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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 2026

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Psalm Response: *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.* **Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia. I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia.* - **Readings:** Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80(79), Philippians 4:6-9 - **Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43

Readers: *St Walburga's* **5:45pm Vigil:** Joanna Jackson, Mo Johnston
9:15am: Sarah Tolson, Nick Buck.

<u>Lately Dead:</u> Catherine Patricia Walker, Raymond Harkin, Liz Penny, Rita Falkingham, St Clair Hunte, Irene Allen – <u>Anniversaries:</u> Joseph Louram, Leonard Mosley

Foodbank collection: There will be the monthly collection for the Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank on Wednesday 7th October between 12.00 and 1.00 in the church car-park; donations can also be left at the back of either of our churches or in the parish centre.

Annual Batley Torchlight Procession 75th Anniversary: The Parish of St Mary & St Patrick, Batley/Birstall, warmly invite you to join them and Bishop Marcus for the Procession from St Mary's Catholic Primary School to St Mary of the Angels' Church. Monday 5th October, 7:30pm. A fine expression of our Catholic faith honouring Our Lady and uniting us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We also welcome friends from Hallam/Middlesbrough Dioceses. Refreshments afterwards. Any questions please contact Fr Eamonn 01924 474650 or eamonn.hegarty@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Growing Old Grace-fully Carers Project: is hosting an October series of Devotions to our Lady, including reflections/prayers for carers and loved ones. The first of the series, the Joyful Mysteries will be a live online session (Tuesday 6th October, 7pm). A recorded session, praying the next three Mysteries of the Rosary, will then be released weekly during October on the Growing Old Grace-fully YouTube channel. For more information/to attend the online Rosary, email Michelle, carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

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

St Walburga's	St Aidan's	
Offertory Collection 27 September	£516.05	-
Evangelii Gaudium	£17.00	-

Diocesan Faith Formation Events: Many Catholic adults wish to discover more about their faith. The Vicariate for Education is offering a wide range of faith development events during 2026/27, both at Hinsley Hall in Leeds and elsewhere throughout the Diocese. These are aimed at, among others, those who enjoy listening to a stimulating lecture, those who want to engage in some accompanied study and catechists wishing to develop their skills. To find out more, scroll down to "Faith Formation": www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025

Catholic Care Update: We're delighted to share that Catholic Care has a new home at Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX. While our address has changed, our commitment to supporting people across the Diocese remains as strong as ever. You can now reach us on 0113 831 5712.

New Catholic Care vacancies: <https://catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/>

St Wilfrid's Way: The 11th Annual Diocesan 'camino' between Leeds Cathedral and Ripon will take place on *Friday 9 & Saturday 10 October*. All pilgrims planning to join any stage of either or both days of the Pilgrimage are asked to register online via the link under St Wilfrid's Way on the Diocesan website's pilgrimages page: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/pilgrimages/ - any other queries via pilgrimage-walks@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours Autumn Programme: A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the autumn: *31 October (starting at 2.00pm) and on 21 November and 12 December when the tours start 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.

Handmaids Women's Group: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. *Fridays 6th November, 4th December 7-8.30pm* Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

Online Gospel Meditations: Throughout the year, the Briery Retreat Team deliver fortnightly guided meditations via Zoom, with time for reflection and sharing. These are on Thursday from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. The 'doors' open at 7.15 for a chat and introductions. All are welcome. Register for the link by email admin@briery.org.uk

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal - Discipleship Days 2026-2027: Please join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR's) for our Discipleship Days at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "May the Lord Give You Peace". *November 7*, December 5, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions, and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration, *11.45am - 4:30 pm*. Lunch will be provided.

RCIA Process Formation: Join the Vicarate for Education on *Saturday 7th November* at Hinsley Hall (*10am – 4pm*) to explore how to accompany and support those discerning the Catholic faith through the RCIA process. Ideal for parish volunteers, catechists, and anyone interested in faith formation. Come and discover practical insights, shared experiences, and ways to help guide others closer to Christ. To reserve your free place by October 23rd, email formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk / visit www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025/

40 Days for Life - Prayer, Fasting and Peaceful Vigil: *23rd September to 1st November 7:00am-7:00pm*. Join us in being a voice for the voiceless. Location just over 150 meters from MSI Reproductive Choices abortion facility at the junction of Chapeltown Road and Barrack Road LS7 4AW. This complies with current buffer-zone law. To get involved contact Chris Redding 07815 681343 email: 40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com. Further information at www.40daysforlife.com/leeds

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.mydona.com/st-teresa-benedicta-shipley>

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Website: the new website is on its way, please be patient...

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

<u>SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER</u> <u>27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	World Peace Peter Wilkinson Andrew & Pam Mullarkey (<i>Wedding Ann.</i>)
<u>Monday 5th</u> <i>St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin</i>	NB. 10:00am - St Walburga's 6:00pm – St Walburga's	Wright & Roche Families <i>Reception of Raymond Harkin</i>
<u>Tuesday 6th</u> <i>St Bruno, Priest</i>	N.B. 11:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Requiem for Raymond Harkin <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 7th</u> Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am - St Walburga's	Benedict McHugo (<i>L.D.</i>)
<u>Thursday 8th</u>	N.B. 8:00am - St Walburga's	Pauline Anderson
<u>Friday 9th</u> <u>Saint John Henry Newman, Priest</u> <u>and Doctor of The Church</u>	N.B. 9:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm – St Aidan's	Margaret Hyland (<i>L.D.</i>) <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 10th</u> St Paulinus of York, Bishop	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Colin Walker Joseph Louram (<i>A.</i>)
<u>SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER</u> <u>28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Leonard Mosley (<i>A.</i>) People of the Parish