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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

Psalm Response: *Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.*
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.*
Readings: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8, Psalm 80(79), 1 Corinthians 1:3-9.
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Readers: *St Walburga's* **5:45pm Vigil**: John Macnamara, Mo Johnston
9:15am: *Youth Mass*

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!

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

St Aidan's Church: two volunteers are required for the coffee morning on Sundays. Please make yourself known in person or email the office. Thank you.

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.

	St Walburga's	**St Aidan's**
22 November Offertory	£386.86	£226.38
Youth Collection	£209.20	£43.96

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

Live@AvondaleClub Sunday, *29th November 7.30pm* with Leeds Folk Fiddle Group. This month sees the return of the popular Leeds Folk Fiddle Group. 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.

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 car park! Many thanks for everyone's ongoing support!

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.

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.

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/

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

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!!

Affordable Catholic Family Retreats in the Lakes: Castlerigg Manor is the youth retreat centre of Lancaster Diocese, located in Keswick in the Lake District. Every year, they offer a couple of retreats to families with children under 18. These are a great opportunity for families to enjoy the lakes and for people of all ages to spend some time reflecting, praying, and doing creative activities. There are streams for all ages, including adults. The next one is December 11th to 13th, followed by March 12th to 14th. Prices start at £175 *En-suite* for a family of four. To find out more, email director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or check out castleriggmanor.com/events.

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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SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B**	5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am– St Aidan's	Stanley Gallagher Nilan Rodrigo (50th B'day) People of the Parish
Monday 30th **St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland**	12:00pm - St Walburga's	Special Intention T.H.
Tuesday 1st December	10:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm - St Aidan's	Joseph Cribben *Service of the Word with Holy Communion*
Wednesday 2nd	10:00am - St Walburga's	Andrzej Pawlowski *(L.D.)*
Thursday 3rd St Francis Xavier, Priest	10:00am - St Walburga's	Danny Kay
Friday 4th *St John Damascene,* *Priest and Doctor*	10:00am - St Walburga's 12:00pm – St Aidan's	Holy Souls *Service of the Word with Holy Communion*
Saturday 5th	10:00am - St Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil – St. Walburga's	Patricia Walker People of the Parish
SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B**	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Miroslav Babaczyk *(A.)* Alec Beyer *(L.D.)*