross: You are invited to gather outside St. Aidan's Church at 8.45am (for 9am) on *Good Friday (3rd April)*. We are going to walk gently up Baildon Road, and Browgate, arriving at the Methodist Church around 10.15am. We will be carrying a large wooden cross and praying the stations at various locations along the route, including outside all churches which form CTB. Refreshments and café worship at the Methodist Church from 10.15am. All are most welcome.

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.

Offertory Collections 8 th March '26	St Walburga's £ 436.03	St Aidan's £ 244.20
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Companion Voices: do you know someone who is unwell or nearing end of life? Would they like to hear songs of comfort sung to them by a small group of singers? This service is free of charge. And our friendly group welcomes new singers! [Companion Voices Network](#). Call Ana 07951 776278, or email ana_hayrabedian@hotmail.com.

Shipley Baby Bank: donations of baby clothes (0-12 months), blankets, nappies and baby toiletries can be dropped in the box/basket at the back of both churches. They will be forwarded to St Peter's Church for the baby bank.

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.

Live@AvondaleClub *Sunday 29th March 7.30 - 9.30pm* with Gerry Cooper. Enjoy the music, good conversations and a dash of faith. Pay as You Feel (£5 minimum suggested for those with an income), with alcoholic and soft drinks available for purchase. A safe space to bring non-Christian friends and neighbours. Kindly hosted by The Avondale Club, 19 Bradford Road, Shipley, BD18 3PJ (opposite the Shipley end of Avondale Road.)

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.

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

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 by Friday, 10th April.

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

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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<p align="center"><u>Sunday 15th March</u> <u>Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year A</u> <i>Laetare Sunday</i></p>	<p align="center">5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga’s 9:15am – St Walburga’s 11:00am – St Aidan’s</p>	<p align="center">Ann & Michael Walsh People of the Parish Chris Penny</p>
<p align="center"><u>Monday 16th</u></p>	<p align="center">12:00pm - St Walburga’s</p>	<p align="center">Tommy Cawley (A.)</p>
<p align="center"><u>Tuesday 17th</u> <u>Saint Patrick, Bishop and Patron of Ireland</u></p>	<p align="center">N.B.9:00am – St Walburga’s 12:00pm - St Aidan’s</p>	<p align="center">Florence & Christopher Kenyon (A.) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i></p>
<p align="center"><u>Wednesday 18th</u> <i>St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i></p>	<p align="center">10:00am- St Walburga’s</p>	<p align="center">Jan Figon (A.)</p>
<p align="center"><u>Thursday 19th</u> <u>ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</u></p>	<p align="center">N.B. 9:00am - St Walburga’s</p>	<p align="center">Maureen Thompson (L.D.)</p>
<p align="center"><u>Friday 20th</u></p>	<p align="center">10:00am - St Walburga’s 12:00pm - St Aidan’s 6:00pm – St Walburga’s</p>	<p align="center">Esther Harvey (L.D.) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion Stations of the Cross</i></p>
<p align="center"><u>Saturday 21st</u></p>	<p align="center">10:00am - St Walburga’s 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga’s</p>	<p align="center">Thanksgiving People of the Parish</p>
<p align="center"><u>Sunday 22nd March</u> <u>Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year A</u></p>	<p align="center">9:15am – St Walburga’s 11:00am – St Aidan’s</p>	<p align="center">Donald Paley (A.) Anthony Mosley</p>