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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2026

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Psalm Response: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.*
Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, Psalm 23(22), 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28,
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Readers: ***St Walburga's*** **5:45pm Vigil**: Paul McCallum, Joanna Jackson
9:15am: Michael Byrne, Sarah Tolson

Anniversaries: Jane Marvin, Paul Holleran - ***Cemetery Sunday***: Prayers for the Dead and blessing of the graves at Charlestown - *Sunday 22 November* – **meet by the chapel at 2:00pm**.

Second Collection this Sunday for the **Youth Service**. This helps to meet the cost of running youth activities and supporting Youth workers.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2027: *March 1st to March 4th*. Cost £480. A return visit to Wydale Hall near Scarborough. We will visit Ampleforth, Helmsley & the Coast. If you are interested, please contact Joanna asap. 07968024919 - joannahighfold@gmail.com

A Healing Service will be held on *Tuesday 24 November at 7:00pm* in St. Mary's Church, Cottingley. All are welcome to come and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in quiet reflection on the woman cured of haemorrhage.

Parish Christmas Fair - *Sunday 6th Dec after 11.00am* Mass at St Aidan's. Come along for coffee and mince pies and a fabulous cake stall, raffle, tombola, children's tombola, crafts and book stall. All welcome!

Offertory Collection	**St Walburga's**	**St Aidan's**
15 November 2026	£450.18	£230.35

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

Sacrament of Confirmation: If your child is in Year 6 or above and would like to enrol in preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation starting shortly, please email Fiona Hahn via office@wal.bcwcat.co.uk - Enquiries can also be made via this email regarding First Reconciliation (Year 3) and First Holy Communion (Year 4) for 2027.

Knights of St Columba Inter-Parish Quiz: next round at the Avondale Club on *Monday 30th November*, 8.00 pm. Teams ideally limited to 5, but parishes may enter more than 1 team. Format same as usual: **no** embarrassing individual questions, **free** Pie & Pea Supper, **free** engraved trophy for winners, a Raffle and good company! If you'd care to donate a Raffle Prize, we'd be eternally grateful. Drop it at the door on the night. To join in, email kscquiz@virginmedia.com by ***Friday, 27th November*** please.

Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank Christmas Appeal *'Christmas Dinner in a Can'*: The Metropolitan Foodbank currently distributes around 300 emergency food bags each week, and our parish provides a regular large donation to support them. At a time when many are finding the cost of food, energy and general living expenses just too much to bear, Christmas will be an added struggle for many families. Could you help by donating to our collections this Christmas? A donation of a can of meat/fish, a can of vegetables and a can of fruit together with a packet of biscuits or a sweet treat would make all the difference to the Foodbank's capacity to support vulnerable people this Christmas. Donations can be left in the collection point in either of our churches or on *Wednesday 2 December* *12.00-1.00pm* in St Walburgas Church carpark! Many thanks for everyone's ongoing support!

Priestly Enquirer/Discerner's Meeting: *Friday 27th November* commencing at *6:30pm* in Hinsley Hall. If you would like to come along for the first time, please register your interest with Fr Simon Lodge by sending an email to: vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours Autumn Programme: free Guided Tour on *12 December 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.

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. To find out more, scroll down to "Faith Formation": www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025

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". *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.

Handmaids Women's Group: 4th December meeting cancelled. Next date *12th February*.

Catholic Care Christmas Parties: St John the Evangelist Church Hall, Cooper Lane, Bradford, *Tuesday 15th December, 12.30pm* or St Winefrides's Church Hall, *Wednesday 16th December, 1.00pm*. Three course meal with musical entertainment not forgetting the Christmas Raffle too. Tickets £6. First come first served. Booking essential. For further information please contact Gemma Bavill on 07599 653210. Go on give us a try!

'Alma Mater Fund' and Abortion Recovery and Care Helpline: *(administered by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)* provides financial/practical support to university students facing crisis pregnancy, enabling them to continue their education while embracing motherhood. The 'Abortion Recovery and Care Helpline' (ARCH), started by women who experienced abortion and struggled in the aftermath, provides free, confidential, compassionate and non-judgemental support for those who may be carrying similar emotional and psychological effects. https://spuc.org.uk/support-hub/alma-mater/ & www.archtrust.org.uk/

Parish Trip To The Panto 2027: It's coming up to that time of year again when we look forward to a post-Christmas trip to the pantomime! This year's production is *Goldilocks and The Three Bears* and will be at Victoria Hall Keighley at 2.15 on Sunday 24 January. Tickets: adults £14, children/concessions £12 (including *a free ice cream for the children!)* It is always a good professional production by Keighley Musical Theatre Company and tickets are available by contacting Kath on 07969417146 or by email kathspillane@hotmail.co.uk Looking forward to seeing you there!!

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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School Newsletters: SBSJ - St Walburga's School - St Anthony's School

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,** **KING OF THE UNIVERSE**	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am– St Aidan's 2:00pm – Charlestown Cemetery*	Beata & Marek and family Gerry Doody David Hartley *(B'day Rem.)* *Prayers for the Dead, blessing of the graves*
Monday 23rd *St Columban, Abbot*	9:00am - St Walburga's	Jane Marvin *(A.)*
Tuesday 24th Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs *(Vietnam)*	10:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	*Service of the Word with Holy Communion* *Service of the Word with Holy Communion*
Wednesday 25th *St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*	10:00am **-** St Walburga's	*Service of the Word with Holy Communion*
Thursday 26th	10:00am **-** St Walburga's	*Service of the Word with Holy Communion*
Friday 27th	**N.B. 9:00am** - St Walburga's **11:00am** – St Aidan's	A very special intention Requiem for Lewis Uttley L.D.
Saturday 28th	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Henry Nowak R.I.P. Stanley Gallagher
SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B**	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Nilan Rodrigo (50th B'day) People of the Parish

*Meet at the Chapel